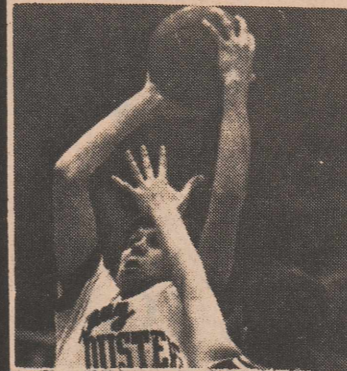




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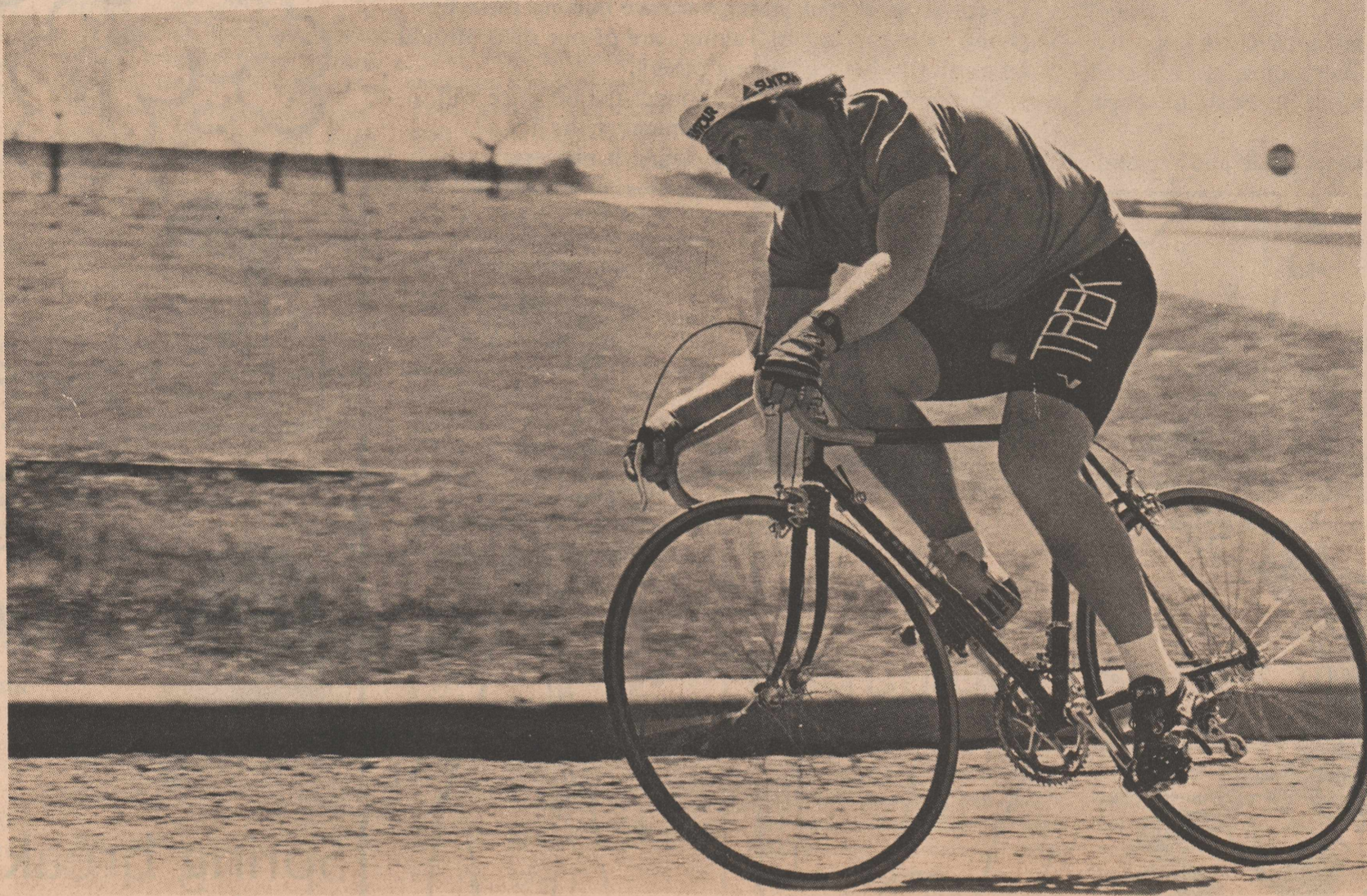
By Tom Long

As of February 28, there have been 28 to 30 applications received for the position of WTC President. The board will now screen and then interview the likely applicants.

