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# The Western Texan

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## Spring production opens tonight

By Cyndi Trujillo

WTC's theater department will open their spring production, "Wings," tonight at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

"Wings" was written by Arthur Kopit, whose father had suffered a stroke. The production is an interpretation of an aviatrix's stroke and how she deals with it. The production will contain a

score of music designed for "Wings." The music is a distorted type and an attempt to recreate what is going on in the mind of the victim during the stroke.

Cast in the part of Emily Stilson is Trina Lemons, Fluvanna; as Amy, Rene King, Lubbock; Dr. Rogans, Aaron Knight, Big Lake; Dr. Freedman,

Cherie Loveless, Snyder; Nurse, Latrice King, Lubbock; medical attendant, Don Williams, Hamlin; Billy, Jeff Combs, Milshoe; Mrs. Timmons, Ollie Carroll, Snyder; and Mr. Brownstein, David Brim, Snyder.

Two other performances are scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday.

## Maintenance crew busy repairing busted pipes

By Cyndi Trujillo

Busted pipes are not uncommon news for the maintenance department.

The maintenance crew has kept busy the past several weeks repairing water leaks in the hot water pipes at different locations on campus.

According to Rex Hopkins, maintenance supervisor when WTC was built, most of the piping was steel. Over the past 12 years, the soil has caused corrosion of underground pipes (the majority of the pipes are located underground). The steel pipes also tend to rust.

In addition the pipes have accumulated scale, stopping up the water passage. The water is trapped causing pipes to burst.

Two years ago, WTC installed a water softener in the dormitory because pipes were coming clogged. According to David Harr, dormitory director, the majority of water leaks in the dorms are hot water. Hot water pipes burst more often than cold water pipes because of the fluctuation of temperatures while heating the water. Also, cold water does not carry as much pressure.

The water system is operated on a closed circuit. It travels from one pipe and returns through another.

A sight gauge on the water tanks informs maintenance if water is being lost. The loss of water indicates a leak, which just be found.

Because most of the piping is under buildings, locating leaks can be a problem. The work space is also very restricted.

In one instance, the sight gauge indicated a leak. The leak could not be found. Maintenance had to examine each building individually, turning off the water to see whether the sight gauge still indicated water loss. As it turned out, an underground pipe had burst and the water was traveling down a storm drainage, hiding traces of the leak.

Busted pipes are being replaced with plastic ones that will not corrode. PVC pipes are being used for cold water and CPVC for hot water lines.

The area of largest concern is the 7A series. The buildings have had a number of leaks. Plans for replacing the old pipes in that series this summer are being considered.

## Campus Briefs

### RHC's tourney

The residents hall council will be conducting a pool/ping pong tournament March 4. The tournament will be held in the Student Center that evening.

"The pool/ping pong thing should go over very well because students play these a lot," David Harr, dorm director, said.

### Grad deadline

Candidates for graduation need to apply for graduation prior to March 29.

Applications can be made at the registrar's office in the Administration Building.

### Gazebo donations

Faculty Association President Jim Rambo is currently accepting donations to help in funding the gazebo project voted on by the association last fall.

The residential construction department is at work on the gazebo which will be placed on the courthouse lawn.

A plaque will be placed on the gazebo stating the project is a gift from WTC administration, faculty and staff. Donation checks are to be made out to WTC and given to Rambo or Judy Border.

### Spring Break

The dormitory will close its doors for spring break March 8 at 2 p.m. Students are not allowed to remain in the dorms during this time.

The dorms will reopen Sunday March 17 at 2 p.m.

### Guard recruiter

A representative with the Texas Army National Guard will be in the Student Center Mar. 19 at 11 a.m. to discuss financial aid with interested students.

## Students celebrate culture

By Wendy Hodge

February was declared Black Awareness Month in Texas by Governor Mark White. Although many people were not aware of this, it concerned some 55 black students on campus.

Black Awareness Month is a national celebration that began as Negro History Week in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson organized a celebration during the second week of February. According to Lavette Dean, North Texas State University chairwoman of the Black Awareness Month Committee, the history and culture of black people is something that should be celebrated and Black Awareness Month gives students a chance to celebrate that culture.

Dean said in an interview with NTNU's student newspaper that the month gives blacks and whites a chance to learn about the black culture. She said she herself has learned a lot about black

history from her work on the committee.

"It has been a learning experience for me. I don't think anyone really knows everything there is to know about their history. I'm astonished at the impact blacks have had on American life."

She cited, for example, that black men were responsible for the invention of the mechanism that makes traffic lights change and the invention of the sugar crystallization process that turns liquid glucose into granulated sugar.

Western Texas College student Sharla Haney of Sweetwater praised the declaration of Black Awareness Month and said, "Black people went a long time without receiving any recognition. They are equal to us."

Sarah Miller, Abernathy freshman, is pleased with the declaration. "It (Black Awareness Month) shows what

blacks have accomplished over the past years," she said. Miller said she took a class in black history in an effort to learn more about her heritage. "This month is important to me because I'm black, she said."

WTC has never had any activities recognizing the declaration, but some could be planned for the future. Dean of Student Services Dr. Duane Hood said that it would only take an organization that is willing to propose, plan and organize any activities before they could be accepted. "I think it would be a very good idea," he said.

Activities that were undertaken at other college campuses during Black Awareness Month included displaying library and museum exhibits of works by blacks, inviting noted black speakers to the campus, and scheduling movies for student viewing that communicate messages about the black culture.

## Food committee members review survey evaluation

*'With spring arriving, students become more diet and weight conscious.'*

By Cyndi Trujillo

Food committee members reviewed a food survey conducted during the first part of the month at their first meeting this semester Feb. 18.

The survey allowed contract students to evaluate the cafeteria food service. Of five possible answers, ratings of good and very good were received.

Some of the evaluations included in the rating were food quality, menu variety, sanitation and atmosphere. Others were food temperature and serving times.

Mike Grace, cafeteria manager, informed members of upcoming changes. Chef and taco salads will be served in lieu of entrees because of the season change.

"With spring arriving,

students become more diet and weight conscious," Grace said.

An addition to the breakfast menu has also been made. Biscuits and gravy will be served for breakfast because of students' requests. The entree had been served in the past. According to Grace, the entree will be available at least twice a month.

Members present were Barbara Daniels, Avelino Garcia, Sarah Miller, Danny Schwertner, Nancy Scudder and John Young.

