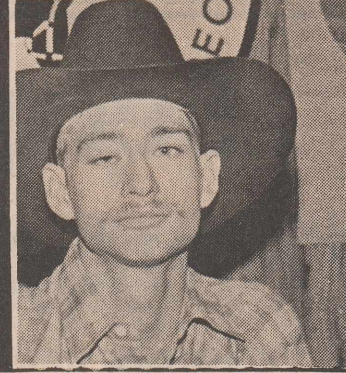




## Circus Night

Fun for all ages

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All-around cowboy

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# The Western Texan

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## Hunter outlines political viewpoints

By Kathy Hendrix

Danny Hunter, a former WTC student who has announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 78th District, made a brief stop to the campus Tuesday.

Hunter stopped by to finalize plans for his speech Sunday for the Phi Theta Kappa induction with Dr. Mary Hood, PTK sponsor. He is the national president of the PTK college fraternity.

The 22-year old Texas Tech University student from Roscoe is challenging incumbent State Representative Steve Carriker of Roby in the Democratic primary this spring.

Carriker, a member of the House agriculture and livestock committee and a farmer has filed for a third term.

While on campus Tuesday Hunter said, "The Gramm-Rudman Act still needs more work, but it is something we will have to face."

He also added that the new Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng will have some new hopes and ideas to aid the new struggling farm industry.

Hunter graduates from Tech in June. He told the Abilene Reporter News in a recent interview he decided to run because "it was time to roll up his sleeves and get in there to do something

about agriculture problems."

"The department of agriculture in the state of Texas could fund bigger programs than what it is right now," Hunter said. "Texan farmers and ranchers need to depend less on the federal government and more on state programs."

According to the Reporter News, Hunter acknowledged that state finances are not doing so well right now.

In an interview following a reception at the Willow Park Inn where Hunter announced his candidacy, Hunter said Texas needs to develop its own system of price supports for the state's agriculture economy.

"I feel that it is great that Danny is running for State Representative," Hood, WTC Counselor, said. "He is dedicated, enthusiastic and both young and old people should feel comfortable voting for him."

Hood also said that she feels he is qualified for the job because his family farms and he knows the problems the farmers and his brother and sister-in-law both teach so he understands the teachers views.

"I have the gumption, the want to and a deep concern for the people of this district," Hunter said.



LET'S TALK — Dr. Mary Hood, left, and Danny Hunter, candidate for State Representative, discuss politics. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Reagan proclaims Nat'l Community College Week

By Kathy Hendrix

On Oct. 22, 1985 President Reagan signed a joint resolution declaring the month of February National Community College Week.

The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges have urged all junior community and technical colleges to help and join in on the national associates degree campaign. The theme for this inaugural event is "Opportunity with Excellence" according to the AACJC.

This phrase is used to personify the mission and philosophy of the nation's 1,221 community, technical and junior colleges.

Lectures will be given at a few of the colleges, but unfortunately WTC will not be one that receives the Harry S. Truman Lecture. The Truman lecture is so named to recognize the important role that President Truman played in the 1947 Truman Commission on Higher Education.

Increasing the awareness of the value of the associate degree among the general public and employees and students is a must.

WTC cosmetology department is doing its part by giving away free hair cuts, manicures, shampoo and set, shampoo-blow dry-curling iron and facials to all WTC students with ID's.

"We will be losing some money from the supplies that we use, but the experience that my students receive will make up the

difference," said Judy Border, cosmetology instructor.

"Students may receive only one of the services free," said Border, "but if they want more done they can pay for the extra work done."

The prices for the services if you want any extra work done are as follows: hair cut \$4, manicures \$2.75, shampoo set \$4.50, shampoo, blow dry, curling iron \$4.50, braiding \$4.50, shampoo and cut \$5.50, perms

\$13.50-\$25.50, pre-conditioning \$4.00-\$8.00, manicure \$2.75, oil \$3, highlighting \$5, hair coloring \$9.

Other activities scheduled include the drama department's play, "The Backyard Story", which opens Feb. 21.

Also admission will be free for the Frank Phillips-Western Texas College basketball game Feb. 20 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Duster's game time is 6 p.m. and the Westerners play at 8 p.m.



FAMILY AFFAIR — Lois Burke sits with eight of her nine children. From left, Mustafa, Fathima, James, Arneatha, Nathan, Ruquayya, Isa. Leslie is on Lois' lap. The oldest son was at school for basketball practice when the picture was taken. — Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Mom returns to school

By Sandy Ross

For many of us, the hardest part of school is getting up and to our first class every morning. Lois Burks not only gets to class, she also gets her nine children to day-care and school.

Lois' children range in age from 15 to 5 months. She has six boys and three girls. Four of the children are not yet in school.

While most people would agree that Lois has more than a full schedule, she says that her main reason for returning to school is to set an example for her children to follow. Her daughter, 12-year old Arneatha says, "I'm very happy my mother decided to do something with her life, and I'm very impressed with her."

Lois gets up a 6 a.m. and begins waking children up at 6:30. The whole family pitches in and does housework before they

leave for their various destinations.

After classes, Lois devotes several hours to her children. She feels that it is extremely important to set aside time for them to have her undivided attention.