In a story that ran March 4, in *The Snyder Daily News*, WTC Board President William A. Jones said the board "feels no immediate pressure" to make a decision.

Dr. Harry Krenek, acting chief executive officer, said the college is looking for someone with leadership and experience. They also need to be experienced in community colleges of this size and familiar with the type of economy in this area.

Krenek has applied for the position. Krenek has been here since 1972. He first served as a history professor and 4 years as Dean of Instructions.



RIDE'EM HIGH — Scott Arthur of Sweetwater rides his bike around campus to enjoy the spring weather.

—Photo by Jerry Snelling

Campus Briefs

Bake sale

On March 10, the Press Club is sponsoring a bake sale in the front of the Student Center. All types of baked goodies will be sold.

During activity period April 1-2, there will be a Faculty Knowledge Bowl, also sponsored by the Press Club in the Student Center. Each division will have a team of three to five members answering basic trivia questions.

A student may pledge \$1 to support a particular division or divisions. For the winning division and its supporters there will be a victory party sponsored by the Press Club.

For more information contact Lucy Herrera, Jerry Snelling or Tom Long at ext. 273/393.

All proceeds will go towards the journalism students' competition in Huntsville.

Texas teachers air grievances at rally

By Tom Long

On February 22, 1986, Texas teachers held a rally in Austin to speak out against education changes. Over 200 school districts were represented along with 2,000 teachers in attendance.

While there, the teachers placed a list of grievances on the door of the capital hoping that Governor Mark White might see them. No chance, the Governor was not seen throughout the rally.

In these grievances it said "the primary purpose of this conference is to make the public aware that the teachers are calling for new government leadership in

the state of Texas."

It goes on further to say that the teachers are tired of being verbally attacked, belittled and degraded by the governor. Many teachers feel that legislation has destroyed the dignity and creditability of the teaching profession.

Fifteen teachers from Snyder attended the conference. Doug Ward, Monahans teacher and coach, was the conference speaker and introduced each school district and read the grievances aloud. The Snyder teachers carried a banner which said, "Teachers are Competent,

Snyder ISD."

The conference began with five teachers in Monahans organizing the event in hope that all teachers in Texas would unite. It lasted about an hour and a half with 2,000 teachers on the steps of the capital.

Rudy Guterrez, third grade teacher at Snyder's Central Elementary, attended the conference. He felt he had a right to present grievances, along with other teachers, to the Governor. He also said not only teachers but churches, civic organizations and mainly the public must become united and aware of the laws af-

fecting education.

Dale and Elaine Byrd, also representing Snyder ISD, attended the conference and were very pleased with what took place.

Elaine Byrd, fifth grade teacher at Northeast Elementary, said all of these changes in education will not only hurt the education field, but will hurt the students. She also said many teachers never thought Gov. White's reforms would happen.

Guterrez and the Byrds agree that communities should question their congressmen and make sure the high school seniors are registered to vote and exercise

this right in the upcoming election.

But more important, they feel that the testing is unconstitutional along with many more new educational laws. Teachers teach students the law and they live within the law, but when a law is wrong, it is wrong and should not be taught.

Others teachers from Snyder ISD that attended the conference in Austin were Jim and Melissa Rosson, Vanessa Taylor, Malcom Crawford, Elizabeth Jenkins, Karen Ensor, Donna Bailey, Angel Duncan and Evelyn Young.

Up by 53

Enrollment rises

By Sandy Ross

Enrollment at WTC is up by 53 students over the fall semester. Those areas of increase include agriculture, word processing, welding, auto and diesel mechanics, criminal justice and nursing. In the case of nursing, at this time, spring enrollment is at the state maximum.

Bettie McQueen, Acting Dean of Instruction, attributes these increases to a variety of causes. In

the classes where enrollment is down includes journalism, music, real estate, computer science and petroleum. There are also a variety of causes in this area. In some cases, a depressed job market is a factor, as in petroleum technology and real estate.