Presiding were Grace, Dr. Duane Hood, dean of Student Services, and Gay Hickman, business manager. Sitting in on the meeting was Ron Mancuso, district manager of American Food Management from Lubbock.

The committee's next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

## Off-campus students enjoy privacy, learn responsibility

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second in a three-part series concerning the WTC dormitories. This article focuses on the pros and cons of living off campus.

By Cyndi Trujillo, Tonya Neblett

Deciding where to live, on or off campus, is a decision every student must face. Currently out of 1,339 students enrolled at WTC, 181 live on campus. Living off campus are 1,158 students. Seventy-four percent, almost three-quarters of the total enrollment, must then find housing elsewhere.

Several students have chosen to live in apartments in town, possibly the most costly of the

choices. However, living in an apartment has its advantages.

One advantage over living in the dorm is that a student has more privacy. "In the dorms, you're never sure who you'll have as a roommate or if you'll have one at all," Loretta Morris, Colorado City native, said. "Living in an apartment, I can choose my own roommate, as well as meal times and follow my own schedule."

"From my previous experience of living in the dorms, I find that I am better able to study now because the noise level is so low," Irma Sanchez, a Coleman native, said.

Visitation is not restricted in apartment life. "It's such a hassle having friends sign in and out when they come by for a friendly visit," Laura Preston, Sonora native, said.

Another advantage is the student can set their own rules and guidelines. "I think it is kind of childish — the restrictions placed on the dorm students. There needs to be rules and regulations, but a few of the present rules are ridiculous," Morris said.

Apartment life places much more responsibility on students.

"I think it will be a good learning experience. It will teach her

how two manage money and the difference in what you have two have and what you want," Mariann Neblett said, mother of Tonya Neblett, who lives off campus.

Some responsibilities students encounter in off-campus living include paying monthly rent and bills, buying groceries, cooking their own meals and cleaning up afterwards.

"Every once in a while I have to push myself harder to accomplish things I need to do," Morris said. "It was always easier to let Mom do it while living at home."

Apartment life, however, does

have some disadvantages. For instance, living on campus students have immediate access to facilities such as the library. Also, they do not have to travel to and from classes every day.

Living in the dorms provides a certain amount of security for students. A night watchman patrols the campus and the back gates are locked at 11 p.m.

"I would have felt easier if Tonya would have chosen to live in the dorm," Neblett said. "With all the meanness these days, safety comes in numbers, like in the dorms."

Parents of students who live in

apartments are often reluctant to let their children move out. "Parents want their children to grow up, but somehow they are always their little kids," Neblett said.

Mitchell Jones of Snyder is a student that is currently living at home. He said, "I've thought about moving out a lot, but I really don't want to give up the free food and rent."

Whether students choose to live on and off campus, they should remember their primary purpose is their education. They must also examine their responsibilities before making a decision.



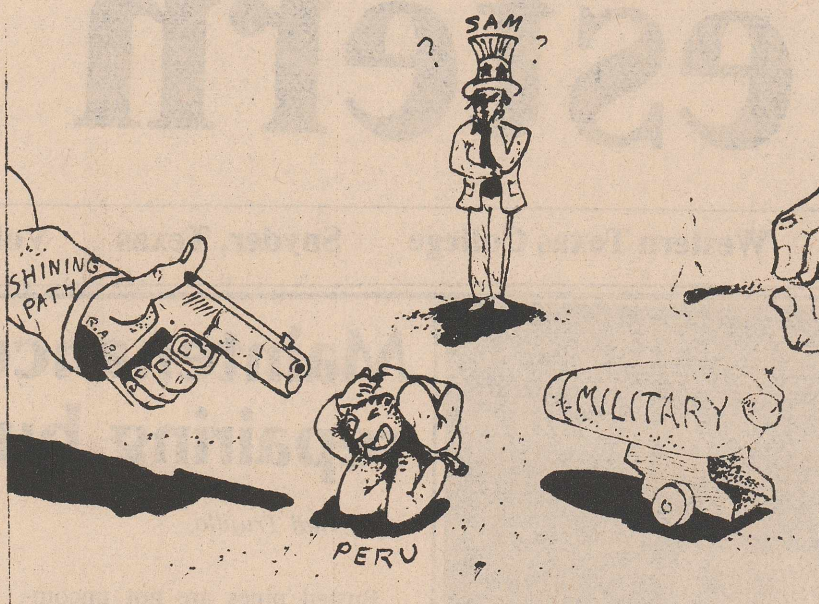
# Perspectives

## Military intervention question arises in Peruvian conflict

Historically, the United States has become militarily involved in the conflicts of such countries as South Korea, China, and more recently El Salvador. Undoubtedly, developments in South America's Peruvian government will once again raise the eyebrows of the U.S. and present the ugly question of military intervention. For the sake of our country as a whole, the answer to this question must show more possible gains than losses before intervention is even considered.

According to a report released by Amnesty International in January, the Peruvian government, in attempts to halt actions of the Shining Path armed opposition group, has tortured and killed hundreds and seized without warrant numbers in excess of 1,000. Victims include students, teachers, farmers, lawyers, journalists, and leaders of peasant organizations and trade unions.

Peruvian military agents abduct young people suspected of involvement with the Shining Path. They claim that their age makes them suspicious of participating in guerilla activity. Results show tortures as many as 50 people at one time. Some brutal activities include removal of clothing, severing of



fingers, and the mutilation of facial features making positive identification difficult. Certainly, these actions call for assistance from an ally nation. However, an all-

out military intervention could further damage the reputation of the U.S. and cause the lives of hundreds of soldiers.

If intervention is necessary, President Reagan would be wise to take caution in the way he treats the American public. An important step would be to keep the public well and accurately informed as to the goings on of such drastic military action. The governmental secrecy of such events as Vietnam resulted in nothing short of public resentment and severe confusion. Having the citizens, and especially those involved in the fighting, on the government's side could definitely be called a "plus."

Honesty and proof of purpose should also be displayed to the public. If we are convinced that the severity of a situation necessitates intervention, we will be more apt to support such a decision and thus contribute to a feeling of continental unity.

This seems to ask little from the government and yet has been avoided year after year (conflict after conflict.) Although war should not be the answer to national unity, a unified nation is the answer to worldwide respect.