In the evening, while her older children do homework, Lois gets the little ones ready for bed. After they are tucked in for the night, she lays out clothing for everyone for the next day, and begins her own homework.

This shy, soft-spoken lady seems to find it puzzling that people are so amazed at her decision to return to school. Her attitude seems to be that if you decide something needs to be done, you simply dig in and get it done.

Lois is a sociology major, with plans to work in the field of drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

### Tribute

Faces of shock, sorrow and disbelief looked on as the space shuttle Challenger exploded over the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Canaveral last week.

The seven astronauts aboard that perished were Dick Scobee, Michael Smith, Judy Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Ronald McNair, Gregory Jarvis and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

These seven heroes and heroines will go down in history for being very brave and courageous. They would not want us to mourn but to continue to explore further into the heavens.

## Campus Briefs

### Lee indicted

Former WTC cashier Barbara Darlene Lee plead guilty to two felony theft charges Jan. 16 in 132nd District Court.

As part of the plea, full restitution of the missing funds, \$24,479 was pledged. Lee was also granted 10 years felony probation and a \$500 fine.

Lee resigned her position as cashier at the college and moved to Austin at the end of September. She was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in November.

### Team wins fifth

The meats judging team captured fifth place in the pork judging during the Denver National Western Collegiate Meats judging contest recently.

Students receiving individual honors were Tim Long, third high individual and fifth in individual pork placings; Philip Carter, ninth in individual pork placings; April Wilson, 10th in lamb judging and Barry Ezra, 10th in beef yield grading.

The team will compete Feb. 26 in the Houston Collegiate Meats judging contest.

Jim Judah, agriculture and golf/landscape technology instructor coaches the team.

### Dance sponsored

Tuesday night, Feb. 11, the student senate dance committee is sponsoring the "Sweetheart" dance.

Kevin Lubbe is providing the music. The dance is from 8:30-12 p.m. Dress is casual.

### Trailhand nominees

Voting continues through noon Monday, Feb. 10 for Mr. and Miss Trailhand. Voting is a penny-a-vote. Mr. and Miss Trailhand is sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa.

Nominees for Miss Trailhand are Mistri Davis, Ann Dudley, Wendy Lunsford, Denise Merritt and Brenda Welch.

Mr. Trailhand nominees are Keith Hudson, Terry Hunter, Danny Schwertner, Thad Springer and Freddie Villa.

The containers for votes are in the cafeteria during the day and in the dorm lobby at night.

The winners will be announced at the halftime of the Westerner game Feb. 10.

# 2 Editorial Perspectives Act cuts important programs

Sell the White House, save 4-H! This is a drastic measure but it clearly shows how important this organization is to our community.

In recent weeks lawmakers have put together an act that would do away with 4-H, soil conservation and home extension programs. This act is known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction act. Lawmakers hope that by eliminating these programs they can eventually balance the rising deficit by 1991.

If this act passes it will do away with 500 positions, according to records. Also, they reveal that if the federal government no longer funds these programs, the state will have to pick up the tab.

This will put a tremendous strain on state governments. The funding from the federal government is very important. They fund pensions, training programs and many more projects. Without the federal government these programs are doomed.

In these programs the young perform many community services and learn much about values, goals and pride in doing something worthwhile. They also learn much about farming in today's society and prices.

If lawmakers choose to do away with these programs, they will be biting the hand that feeds them.

According to Kathy Beets, Scurry County Extension Agent, if this bill passes it will put extension agents in extinction. She also said, "4-H is the largest youth organization in the world."

Many of the politicians in Austin and Washington, D.C. forget that the farm industry built this country. It was not the nuclear plants or computers. When the farmers fall, so will this great country.