McQueen also stated that saturation is a factor, in that within the college area, only a given number of people are in-

"Statistics and trends must be scrutinized over a period of several semesters before any concrete conclusions can be drawn about the future need of a program."

many cases, the increased enrollment is a result of the excellence of quality of the classes offered.

Another factor is the changing demands of the job market, such as in word processing. In spite of the depressed agricultural economy, enrollment is also up in the agricultural program. McQueen attributes this to the introduction of the judging team and the college farm.

terested in a particular program. Often enrollment will drop for a period of time and then gradually rise again.

There are no plans to cancel any low enrollment programs. "Statistics and trends must be scrutinized over a period of several semesters before any concrete conclusions can be drawn about the future need of a program," McQueen said.



ITS NOT THE OLYMPICS! — Terry Hunter, sophomore from Garland, receives a special medallion from Robyn Turner, PTK president. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Hunter claims newsletter award

By Sandy Ross

WTC sophomore Terry Hunter was honored at the Phi Theta Kappa state convention with a communications award for his reports to *The Texan*, the PTK state newsletter. It is

Dr. Mary Hood, local PTK sponsor, spoke with Dr. Margaret Simpson, the Alpha published by Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter, San Antonio.

Gamma Zeta chapter sponsor, and Renae Slagle, chapter president. Hood noted that both Simpson and Slagle were "lavish" in their praise toward Hunter's work.

Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, was named to the Texas Sponsor's Advisory Committee. Dr. Mary Hood, Director of Counseling

Services, was named to the Texas Sponsor's Hall of Honor.

Outgoing state officers, including WTC sophomore Kathy Rhodes, who served as state secretary, were presented with medallions and a pair of custom made boots by the El Paso chapter, who hosted this year's convention.

Puttin on the lips

The Student Senate has planned several activities for March. The senate entertainment committee is sponsoring another "Puttin On The Lips" contest March 11 in the Fine Arts Theater at 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for entering is March 11. Prizes will be awarded to the top three places.

The senate dance committee is sponsoring a Toga Dance, March 13, from 8:30-12. Dr. Toons is providing the music.

Prizes will be given in the following categories: Most Greek, Most Original and Best Couple.

Rock videos will be shown weekly, as a courtesy of the special effects committee. The committee plans to show the videos during activity period in the student center and in the dorm if approved by dorm residents.

Survivor, The Motels, ELO, Bob Dylan, Autograph and Ray Parker Jr. are being featured this week.

Golf places third

The WTC golf team placed seventh after 18 holes in the Baylor University Invitational Golf Tournament last weekend.

Twenty colleges and universities were entered in the tourney at the Cottonwood Golf Course.

Mike Harrison of WTC led the Westerners with an 82. Co-captains Pat Fitzpatrick and Bo Kay shot 83's. Matt Smith also had 83 and Brent Wilson turned in 86.

Perspectives

Editorial

Imported oil causes loss to Texas

As oil prices have plunged to an alarming low, oil producing states (Texas, Oklahoma and Alaska) are wondering how the low oil price will effect their oil dominated economy.

The state of Texas could lose billions of dollars in tax revenues if oil prices drop any further. Overall, the state could stand to lose 280,000 jobs in the oil related industry. On the other hand, Texans could see gas prices fall at the pumps.

The US has been drastically hurt by the international oil market. Saudi Arabia will sell more oil at a cheaper price and still increase production.

Some states are wanting to put a tariff on imported oil to equal the loss. But the other states, not affected by falling oil prices, are wanting to purchase the cheap, untaxed imported oil.