## MUSIC REVIEW

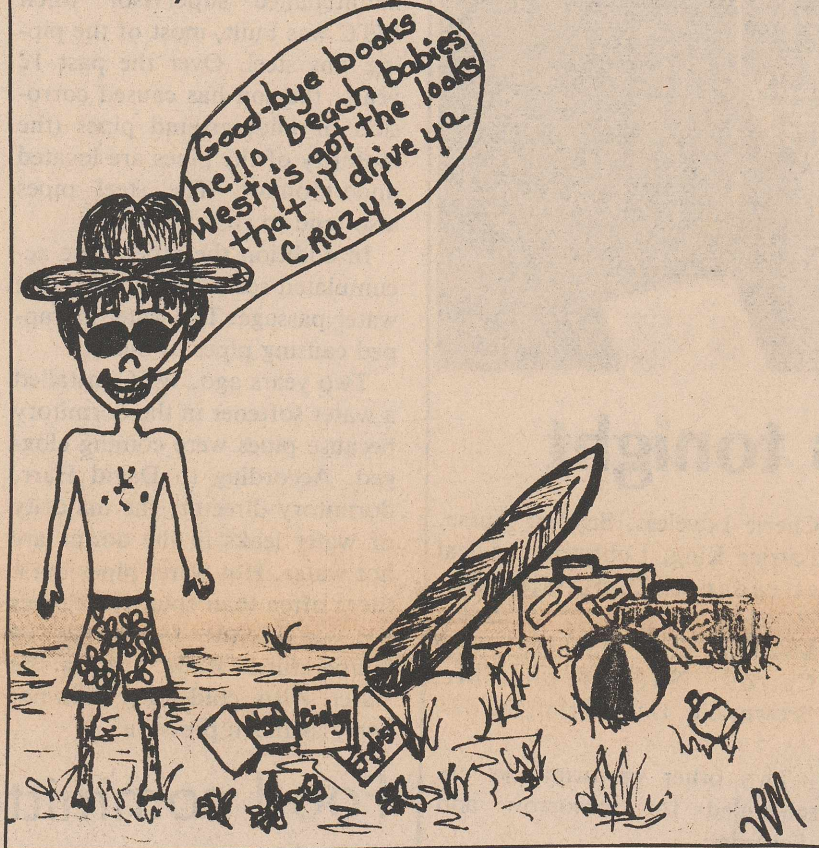
### Metallica tune destined hit; 'metal revitalized

By Tony Nobles, Hayden Merket  
"Ride the Lightning," the latest release from a San Francisco band, Metallica, is destined to be a classic. Evidence of this is based on their signing an eight album contract with Electra Records. The signing of the multimillion dollar contract is important because it gives hope to other underground bands or obscure labels and proves that heavy metal is still with us and will be for years to come.

Such heavy metal chords as "Fight Fire with Fire" are not

found on the average rock album. Metallica has shown that there is room for their style in the music world. "Creeping Death," "For Whom the Bell Tolls," and "Fade to Black" exemplify the band's versatility as well as the band's awareness of the new metal movement. No longer will bands such as Raven, Merciful Fate and Venom be viewed as orgies of the underworld. Heavy metal is alive and well and with the likes of Metallica leading the way, only more and more popularity can ensue.

### Westy's Wit



### Reflections

Cyndi Trujillo

### Big city travels lead to chaos; map access proves unhelpful

This weekend I became aware of the disadvantages of living in a small community.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, and I attended a minorities conference in Arlington. Trying to find our motels in city traffic was chaotic.

First off, we went in one side of Arlington and out the other. It took the unity of our brains to turn around and backtrack our path. We even had access to a city map. Now, if that's not embarrassing!

We finally located the 360 exit and it was easy going afterwards. We found our motels and checked in. Lucy was in the Arlington Hilton and I was in the Flagship Inn.

By the time we were situated and dressed for dinner, it was time to head back to the Flagship. We arrived, only to be informed the dinner location had been changed to the Hilton. By this time I wasn't sure whether we were coming or going.

We had had our share of mishaps for the day, or so we thought. We sat down to eat our dinner and found out that the

two main speakers weren't able to attend. That's all it took to put the icing on the cake.

Despite all the mix-ups, we did gain valuable insight on the role and importance of minorities in the newsroom. We also attended several workshops, one of which assisted students in writing resumes.

Saturday a job fair was conducted. Interviews for students were set up with various newspapers for possible employment or internships. I wasn't hired by any firms, but the experience I obtained was tremendous. Next year I'll be better prepared, knowing what to expect.

The majority of students attending the conference were juniors and seniors. I felt a little uncomfortable, but after a while I began to relax.

On the way home, things went smoothly. We didn't get lost this time. Of course, traffic is scarce at eight in the morning.

The conference was an experience that impounded many ideas in my head. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to have attended.

### Speculation

Wendy Hodge

*'We need at least one mainstay in our lives while everything is happening so fast around us.'*



Inspiration, not distraction. . .

## Steadies stabilize students

It has been said many times, especially by parents that steady dating in college is not a good idea. I say VETO! Steady dating can be the best thing in a person's life if he will utilize it to his advantage.

We need at least one mainstay in our lives while everything is happening so fast around us. We're in some kind of a whirlwind, and we can't catch our balance without someone there to help. Someone special can really stabilize a topsy-turvy college student.

Many students don't even

know what their major is until the spring semester of their sophomore year here. It cannot be said that they aren't confused. We need someone who will stand by us even when dear old mom and dad have their doubts. We need someone to make us feel just as important as graduate students at Harvard, and to believe in us.

With all the decisions we have to make, we could all use a little help. Maybe our boyfriend or girlfriend will lean one way or another, but that's what we want them there for. We need input, and if they are very important to

us, we will trust their judgment even when everyone else doubts it. I mean, you get to know someone pretty well when you've been going out with them for a while, and they know what you really want even if you're afraid to let anyone else know.

It may sound pretty scary, but it's pretty comforting to know that somebody always has time for you. Even when mom and dad are busy, and your best friend is working, that special person will always pull through. When you need someone just to hold you, he will be there. Even when you have to yell at some-

one, he will be there, just as caring as he can be. I guess the main point is, that your steady partner will hang in there through the good times and the bad. He will understand you, and he'll also expect the same from you.

Caring is a two-way street, and we sometimes take our partners for granted; we depend on them a little too much, and we don't really do anything for them.

Next time you feel like coming down hard on people who are dating steady, remember that they have an inspiration, not a distraction.

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# On Campus

## Preparations underway for first Wildflower Day

By Frank Casas

The Scurry County Wildflower Day Committee is currently preparing for the first Texas Wildflower Day in Scurry County, April 27.