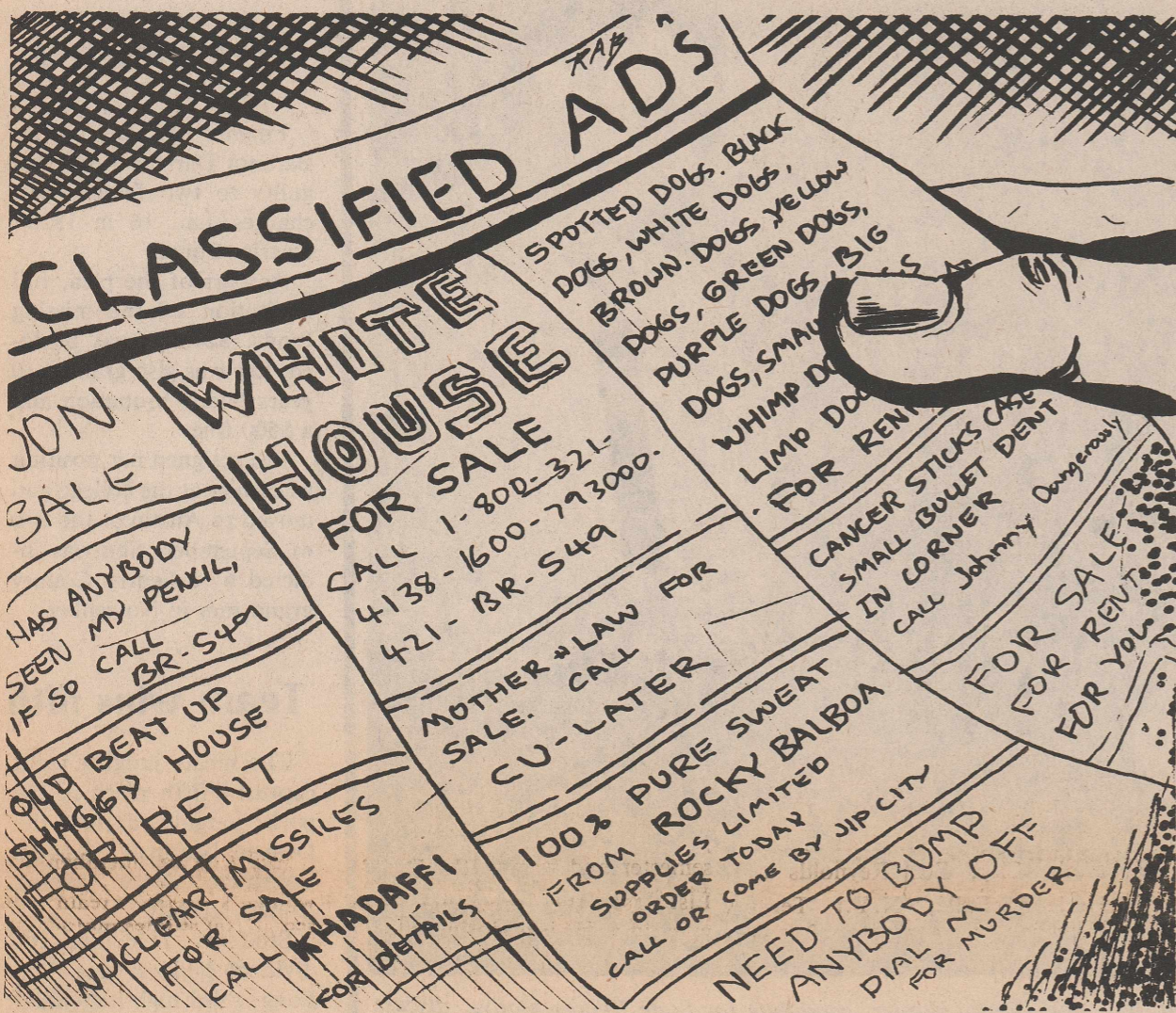
To help save the 4-H, soil conservation and extension programs write to the following congressmen and representatives and urge them to vote NO on this act and look for other places to cut the budget.

## Addresses

Senator Phil Gramm  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Rep. Steve Carriker  
Texas House of Representatives  
Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Congressman Charles Stenholm  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515



## Off Beat

Kathy Hendrix

### Valentine's Day modified

"Will you be my Valentine?" will be a question floating around campus soon or will it?

Over the years that I have been alive (all 18 of them) holidays have changed. Valentine's Day has changed the most I think though.

I loved it in elementary school when I would sit up all night and pick out the perfect valentine for everyone in my class. I can remember the excitement I had when I opened each and everyone of mine. (Well, almost all of them. The dorks' valentines didn't give me much of a thrill!)

I knew that things were changing for me when I received a teacher's valentine from the cutest guy in the class. He claim-

ed he had run out of the rest. I knew that my valentine days were over.

It used to be a big deal to receive flowers, candy or if you were lucky both, but now days you should feel lucky if you receive a card.

When Valentine's Day began, there were no ridiculous letters sent out and if there were it was sent from a bachelor to a maiden telling her of her many perfections.

The proper way to celebrate v-day was done as a drawing, like a lottery. This was where all the bachelors and maidens in England and Scotland got together and wrote their name down on a piece of paper, which

they folded up and placed in a box or hat.

Then the men would draw a maiden's name and she ended up as his valentine. The maidens would do the same so this meant everyone had two valentines to choose from. Now I think that would be great! I could receive twice as much stuff.

The men gave their mistresses treats and wore a piece of paper with her name on it pinned to his sleeve or chest. This little sport often ended in love.

So, Valentine's Day has changed over the years. And if you are like Ed and can't find a valentine then perhaps you can go to England and maybe join in on their valentine fun!



## Long Talk

By Tom Long

### 1985 brings tragedy, sharing

As we toasted our glasses and sang "Auld Lang Syne", we recollected some happy and sad times of 1985.

This year will go down in history as the worst year in aviation. The tragic deaths of so many in the Delta airliner crash at Dallas and the crash right before the Christmas holidays that killed over 200 U.S. servicemen saddened our nation.

The last 1985 air disaster occurred on New Year's Eve when the private plane of Rick Nelson and his band went down, killing all on board except the pilot and co-pilot.

Nelson was just one of many stars to die during 1985. "Hotel" actress Anne Baxter died after a bout of cancer.

The death that really rocked the world was that of actor Rock Hudson. The famous screen star died of the most horrible disease of 1985, AIDS.

His death made Americans fear these four letters. It also brought about a public awareness of the dangers of the disease.

Of course, with these sad

It began in England and ended in America with Band-AID, Live-AID, USA for Africa and Farm-AID. These groups made people realize that we can make a dif-

a speech detailing his hopes for 1986 that was broadcast around the world. To many, these activities are signs of hope, even peace.

One word that we read frequently in the headlines of 1985 was "terrorism." Terrorism struck all around the world and killed many innocent victims.