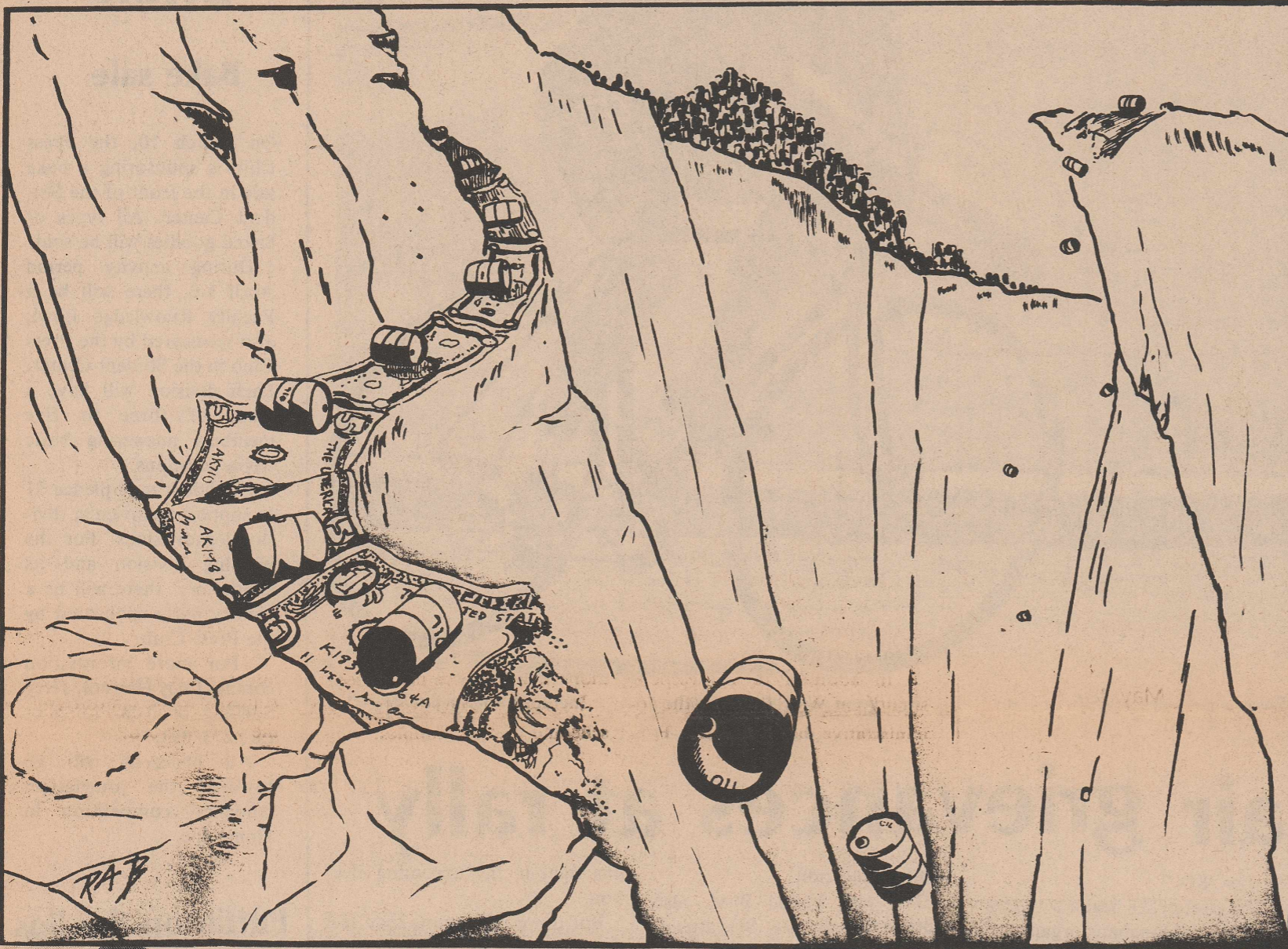
The states should put differences aside and remember

that all states make up a union. As for the Saudi's, we talk about sanctions here and there, well, here is one good place for sanctions against that country. Even though they may have most of the oil, we have most of the food.

The US should put an across-the-board tariff on all imported oil to subsidize our loss, if we are going to do business with them.

Besides the states hurting, there are nine major banks who could stand to lose \$26.1 billion from oil related loans to foreign countries. These countries look to the US for support, but perhaps we are hurting them by giving them too much. Taking care of our own, should be a priority before helping others.

No one knows how much longer the oil price will drop but Americans should remember the TV commercial that says, "Buy USA, it matters."



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Competency test creates controversy

Education is a very touchy subject to most Texans. Education in Texas has seen more changes in the past two years than in the past decade.

March 10 is the day of reckoning for Texas teachers as they take their competency test. If by some chance they fail their test, they may retake it in June. If they fail again, they may apply for a waiver and take the test three more times as needed.