Britt Canada, computer instructor, said, "This is the first year we're doing this observance of Texas Wildflowers. Other parts of Texas are already doing it. I think we will get quite a support from the community because we're already receiving

feedback. The Wildflower Day observance will help to get people to notice our wildflowers."

According to Canada, the purpose for the observance is to show people the wildflower is a natural resource that can be taken advantage of. Water can be conserved because wildflowers don't need much to grow. Canada said, "We have a lot of wildflowers that people just don't notice. Some people do notice but

they don't know what their names are."

Many activities are being planned for the days leading up to the observance.

The Scurry County Museum will feature several wildflower exhibits. School children's artwork will also be on display. Blooming wildflowers will be on exhibit.

A plant-in is being planned for anyone interested. A plant-in involves everyone receiving a

wildflower to plant in a designated area. Everyone is given a plant to take home.

On April 27 a "How to Know Them" program will be presented on the WTC campus by Dr. Joe Carter.

A "How to Grow Them" program will also be given. The object of the program is to show everyone how to know and grow wildflowers. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 11:30.

## What do YOU think?

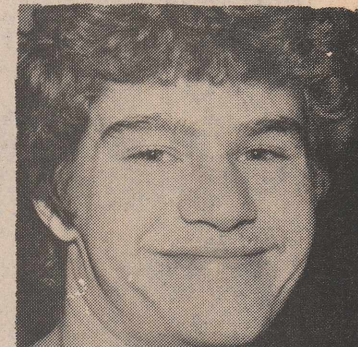
What do you think you'll be doing over spring break?

— Kathy Stout



"Hopefully, I'll be in Kansas for spring break, relaxing in the sunshine, just having a good time."

Andrea Owens  
Sweetwater, Texas



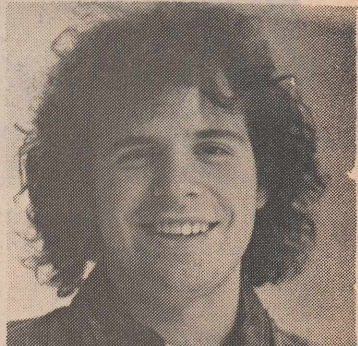
"Skiing at Taos, getting a sunburn and having fun."

Danny Schwertner  
Lubbock, Texas



"We're hopefully going to Acapulco and hopefully go scuba-diving. But, on the Pacific, the diving isn't very good."

Marilyn Lancaster  
Snyder, Texas



"I'm going to the Prude Ranch in the Davis Mountains with my parents to ride horses and mess around in the mountains."

Ronnie Naizer  
Clyde, Texas



"Working and studying."

Magdalena Aguirre  
Snyder, Texas



"Me and Chris are going to the beach and PARTY!"

Tony Nobles  
Colorado City, Texas



WINNERS — Mark Wuenshe of Wilson and Lorena Mendoza of Seminole were named as Mr. and Miss Trailhand Monday night at halftime of the basketball game. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Student petition brings new hours

By Cyndi Trujillo

New visitation and lobby hours are being tried in the dormitory as a result of a student petition. The new hours went into effect Monday.

Sunday through Thursday new visitation hours are from 1-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday hours are from 1-4 p.m. and 6-12 midnight.

The petition was drawn up by a joint effort of resident assistance members. Ninety-two percent of the dorm students signed the petition.

David Harr, dorm director, said, "Things like this need a petition and the students got one.

It had a just cause and desire as was reflected in the first day's activity."

According to Harr, the new hours are possible as long as everyone follows the rules.

The main lobby hours were also changed. The lobby will be opened 24 hours instead of closing at 2 a.m. The television will still be turned off at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday the television will be left on all night.

"We have a good group of student this year," Harr said. "I expect the activity to pick up as spring approaches and the weather gets warmer."



GRADUATION! — Franklin Pruitt, History Professor, delivers his graduation speech to all the cosmetology graduates. Graduates were Vicki Coffee, Glenda Cook, Delanna Hinson, Michelle Franco, Katherine Mann, Tamara Milton and Sandra Potts. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Williams' assume apartment management

By Tonya Neblett

Those students living in the college apartments were greeted back for the spring semester by two new faces, Kent and Jan Williams. The Williams' have replaced ex-financial aid director, Jimmy Parker, as apartment managers.

arise," Kent said.

Their duties include taking care of the laundry apartment and general upkeep of it, enforcing rules similar to those of dormitory housing, and conducting weekly room checks.

Besides the chance to get closer to his job and students, Kent ad-

mits to some disadvantages.

"Because of late night calls or knocks on the door along with time spent on duties, there's not that much privacy," Kent said. "The administration, however, has been very helpful in any problems that have arisen. They make the job a lot easier," he

added.

The Williams' have several plans for the future of the apartments. Some of these include putting up a basketball goal and cook-outs during warm weather.

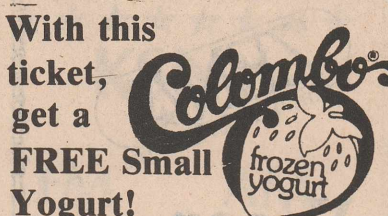
"So far it's been great. The students have made the responsibility a lot easier!" said Kent.

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The couple took the job mainly because it locates them close to the gym where he spends his time as assistant basketball coach for the Westerners. "I'm involved in a lot of night jobs like basketball trips so being close helps. It also gives me the opportunity to get closer to the students," he said.

As a result of being so close to the students, the Williams' feel more like parents than managers. "In addition to our responsibilities of upkeep, we also try to help take care of personal as well as any other problems that