After a hijacking to Lebanon and a ship being captured and hostages taken, many people were afraid to go anywhere.

But America proved that we will not tolerate terrorism and forced a plane of terrorists down for the hijacking of the Italian ship.

Even in early 1986 terrorism struck twice in two airports thus showing the possibility of more attempts at terrorism in 1986.

I truly hope this time next year I can write about peace throughout the world and nuclear disarmament.

*"This year will go down in history as the worst year in aviation... This will (also) go down as the year for giving."*

events of 1985, many happy things also occurred. This will go down as the year for giving.

Groups all around the world teamed together to help world hunger.

ference. Also in 1985 the Superpowers from Russia and America sat down in Geneva to discuss nuclear disarmament. Even on New Year's Day each leader gave

## What do YOU think?

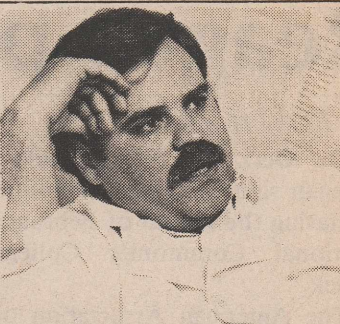
Shiela Benson

How do you think WTC is influencing the community of Snyder?



"Whataburger picks up an extra 10 percent profit from the college students. The major late night business is also from college students. A few Whataburger employees attend school at WTC and I think they are getting a great education."

Jerry Workman  
Snyder Whataburger Manager



"WTC keeps the community going, because without the college the town would go downhill. It helps in all areas, from economic to growth."

Mike Grace  
American Food Service Manager



"WTC brings in many new and good people. It also helps the business alot. Several college students work here."

Teresa Ratliff  
The Shack employee



"WTC is a very good asset for our community."  
Donna Huddleston  
Snyder Travel Agency employee



"The college students help our business profit tremendously."  
Zelpha Franklin  
Bar-H-Bar employee

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# On Campus

## Students named to fall Dean's List

WTC has named 41 students to the Dean's List for the 1985 fall semester.

The list which is compiled at the end of each semester includes students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or more while enrolled for at least 15 semester hours.

Named to the Dean's List are Ed Teal of Abernathy; Carlos Tatum of Abilene; Jim Johnson of Alliance, Neb.; Thomas Joel Long of Aspermont; Ty Scott Rickman of Brady; David Kruse of Chadron, Neb.; Clay Browne,

Karen Joiner and Robyn Turner of Colorado City; Howard Fisher of Dallas; Francis Schuster of El Paso; Sallie Wilson of Girard and Mary Fay Reeves and Mindy Sue Smith of Hamlin.

Also Cecilio Juarez and Patricia Payne of Ira; Terry Hunter of Kermit; John Brady of La Place, La.; Shawn Goemmer of LaVeta, Colo.; Jerry Munoz of Loraine; Mace McDaniel and Bobby Mendez of Lubbock; Jeffrey Gibson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Todd Betts of Quanah; Ellen Walker of Roby; Pamela

Cox of San Antonio; Terry McKenzie of Seagraves; Kenneth Livingston of Seminole and Janyne Gravell of Slaton.

Others include Ruben Gonzales and Tempa Wofford of Stamford; Mike Dominguez and Juanita Villa of Sweetwater and Angela Jeans of Hurst.

Snyder students on the list are Shellie Diane Ford, Allen Dan Fox, Michael Darren Jackson, Pat McCowen, Michael McCravey, Tonya Neblett, Kathy Rhodes and Jack Weaver.



SIGN HERE—Dr. Harry Krenak, acting chief executive officer, signed a proclamation that made January "Freedom of the Campus Student Press Month". Kathy Hendrix, associate editor and Tom Long, page editor represented "The Western Texan" staff.  
—Photo by Lloyd Richards

## Who's Who students named

Twenty-one students at WTC were recently named to Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1985-86.

Students are selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Students on the list include Sarah Miller and Ed Teal of Abernathy; Patrick Fitzpatrick of Austin; Robyn Turner of Colorado City; Ben Reynolds of Hudson Falls, N.Y.; Terry Hunter of Kermit; Danny Schwertner of Lubbock; Tony Hecksher of Marburg, Australia; Cody Foster of Memphis Texas and Frank Casas and David Stewart of Roby.

Others are Michele Chiang and Janet Lee of Singapore; Ruben Gonzales of Stamford; Niki Moist of Star, Idaho; Darren Fletcher, Cheri Johnson, Tonya Neblett, Deanna Phillips and Kathy Rhodes of Snyder and Bobby Jack Bentle of Sweetwater.

Miller is vice president of Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and has been named to the Dean's List for two semesters. She is majoring in elementary education and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller of Abernathy.

Teal, a member of the Westerner basketball squad, was named to the President's List twice in his freshman year and to the Dean's List for the 1985 fall semester. He is a pre-law major and serves as a student senate member. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Teal of Abernathy.

Fitzpatrick is co-captain of the Westerner golf team and was named Freshman of the Year for the 1984-85 gold squad. He is majoring in business finance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick.

Turner is president of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the student senate. She is majoring in business and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Turner.

Reynolds was named to the President's List for the 1985 fall semester and was on the Dean's List for the previous three semesters. He is majoring in construction technology and is working his way through college shoeing horses. Reynolds is a member of the Rodeo Team and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reynolds.