On Feb. 21, the Texas State Teacher's Association and National Educator's Association brought suit to declare the test unconstitutional. The lawsuit was

presented in Travis County courts and the reasons for the unconstitutionality included Contract Impairment, Article 1, Section 16 and Equal Rights, Article 1, Section 3 and 19.

Thomas Strayhorn, Snyder TSTA president, noted that the public needs to know that Mark White was just one of the legislators who pushed the competency test. He said other supporters of the bill were Ray Farabee and Steve Carriker.

Having legislators on the Board of Education instead of teachers is what is wrong with education in Texas. They talk

about testing the students and teachers for competency. Why not test the governor and other legislators? I think teachers will be more than pleased to make their test out.

Morale is lower than Texas teachers have ever seen. Instead of teaching students, teachers must fill our papers, read and try to interpret House Bill 72.

This is causing many teachers to leave the profession. What will happen when old founding blocks of education leave? I guess we can get Mark White and H. Ross Perot to fill in until the Germans get here.

In order to solve education problems, legislators must realize they cannot pass laws about education when they are not educators. I agree that changes were needed, but in a slow process, not in one year.

The "no pass, no play" rule is a good "idea" but it needs more work. Coming from a small school, I can see that this rule destroys all extra curricular criteria. The old saying, "where there's a will, there's a way", holds true. We may not be able to change the present, but we can certainly change the future in November.

Off Beat

Kathy Hendrix



Spring break defined; student opinions differ

What do you think of when people say Fort Lauderdale or Padre Island? Well, I think of Spring Break!

It is that time of the year again when all of the college students are supposed to run wild. But what does Spring Break actually mean to most of us?

To me it means going to the beach and going to parties. And of course, just being lazy for a whole week!

"Terry, my parents and I will probably spend spring break at the lake," said Terry Harbin, freshman from Monahans.

"I am going to east Texas to the lake and spend some time with my cousin," Freshman Shelia Benson said.

These are just a few "definitions" of spring break, but not everyone's break is all fun and games. You probably won't believe me, but some people have to WORK.

When I started to try to figure out what I am going to do over spring break, I am totally at a loss. I have watched the TV shows about spring break and to

me, it just doesn't seem that it would be fun to be thrown in jail.

I could be thrown in jail here if I wanted to do that. Half of the students at WTC have already visited Snyder's lovely jail house it seems.

Money is really what holds many college students back from going far. College is so expensive and when you try to tell your parents that going to Padre Island is an educational experience, it really doesn't sink it with them.

So, instead of going somewhere that sounds like a typical spring break paradise, many of us will be catching up on our sleep and homework and spending time with our families.

Some students may have their spring break dampened by having to work on the "dreaded" research paper.

If you are one of the lucky ones who is going to Ft. Lauderdale, Padre Island, Ruidoso, Dallas or even No Trees Texas, look around carefully, because you may just see a WTC student just running wild.

'Bugs' come to life

By Tom Long

On Monday night, Feb. 24, the WTC drama department performed its final showing of "The Backyard Story". This play is a children's story about basic bugs in the backyard coming to life.

The actors and actresses reached the "child" within the audience. Each bug's personality brought their character out very well.

As I looked across the auditorium at the children's faces I saw how absorbed they were in the buggy characters. Their eyes gleamed with joy when Spider Spivak (Ken Livingston), went into the audience and sang to them.

Joan Collilns—look out—here comes Voracious Vera (Theresa Rodriguez) who is even more mean and spiteful, but does have just a touch of class. Her table manners and song made the au-

dience roll in their seats.

Arson Garson (Bobby Mendez) was the Rambo of the backyard. Dalila Carrasco portrayed Mendez, the south of the border bug with a sharp stinger.

The play itself was very well acted. The actors and actresses energized the stage with their performances. Each bug had a different dialect with was very effective in their character portrayal.

The people who worked with the music, lighting, curtain, and props did more than their share to put on a great production. If tonight was an awards presentation I would give "The Backyard Story" an Academy Award and all involved with it an Oscar for their efforts.

If you did not catch the play, in short, you should have. It was just a basic boogie about your basic backyard bug.

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On Campus



Counselor's Corner

Dan Osborne

Preparation assists transition

This spring many Western Texas College students will be graduating and getting ready to transfer to a four year college or university. The transition can be smooth and well planned or traumatic and frustrating depending upon your preparation this semester!