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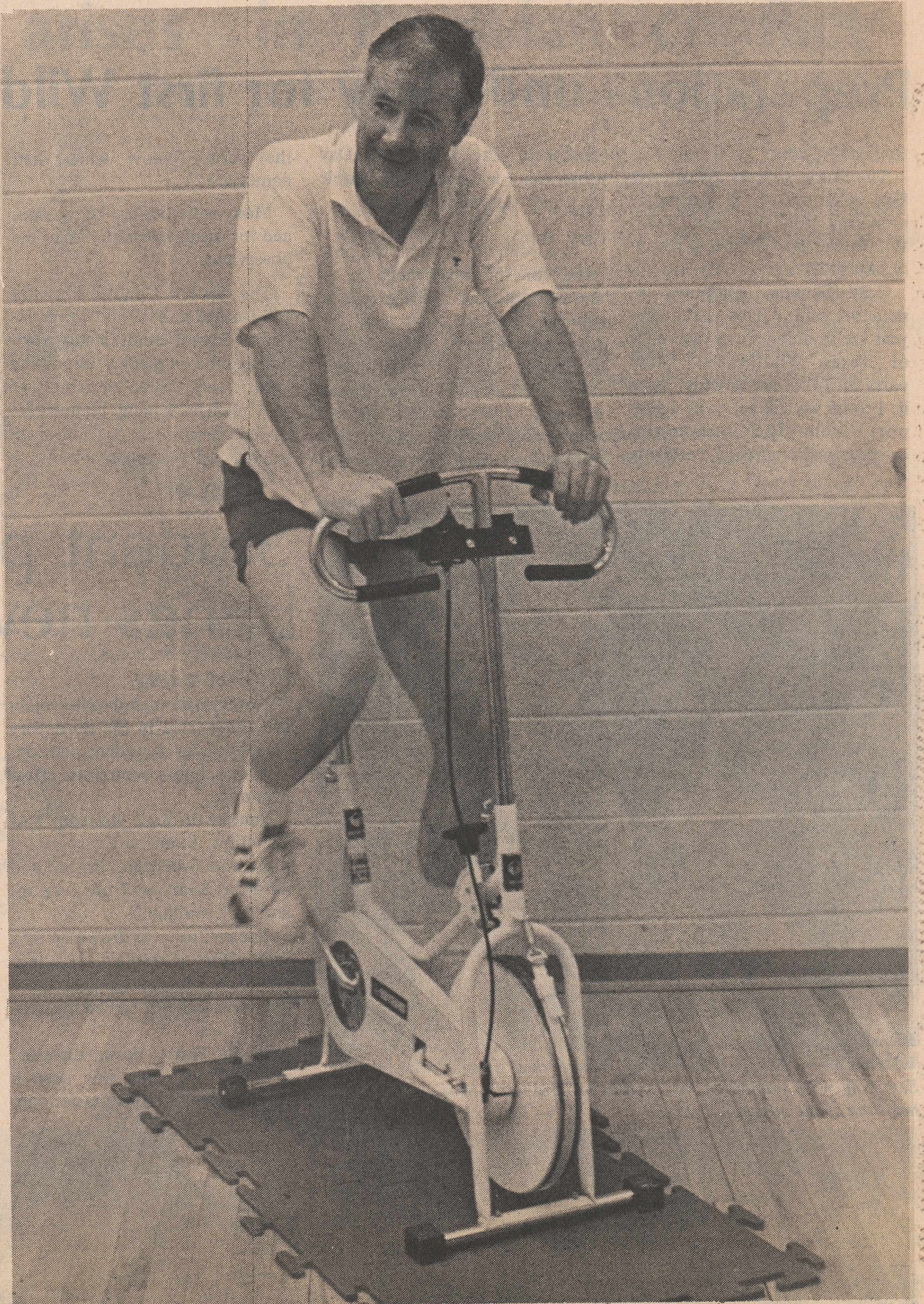
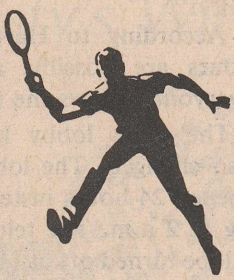
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# Features



**JUMP!** — Marilyn Lancaster, assistant professor of development studies — English, jumps rope as part of her workout program. — Photo by Lawrence McCown



**GETTING IN SHAPE!** — James Palmer, History Professor, keeps his body in good shape as he works out on the exercise bike as part of his daily workout routine. — Photo by Kathy Stout

## Faculty members catch fitness bug

By Wendy Hodge

They've got the bug. Even faculty members are beginning to participate in physical fitness activities. According to Lee Burke, director of HPE, approximately 45 faculty members are participating in some type of physical fitness fairly regularly. He stressed that some may have their own program that he is not aware of.

Burke attributes much of the craze to the fact that the entire nation is fitness crazy. Also, most of the faculty has matured together and they have reached the age where they feel the need to do something soon. When the college opened, the majority of the teachers were 30-32 years old which means that now, most are well into their 40's.

Burke can be spotted on any nice day running around the campus. He is also an avid racquetball player and swimmer. He said that people start to realize the benefit of exercise after they

notice how good it makes them feel.

Mathematics instructor Elsie Anderson exercises quite regularly. She used to play racquetball and swim twice a week. After having surgery over the Christmas holidays, she swims four times a week, but is only now able to resume her racquetball activities. Anderson said, "I think you need to be an all-around type person." She also stressed that excessive exercising can be nearly as harmful as not exercising at all. "We all need to exercise and get the brain stimulated."

Burke noted that people age 35 and over should consult a physician before beginning any type of exercise program since there is a risk factor involved with this age group.

Anyone interested in starting an individual program can find guidance here on campus. Also, there are adequate facilities here

on campus for any type of exercise. Burke also credited the city with doing its job in the crusade for exercise. "Snyder is becoming health and fitness conscious. It's really leading the way," he said.



**STRETCHING!** — Patrice McKinney, Physical Education instructor, stretches her leg muscles because stretching is the most important part of exercising. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

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# Sports

## Westerners face Midland tonight

By David Stewart

Tonight the Westerners will host first place Midland College Chaparrals in the Scurry County Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

The Westerners come into the game with a 9-8 conference record, 19-11 on the season.

Monday night the team defeated Frank Phillips 75-68. James Dawn led WTC with 21 points, Floyd Singleton added 18 while Vince Turner had 11. The victory avenged an earlier loss to Frank Phillips in Borger.