Hunter is parliamentarian of the student senate and reporter for PTK. He has been active in the drama department and will be appearing in the February production of "The Backyard Story." He is an accounting major and the son of Mrs. Emma M. Hunter.

Schwertner is president of the student senate and a member of PTK. He is majoring in criminal justice and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Schwertner.

Hecksher is a member of the rodeo team and represented WTC at the College National Finals in Bozeman, Montana in June. He was named to the President's List for the 1985 fall semester. He is majoring in welding and is the son of Brian Hecksher of Marburg, Australia.

Casas, journalism major, was cited as Outstanding Journalism Student in the 1985 spring semester and is the advertising/business manager for the campus newspaper, *The Western Texan* this year. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leal.

Stewart is a page editor for *The Western Texan* and is active in college intramural sports. He is a journalism major and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.

Chiang was graduate from Gan Eng Seng School in Singapore and is a business information systems major. She is a member of PTK and has been named to the President's List twice and to the Dean's List one time. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y.M. Lee.

Gonzales is a construction technology major and has been named to the Dean's List. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Refugio Gonzales.

Moist is a member of the women's rodeo team and a secretarial studies major. She has been named to the President's List for three semesters. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moist.

Fletcher is vice president of the student senate and a member of the Greens Industry Organization and PTK. He is a golf/landscape major and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fletcher.

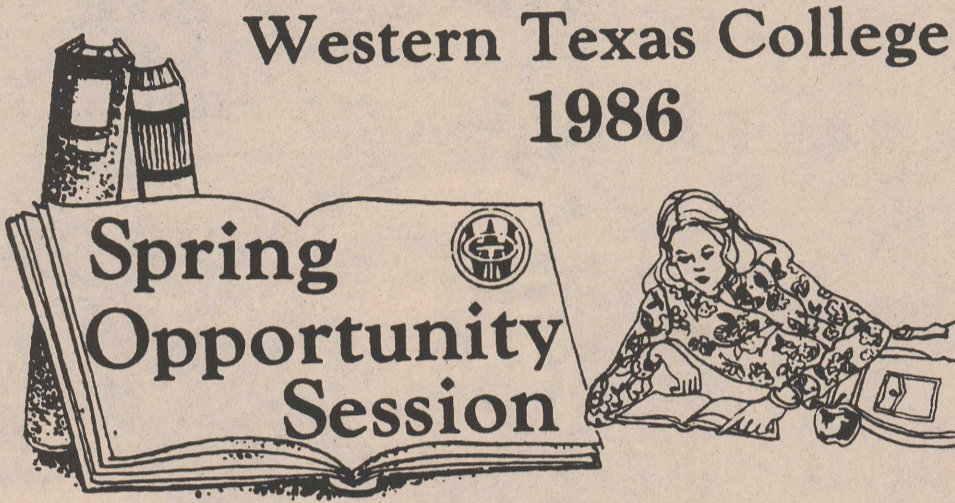
Johnson, an accounting major has transferred to the University of Texas at Arlington. Her husband, Jim, a WTC graduate, is currently employed in Fort Worth. They both came to WTC from Alliance, Neb.

Neblett has transferred to Texas Tech University to continue her accounting major. She was named Outstanding Government and Outstanding Economics Student for 1984-85. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Neblett.

Rhodes is secretary of the PTK local chapter and secretary of the state organization. She has been named to the Dean's List twice. Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. Bob Rhodes.

Phillips, a business major is PTK historian and has been named to the Dean's List twice and to the Merit List. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Phillips.

Bentle is member of PTK and Eta Mu Theta, a campus organization for students majoring in electromechanical technology. He has been named to honors list each semester. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robby M. Bentle.



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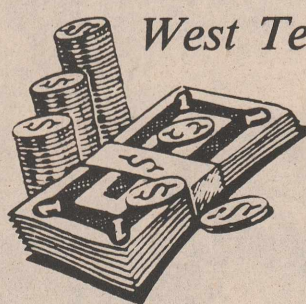
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# Features

## Circus delights both young, old

By Tom Long

Scurry County Museum members and guests packed into the museum for a "Night at the Circus" Friday, Jan. 31.

The highlight of the evening was Wild Buffalo Bill portrayed by Buddy Burnett of Rotan. Burnett has served as a museum volunteer for many years.

Other acts included a fortune teller, the wild ape, an exotic belly dancer and clowns.

A caliope from Hardin-Simmons University provided music for the occasion.

The museum staff planned the affair to coordinate with the current exhibit, "Under the Big Top" and to close out their

membership drive.