Here are some tips to put the odds in your favor for an efficient move.

1. Know your deadlines!

Several Texas schools have early application deadlines for admissions, financial aid and/or housing. Late applications can cause delays, hassles and even failure to receive these services.

Now is the time to apply for financial aid for next fall, regardless of your choice of schools. Many scholarships will go to those who apply early enough in the spring. College

catalogues will inform you of these deadlines.

2. Take advantage of SUMMER ORIENTATION Programs!

Texas Tech, Angelo State and other schools offer special meetings for transfer students in the summer. Often, you can pre-register at this time and avoid those long lines during fall registration.

3. Visit the campus of any school you are considering going to. Spring break would be an excellent time to talk with admissions officers and deans at your prospective university. They can assist with the paperwork early instead of during the fall rush when many students are standing at their doors.

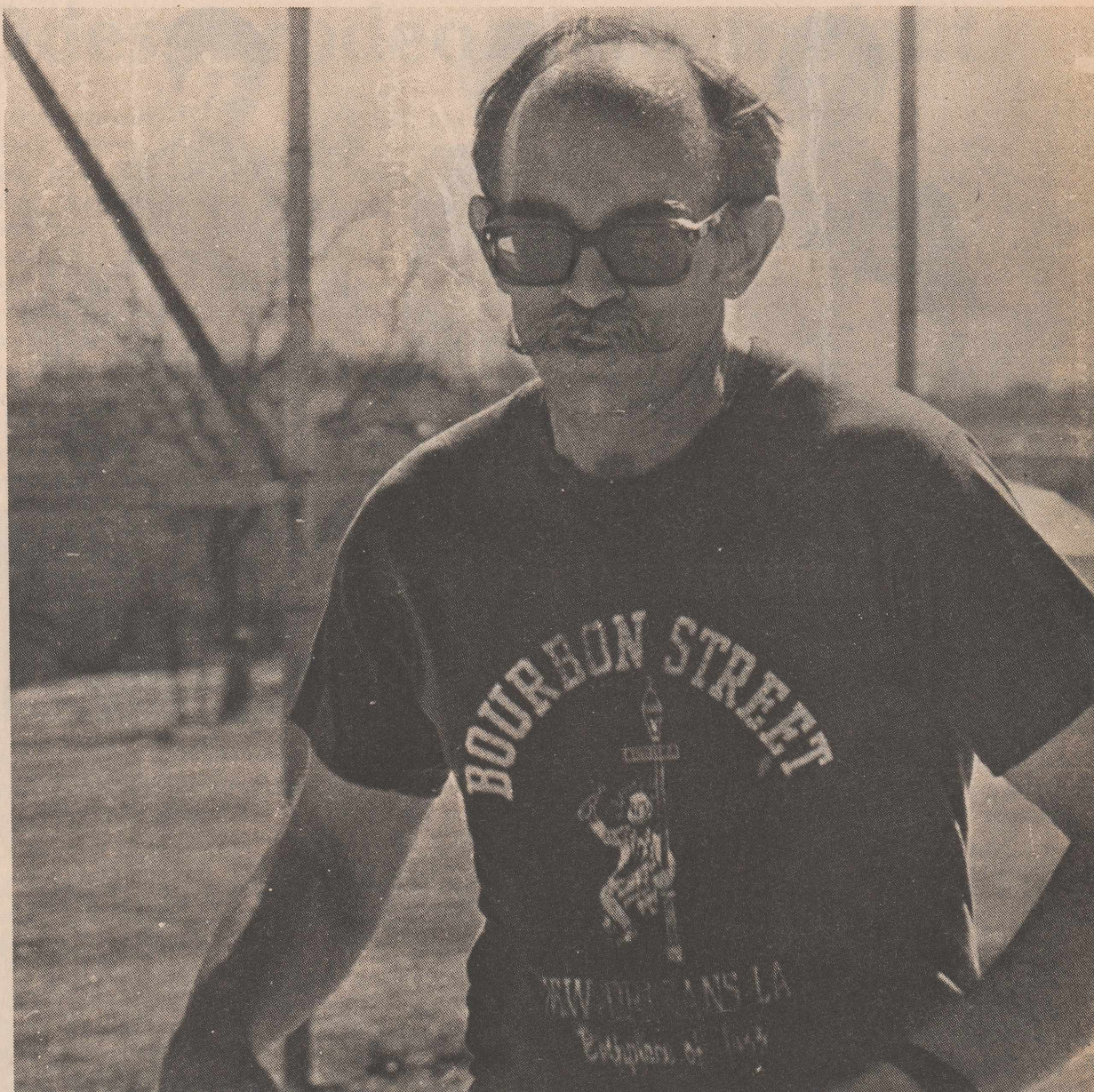
Be sure and take along a copy of your WTC transcript.