Coach Phil Spradling said, "Tonight's game is important. If we win, we are in fifth place; if we lose, we take sixth. Also Midland beat us at their place

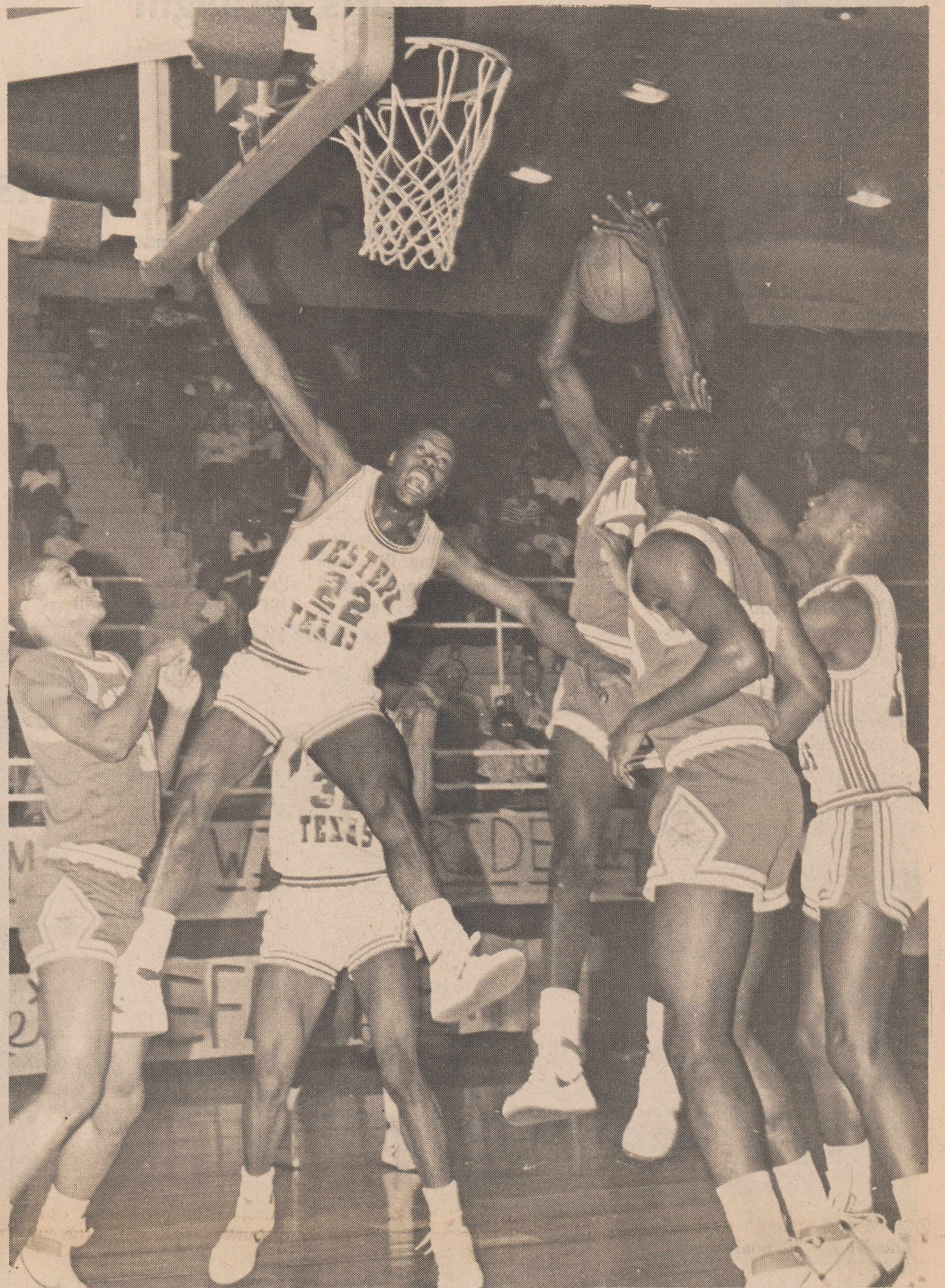
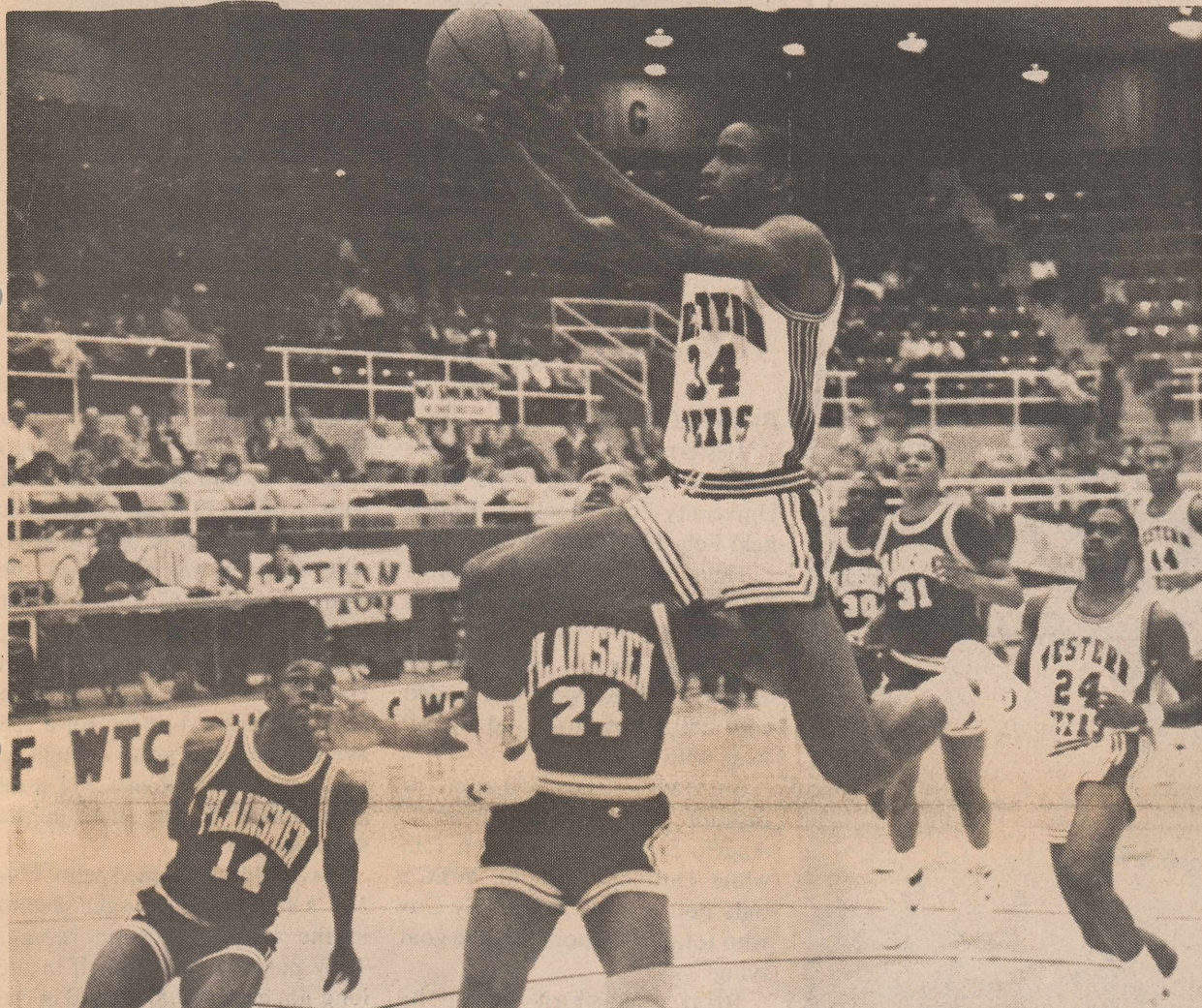
and we sure would like to get revenge on them."