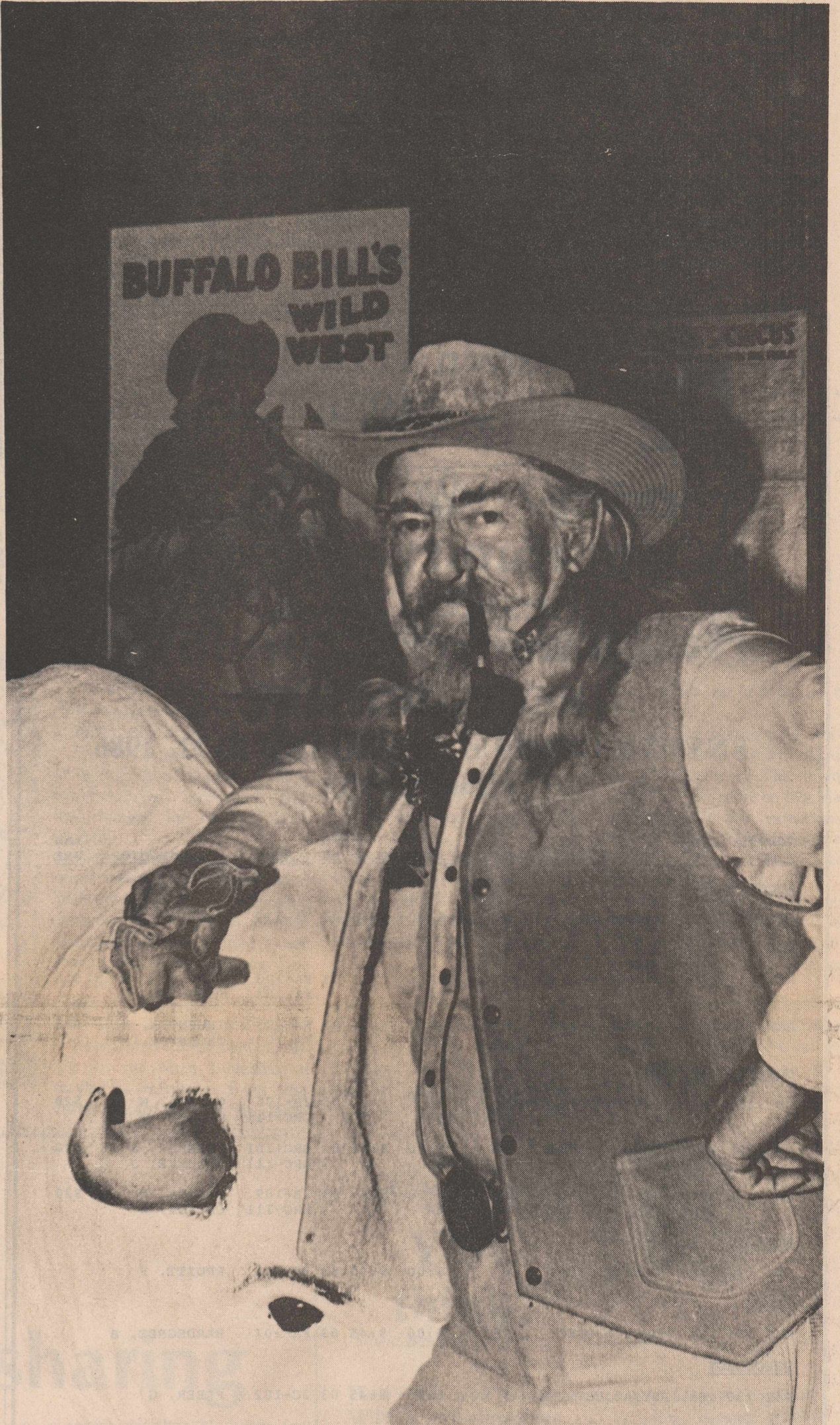
The exhibition features circus posters, banners and toys from Blair-Murrah of Sibley, Missouri. It is partially funded by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Traditional circus food of hot dogs, pop corn, peanuts and cotton candy was served.

Photos by Jeanne Richardson



"GOTCHA" — The wild 'ape man' (above) grasps an innocent victim, while Buffalo Bill (at right), portrayed by Buddy Burnett of Rotan, was available for pictures with museum visitors.



IMPRESSIVE — Belly dancer Brenda Beyer of Snyder displays her lancing attire.



SOOTHSAYER — Fortune teller Mary Dulaney of Snyder reveals what lies ahead for a young customer.



Counselor's Corner

Dan Osborne

Teacher shortage offers opportunity

Due to the increase in population, especially in Texas, experts are predicting a teacher shortage by the late 1980's and 1990's. This means a teaching certificate will be a valuable asset in obtaining employment after graduation.

Now this is good news because many college graduates today are under-employed (ie: had to settle for jobs which didn't require their degree)!

Elementary teachers and secondary teachers should have good job opportunities. And if you choose a teaching field in math, science, reading, English or computer science, you will be in even greater demand.

Two other fields which will be in short supply are bilingual education and early childhood education (kindergarten and pre-kindergarten).

Most teachers can expect a starting median salary of \$18,000 in Texas, with some school districts paying as low as \$15,500, others paying \$20,000-23,000.

Coaches can expect to add \$1,800 and up to their annual pay, depending on their experience.

There have been recent changes in the teacher education programs in Texas. Now you must take college algebra or a higher math and a computer science course.

Also, you will need to pass the pre-professional skills test (PPST). If you are not familiar with these new requirements, be sure and check with us at the Counseling Center.

In summary, the job opportunities should be very good for most positions in public education, but you will need to plan your coursework at Western Texas College to coincide with the new state mandates.

Also, universities, such as Texas Tech and San Angelo State, will vary somewhat in their course requirements.

See an advisor and counselor in planning your degree program and you should be on your way to a promising career!