4. If you are going into

business, education or health science, you may need to make a separate application to these departments to take junior level courses. Be aware of these extra requirements.

The WTC Counseling Center maintains catalogues for most Texas schools. The Counseling staff will be happy to help you find out more about deadlines, summer orientation programs, arrange campus interviews with key administrators, or determine which application materials are required.

We also maintain a course equivalency guide which can help determine which WTC courses best transfer into a particular degree program. You can identify any deficiencies that might be made up in summer school prior to enrolling in junior level coursework.



ON THE RUN — Dr. Edward Barkowsky, English instructor and Communications and Letters Division Chairperson, jogs daily to keep physically fit.

—Photo by Jerry Snelling

Application Deadlines

	Admissions	Housing	Financial Aid
Angelo State	August 18	July 15	April 15
Baylor	April 1	April 1	March 1
East Texas State	August 8		June 1
North Texas State	July 19		June 1
Southwest Texas (San Marcos)	August 10		May 1
Tarleton			
Texas Tech	August 15	before June	April 1
UT Austin	March 1		

Instructor possesses varied talents

By Sandy Ross

Dr. Edward Barkowsky, English instructor and Communication and Letters division chairperson, is a man of varied interests and talents.

In addition to his responsibilities at WTC, he is on the administrative board of the First Methodist Church, secretary of the Snyder High School Band Boosters and serves as vice-president of the West Texas Council of Girl Scouts of America.

"I feel that I have an obligation to give back to the organizations that give to me and my

family," Barkowsky said.

He loves teaching, and has taught for twenty years. He feels that the community college is the most exciting place to teach, because he is able to become more involved with his students.

Included in Barkowsky's busy schedule are his hobbies, which include gardening, reading running and photography. He has been able to use his photography in his classroom.

Two summers ago, while attending a workshop in New England, he did extensive photography in the Boston area, including Walden Pond. He uses

these slides in conjunction with the study of the works of Thoreau.

In his writing classes, Barkowsky tries to instill a feeling in his students that "writing is not to be feared". He wants his students to be comfortable with the written word.

Above all he tries to use literature to open the minds of his students to new ideas and attitudes.

Barkowsky's wife, Judy, is a third grade teacher in the Snyder school system. He has two daughters. Lisa is 17 years old and Holly, 13.

Food committee discusses changes

By Kathy Hendrix

At the food committee meeting, Feb. 11, these changes and suggestions were discussed:

1. The labels to identify dressings on the salad bar on still on order.

2. The buns for hotdogs and hamburgers are now being kept in a storage box behind the serving line as a result of complaints of them being stale and hard.

3. A new line for special order eggs is helping to speed up the serving line at breakfast.

4. The Feedback board was moved upstairs in the student

center by the bulletin board.

5. Pork schnitzel and roast pork have had more fat content than most students wanted and these menu items are to be replaced with 1/4lb. charbroiled hamburgers and roast turkey.

6. Some of the committee members expressed that chow mein tasted different and it is to be rotated different weeks with beef and stir fry vegetables.

7. Some requested that biscuits and gravy be placed on the serving line for evening meals, but nothing was decided on that issue.

8. A microwave was purchased

and placed in the cafeteria at the request of the food committee.

"I think the food committee has helped a little with the way the food tastes," Dana Maldonado of Sweetwater, said.

Students on the food committee are Tim Long of Aspermont; Ed Coppage of Crosbyton; Scott Sawyer of El Paso; Eric Lundering of Clovis, NM; Ellen Walker of Roby; Pam Cox of San Antonio; Cliff Langford of Baton Rouge, LA; Barbara Daniel of Rotan; Kathy Hendrix of Iraan; Lydia Deleon of Spur and Marc McDaniel and Bobby Mendez of Lubbock.