WTC traveled to Amarillo Feb. 21 and suffered a 91-77 loss. The Amarillo Badgers controlled the game by shooting 65 percent compared to Western Texas' 42 percent. Andrew Kennedy scored 22 points to lead the Badgers. Dawn topped the Westerners with 20 points. Victor Spencer added 16.

The Scurry County Coliseum was the site Feb. 18 as the Westerners hosted New Mexico Junior College. It was a wild run-and-gun 108-106 victory for the Westerners. Spencer, 6'1" sophomore from Lamesa made two key steals and nailed a game-winning 15' jump shot. Derrick Hill led all scorers with 26 points

for NMJC. Dawn led WTC with 21 points, Alvin Hicks pumped in 18, Singleton had 15, Lorand White scored 14 and Spencer finished the game with 12. The balanced attack helped WTC overcome a 75 percent shooting effort by the Thunderbirds.

Valentine's Day featured a sweet victory for WTC in Clarendon as they came away with a 94-86 overtime victory over Clarendon College. In the overtime period, Spencer scored 8 of his team's 14 points. Leading a balanced attack was White with 20 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Dawn led the scoring with 22 points. Singleton added 18. Clarendon got a good game from Carl Curry, who scored 20 points.



**UP IN THE AIR!** — (Above) Victor Spencer, sophomore from Lamesa, powers his way underneath the basket and makes his presence known while Jeff Gibson from Dallas battles some unknown Frank Phillips players for the ball. (Left) Floyd Singleton, a sophomore from Detroit, Mich., glides through the air on his way towards the basket as the other players watch in amazement. Eat your heart out "Air" Jordan!

— Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Dusters seeded second; prepare for next week's regional tournament

By Frank Casas

The Western Texas College Dusters are currently preparing for next week's Regional Tournament March 5-9 that will be held on the Dusters home court, the Scurry County Coliseum.

The top four seeds in the tournament are Odessa, WTC, Cisco, and Grayson City. The Dusters are coming in with a respectable season record of 29-5 and conference record of 12-2.

"It makes us absolutely no difference who we have to play in

the tournament. At this point, one bad game and your out of it," said Duster coach Joe Cushing. We have to be prepared mentally as well as physically, taking each opponent as a potential region champion because they just might be instead of us if we're not ready to play!"

Coach Cushing feels very confident about playing the Regional Tournament in the Dusters home court. Cushing said, "We feel we have as good a shot as Odessa or Cisco or anyone else - it's on our floor - our fans, and we are going in to win that sucker!"

The Frank Phillips College Plainsmen should have stayed at home February 25, when they came to the Scurry County Coliseum and got walloped 81-43 as the Dusters chalked up another important victory to add to the record books.

Coach Cushing said, "Defense

keyed the win in the second half, we were much more effective rebounding, shooting and executing." Linetta Richardson had a very impressive game coming off the bench by bagging 10 points to add to her statistics. Richardson said, "The first half we didn't play very good but I think we all played a lot better the second half." She added, "We started playing tighter defense and hitting the boards. We also started shooting a lot better. This wasn't one of our hardest games but this victory helped improve our record going in to the regional tournament."

Clara "Speed" Campbell led the cagers in scoring with 17 points. Renvy Evans and Lyndy French added 15 and 14 points, respectively. Patti Hayes had nine, Rhonda Hoelting scored six, Judy Wiseman netted five, Renee Ramaekers bagged three

and Jill Rippentrop with two points.

The Amarillo Lady Badgers were swept away by the Dusters, 66-55, Feb. 21 at Amarillo.

Campbell was a dominant force inside for WTC scoring 21 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Evans and French netted 11 points each and Hayes added nine.

This victory broke last year's 27-8 women's team record of most wins in a season. The Dusters now advanced their season record to 28-5 and conference record to 11-2.

The WTC hoopsters squeezed by New Mexico Junior College, 91-88 Feb. 18 in a wild fouling game.

Most of the game was played at the foul line because WTC dished out 26 fouls and NMJC fouled 32 times. One WTC player fouled out and four NMJC players fouled out of this game.

Evans led the Dusters with 20 points and six rebounds. Campbell followed close with 19 points and six rebounds, Hayes scored 14, Hoelting swished in 11 and French bagged 10.

don College 66-64 in a nip-and-tuck ball game played Feb. 14.

Campbell dominated the inside game by scoring 25 points, pulling down 11 rebounds and blocking three shots. Hayes made her presence known underneath by making 20 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Hoelting netted eight points and French added five.

WTC controlled the boards, 37 to CC's 23. This win iced the Dusters second place position in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

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# Sports



## Sports spotlight

Dave Stewart

### United States Football League opens season

In case you haven't noticed football season is back. The United States Football League opened its 1985 season last weekend.

This could be the next to last season for the USFL. The league plans on playing a fall schedule next season and the competition from the NFL and college football may be too much. However if the USFL does survive, it will have to do so by playing a fall schedule. The league will have more trouble playing in the summer. People find too many other

things to do in the summer besides watching football.

The USFL is not a league without talent. The last three Heisman trophy winners are playing in this league. Talent is not a problem for most of the teams. There will always be enough football players to go around. The problem is getting fans to identify with the league and their teams. Fans need time to get to know the players, but without the attendance the league can't survive very long. Big name stars like Doug Flutie, Herschel Walker, and Mike Rozier help to

fill the seats but the average fan still can't identify with a team until he has followed the league closely.

Maybe people are getting tired of football. With the NFL, college football, and the USFL all competing at the same time it may be too much. No matter how talented the players are, there may be a point of oversaturation. Too many games and too many teams are the problem.