HIT IT! — Boogieing with the backyard beat. From left, instructor Jim Rambo, Ollie Carroll of Snyder, Bobby Munoz of Haskell, Missy Mitchell of Snyder, Kelly McGuire of Fort Worth, Dalila Carrasco of Big Lake. — Photo courtesy of Snyder Daily News

Spring drama production set

By Tom Long

"The Backyard Story" has been billed as the WTC drama department's second performance of the school year. The play, written by Charles Pascoe of Southwest State University at San Marcos, opens Feb. 21.

According to Jim Rambo, drama instructor, it is a children's play but "it should be fun entertainment for all ages."

"It's a wonderful story about bugs and it includes a tremendous

amount of animation," Rambo said.

Rambo went on to say that the costumes will be very eye-catching and each bug will have a very unique personality.

Cast in the part of Panama fly and Errol fly is Terry Hunter of Kermit; Ramona Murphy of Snyder as Octavia Spider; Ollie Carroll of Snyder as April May Junebug; Ken Livingston of Seminole as Spider Spivak and

Dalila Carrasco of Big Lake as McDrone.

Others cast members include Teresa Rodriguez, Lubbock, as Verdicious Vera; Kelly McGuire, Weinert, as Nat the Gnat; Bobby Mendez, Lubbock, as Arson Garson and Missy Mitchell, Snyder as Flora Flea.

Trina Lemons of Fluvanna is the technical assistant in charge of lighting and David Brim of Snyder serves as the stage

manager.

The department is also sponsoring a coloring contest. Posters will be given to local elementary schools for those interested in entering. There are two divisions, kindergarten-third grade and fourth-sixth grade.

Rambo said there will be plenty of music, dancing and great fun. He urges all students to attend the play and "boogie with your basic backyard bugs."

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# Sports



**CHAMPION COWBOY**  
— Bliss Mayhan, who currently leads the Southwest Region in the men's all-around, sits amid gear used in his rodeo career.  
— Photo by Jerry Snelling

## Mayhan sets pace; men lead Southwest Region

By Dave Stewart

A question that is often asked of WTC rodeo cowboy Bliss Mayhan is whether or not he is related to five times world champion rodeo cowboy Larry Mahan.

No, Bliss is not kin to Larry Mahan, but if he keeps up the pace he has set in NIRA rodeos, some day his name may be as well known as "Larry the Great".

Bliss was a two-time Colorado High School all-around champion cowboy. Bob Doty, rodeo coach, recruited him at the High School Finals in South Dakota.

As a freshman at WTC Bliss tied for first in the regional bareback. "This is quite an accomplishment for a freshman to tie as champion," commented Doty.

Also as a freshman, Bliss placed in the go-round in the saddle bronc competition and made the

short-round in bareback at the College National Finals rodeo.

Currently Bliss won all-around honors at Sul Ross, Texas Tech and Vernon Regional Junior College rodeos. "He placed in all three riding events which is very unusual," Doty said. "Bliss and Shane Smith, who attended WTC in '82-84 are the only guys to do that in the Southwest Region in the seven years that I've been here."

Doty also said "It takes a tough hand physically to get on at least six head of stock over a three day event, maybe more if you get a re-ride."

Led by Mayhan, the WTC men are leading the region after four fall rodeos with a total of 1068.33 points. The women are fifth with 275 points, but Doty commented, "They're not that far our of first place. Sometimes I picked the

wrong girls for the team and that cost us points."

The teams look forward to six rodeos this semester. Tarleton University is close behind WTC for the regional lead.

Doty added, "Also you have to watch Sul Ross and Eastern New Mexico. They could come back strong in the spring."

A number of WTC cowboys and cowgirls have made impressive showings in individual standings. The NIRA bareback national standings include Tony Hecksher, tied for seventh with 205 points; Mayhan, ninth with 175; and Carrillo, 11th with 155.

Mayhan is first in saddle bronc with 280 points, ninth in bullriding with 128 and third in men's all-around with 583.33

Calf roper Keith Hudson is first in his event with 210 points and Wendy Lunsford is second in

barrel racing with 170 points.

Western's men's team is third in the nation behind the University of Arizona and Central Arizona College.

In the Southwest Regional standings Hecksher is second in bareback, Mayhan is third, and Carrillo is fourth. Mayhan leads the region in saddle bronc and Wesley Henderson is ninth with 10.00. Mayhan is second in the bull riding, Adam Brewster is sixth with 70.00. Hudson is first in calf roping. Ben Reynolds is eighth with 65.00 and Jim Smith is tied for ninth with 60.00. In goat tying, Shelly Elridge is third with 150.00, Mistri Davis is fourth with 90.00, and Nicole Moist is tied for fifth with 75.00. Lunsford leads the region in barrel racing. Mayhan leads in men's all around and Tobin Tate with 30.00 is tied for ninth.

## Westerners try to keep tourney hopes alive

By Eddy Lopez

The WTC Westerners will be facing Odessa College on the road in a "must win" confrontation, according to Coach Phil Spradling.

"Right now we're tied for fourth place with New Mexico Junior College," Spradling said. "We need to win four out of last six games in order to make it to Regionals."

The Westerners record going into tonight's contest against Odessa is 15-8 for the season and 6-4 in the conference.

The cagers captured a 75-71 victory Monday night by defeating Howard College at Big Spring.

James Dawn, a 6'5" sophomore from Amarillo, swished in 34 points to lead all scorers. Clifford Langford, the Westerners 6'9" center from Baton Rouge, LA, contributed 14 points followed by Alvin Hicks, 10.

The Westerners ended their

losing ways Thursday night by beating New Mexico Military Institute 78-66. Sophomore Alvin Lee led the Westerners with 23 points.

The win put the men over .500 mark and tied for fourth place with Odessa College for a 5-4 conference record.

The Westerners who had lost four out of five home conference games got back on track with the win and improved the season record to 14-8.

"They'll be pretty good. We've got to go out and play," Coach Phil Spradling said prior to the Broncos game. "I'm disappointed at the way we're playing at home in front of the people who have come out to watch us."

"We want to win at home. The regional tournament is here and if we're going to be in it, we better be able to play here," Spradling added.

The top four teams in the conference go on to the regional tournament.

## Golfers getting ready for spring schedule

By Ed Coppage

After a long Christmas holiday, the golfers are back in action. They have only been practicing for 3 days, and Dave Foster says "they need a couple of more weeks of practice to see if they have improved."

The team consists of 11 players. Three sophomores include Bo Kay of Amarillo, Barry Fletcher of San Angelo and Pat Fitzpatrick of Austin. Brent

Wilson, a transfer student from Austin, also is a teammember.

Foster said, "He wants the golfers to play in a few matches before they start the tournaments. The first tournament is February 20-23 in Pensacola, Florida."

They have four more tournaments after the one in Florida. April 10-11 is the first conference tournament and it will be in Roswell, New Mexico.



## Sports Spotlight

### Bears bring glamour to dull NFL

When the Chicago Bears defeated the New England Patriots 46 to 10 in the Super Bowl, it was the final chapter of a great NFL season.

Before this year it seemed like the NFL had lost its glamour and glory of the past seasons. What the Bears did this year added personality that the league lacked.

The Chicago Bears' collection of crazy characters captured the imagination of the entire country. This team provided excitement that the league hasn't seen since the days of Joe Namath and the New York Jets in 1968.

Jim McMahon is like Joe Namath. His lifestyle and off the field activities made more headlines than what he did on the field.

William "The Refrigerator"

Perry became a national hero. The impact that he made on the NFL in just one season may never be equalled.

Namath guaranteed that the Jets would beat the mighty Baltimore Colts in the Super Bowl and they did it. The Bears did the "Super Bowl Shuffle" halfway through the season.

Who can beat that for confidence? The arrogant Bears are truly the best team in football.

The "Monsters of the Midway" proved that the old style of football can be the best when the right people are doing the job. Football in recent years had become a wide open high scoring game. Most teams today, pass the ball more than they run and defense is almost forgotten.

The Bears established a run-

ing game behind the great Walter Payton and used the most intimidating defense since Pittsburgh's "steel curtain" to win football games. George Halas would have loved this team.

Chicago played the game the way it's supposed to be played. With their great defense and running attack, they looked like a team straight from the 1960's.

It was a sensational season and the NFL has become very popular once again. Thanks to McMahon, Perry and the rest of the Bears, the excitement and personality is back once again.

The success of the NFL season saved a fading league and may have delivered the knockout punch to the USFL. There's no way that they can compete with the NFL now.

Dusters in Odessa tonight...

## Face top-ranked Lady Wranglers

By Eddy Lopez

The WTC Dusters will be looking to upset the first place Odessa Lady Wranglers tonight in Odessa.

The second place Dusters are currently holding a 6-1 conference record and hoping to improve an impressive 20-6 season record.

The Dusters blew by the Howard Hawk Queens, 79-61 Monday night showing why their ranked second in the WJCAC conference.

Pam Cox, a 5'8" sophomore from San Antonio led WTC with 21 points. Brenda Welch, a 5'10" freshman from Odessa followed close behind with 20 points.

The WTC Dusters outlasted the South Plains Lady Texans Monday night 62-54, for their fifth conference win in six outings.

The victory brings the Dusters

to a 19-6 record under first year coach Kelly Chadwick and puts them in possession of second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Dusters played well in the first half and took a 33-20 lead into the intermission.

"We played a defensive clinic in the first half," Chadwick said. "We had them totally frustrated by halftime. The girls really played hard."

When the second half started, the Dusters came out and scored the first two buckets and went ahead by 17 points. Suddenly the Dusters lost their penetration and the defense began to suffer in the frustration. South Plains rallied to score six straight points and cut WTC's lead to just five points, 41-35, with 12 minutes left to play.

"We got into some foul trouble and had to go to the zone and

South Plains has some really good shooters," Chadwick said. "Offensively, what I saw that we weren't able to do was convert from coming down on the break to settling down and getting into our offense. We were maybe lacking patience there," Chadwick said.

The Lady Texans continued to stay close, but timely free throws by the Dusters, who weren't having a stellar night from the line either, kept the Lady Texans from mounting momentum.

The difference came when Pam Cox hit a pair of free throws and a field goal. The Dusters' lead increased to 10 points and South Plains could never seriously threaten again.

WTC was led by Brenda Welch who had 27 points. Pam Cox threw in 14 and Angela Jeans added 12 points.

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