Is there room for two professional football leagues? The USFL hopes so and will try to

prove it during this season and next fall. It will be interesting to see what does happen with the USFL. As long as Donald Trump's money holds out this league will survive. The flamboyant owner of the Generals continues to personally finance the league. Perhaps the best way to gain popularity would be to organize a game between the USFL champion and the NFL champion. Don't laugh because nobody thought the old AFL was very good either, but Joe Namath and the New York Jets put an end to that



LETTING IT FLY! — Bob Stangby from Redwood Falls, Minn. fights the sand trap in and attempt to whack to golf ball back on the greens.

— Photo by Kathy Stout



GOING FOR TWO! — David Pruitt of the "Storms" intramural team prepares to unload an outside shot as Jack Fallin, Jim Batjer and Clay Everhart of the "Golfers" look on. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

### Westerners take third in Sul Ross rodeo

By David Stewart

Western Texas College participated in the Sul Ross State University-Fort Stockton Rodeo held Feb. 14-17 in Fort Stockton.

The men, backed by 150 points in the bareback riding, polled 230 total points on their way to a third place finish. New Mexico Junior College won the rodeo with 280 points followed by Sul Ross with 240.

Sul Ross collected 350 points to capture the women's division. Angelo State followed with 150, while Tarleton had 140. WTC's only points came from Judy Cox who totalled 30 points in the goat tying.

Bliss Mayhan of the Westerners was the runner-up all-around cowboy. He won the

long-go in the bareback with a 69, tied for first in the short-go with a 70, and won the average with a total 139. Tony Hecksher tied for second in the long-go with 66, tied for fourth in the short-go with a 67, and tied for third in the average with a 133.

In saddle bronc riding, Van Hale posted a 69 in the long-go and a 66 in the short-go for a 135 average that was good enough to take second. Mayhan's 132 total gave him a tie for third in the average.

David Jones teamed with ENMU's Jeff Medlin to take second in the average in team roping. They posted a 7.6, fourth in the long-go, and a 12.3, second in the short-go. The 19.9 average was second overall.

### Intramural basketball competition heats up; 'Faculty' remains unbeaten

By Frank Casas

It was a four-on-four contest between the "Storms" and "Golfers" when they opened up intramural competition Feb. 21.

The "Storms" were raging that night when they tore into the "Golfers" 91-65. Shannon "Animal" Mitchell scored 32 points to lead the "Storms" violent attack. David Pruitt swished in 28 points, 25 of them in the first half. Ed Wendlick scored 22 points and Derrick

Bethany bagged 9.

Bo Kay led the "Golfers" with 18 points, Jack Fallin and Jim Batjer both swished in 16 and Matt Child popped in 15 points.

The "Wallbangers" were scheduled to play the "Silver Bullets" but they forfeited and the game was re-scheduled for a later date.

"Ice" glazed by the "Automotive" Club 50-46 in the final game played Feb. 21.

Fred Fleming busted in 20 points to lead "Ice" to victory. Tommy Collum netted 14 points, Jason Connors bagged eight, David Stewart and Tommy Trammel added four each.

The "Automotive" team scoring leader was John Murphy with 18 points. David Rios and Jimmy Cain popped in six each, Norman

Malone, Kyle Freeman and Jerry Comstock dished out four points apiece. Bobby Velasquez and Daniel Salazar added a contribution of two points each.

The "Storms" blew by the "Powells" 52-48 in a stunning upset to open Feb. 19 intramural action.

Pruitt led the "Storms" with 15 points, Eddie Bolden popped in 12, Wendlick contributed eight and Craig Raughton added seven. Jeff Merket with six points, Bethany and David Jones added two points each.

Hayden Merket netted 18 points to lead the "Powells" in scoring. Terry Ridgeway followed with 12. Jardy Powell had six points, Yardy Powell popped in four, Chris McKinney, Jay Claxton, Chris Doles and Dennis Rivera all added two points each.

The second game pitted the all-girls team, "Golden Bullets," against the "Avengers."

Charlotte Carter pumped in 15 points to lead the "Golden Bullets" to a 62-48 victory. Beth Elliot swished in 13 points, Jackie King and Camille Cass popped in 12 each and Tina Gordon iced in 10.

Steve Cullen drove in 18 points to lead the "Avengers" scoring. Toby Villa netted 12 and John Young bagged 8. Mitzi Hallmark and Julie Wells added three points each. Robin Land and Paul Joy contributed with two each.

The "Faculty" chalked up another victory by defeating "Ice" 85-83 in the third game played that night.

Phil Spradling showed he still had a "little bit of Tulsa" in him by leading his team with 39 points and backwards dunks. Kent Williams swished in 26 points, Frank Williams bagged 13, Bob Doty had three, Britt Canada and Andy Daniels each added two points.

Fleming, Connors and Tommy

Trammel all scored 20 points each and tied as the "Ice" scoring leaders. Bubba Selmon swished in 11 points, David Stewart bagged six, Collum had four and Rusty Hegedus added two.

The "Powells" breezed by the "Golfers" 77-65 to end intramural action on Feb. 19.

Hayden Merket of "Powells" went on a scoring spree and scored 21 points to lead his team. Terry Ridgeway swished in 17 points, Rivera popped in 12, Jardy Powell scored 10, McKinney bagged six, Jay Claxton contributed four and Yardy Powell added two points.

The "Golf" team was lead in scoring by the future cager from Los Angeles, Ca., Wally Mann who had 21 points. Ryan Heller swished in 12, Neal Rutherford scored 10, Barry Fletcher had eight, Batjer bagged six, Fallin netted four, Child and Kay added two point each.

The "Silver Bullets" embarrassed the "Avengers" with a 40-22 runaway in the opening game played Valentine's night.

Mark Wuensche swished in 14

points to cap-off the "Silver Bullets" scoring. Lino Garcia scored 10 points, Tobin Tate and Richard Haas bagged six each, Gary Autry and Freddy Villa added two apiece.

Cullen and Robert Munoz combined for 16 of the "Avengers" 22 points to lead them in scoring. Land landed four points and Young added two.

The "Powells" plowed over the "Automotive" team 71-44 in the final game played that night.

Ridgeway controlled the "Powells" offense and scored 22 points. Hayden Merket and McKinney had 14 and 13 points, respectively. Jardy Powell scored 12, Rivera netted six and Yardy Powell bagged four.

The "Automotive" team scoring leader was Murphy with 17 points. Freeman and Cain both scored eight points each, Velasquez made six points, Groat popped in three and Malone added two.

Results of the games played Feb. 26 were not available at press time.

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