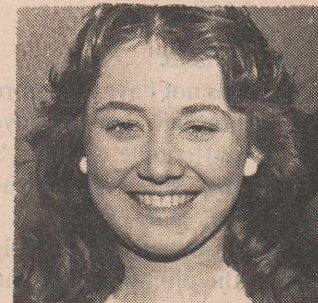
What do you think?

By Shelia Benson



"I think once you have a certificate that you should be guaranteed for a lifetime. I also feel that, if a test is necessary, English teachers should be tested only in English, math teachers on math material, etc.

Freddie Villa
Haskell, Tx.



"I feel there should be a test of some type but there is more to teaching than knowledge in books. Each teacher has their own way of teaching and I feel this is important when considering whether they should be able to teach or not.

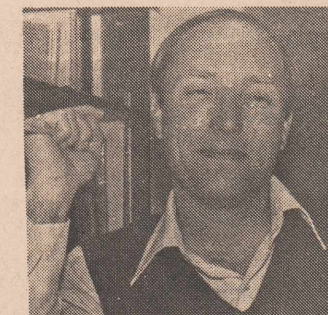
Steph Reed
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How do you feel about the competency test for public school teachers?



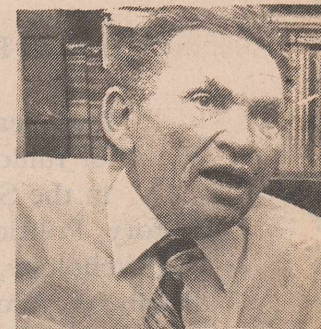
"I feel that a lot of the teachers' positions are going to be at stake. There is something that needs to be done, but this one test is not the answer.

Mary Hood
WTC Director of Counseling



"I don't believe in giving teachers competency tests. Texas has one of the best educational systems for preparing teachers. I hope that the TECAT test will be declared unconstitutional.

Dan Osborne
WTC Counselor



"I feel that since almost all professional jobs such as legal or medical professions have to take some sort of exam, teachers should too. Successful teachers should be exempted from the test.

Franklin Pruitt
History professor, WTC

Texas Trivia

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News



CLEAN SWEEP — The WTC judging team won both the men's and women's division at the National Hampshire Swine Judging contest in Sweetwater. Shown with their trophies are (front) Ann Davis, Phillip Carter, and Charlotte Garrett. (back) Barry Ezra, Paul Kruse and Tim Long. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Judging team wins top honors

By Shelia Benson

The WTC Livestock Judging team brought home top honors in the Houston Intercollegiate Meat Judging contest last week. The team tied for first place in the pork division, fourth in lamb judging and sixth in beef judging. Phillip Carter of Ira captured high individual honors. Tim Long of Aspermont was fourth in

the pork judging and Barry Ezra of Ira placed eighth in pork judging. April Wilson of Big Spring was also on the team. Fourteen colleges competed in the contest. Eastern Oklahoma State won the contest. The team recently took top honors at the National Hampshire Swine Judging contest in Sweetwater. Abilene Christian

University came in second. In the individual competition, Carter was named high individual with teammate Ezra securing second place. Long was fourth and Paul Kruse came in fifth place. In the women's competition Charlotte Garrett of Santa Anna was named high individual and Ann Davis of Sweetwater was second high individual.

March 9-15...

Financial aid awareness week set

AUSTIN—Governor Mark White has joined the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) in proclaiming March 9-15, 1986, as Financial Aid Awareness Week in Texas. In a message signed on February 13, Governor White encouraged parents, students community leaders and educators to support and participate in appropriate activities.

Herb Brubaker, Associate Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid at Texas Christian University, and president of

TASFAA, notes: "Many people do not plan for education beyond high school because they are unaware of resources available to them for education and training. Others are unable to obtain career advancement or do not consider a career change because they lack proper training or education. Without awareness that financial aid programs are available to assist them, their career goals may never be attained."

Student aid programs for postsecondary education are numerous, and the application

may seem complicated. Aid officers during Financial Aid Awareness Week plan special efforts to answer the public's questions regarding resources to finance training and education beyond high school. TASFAA has asked guidance offices at high schools to join the efforts. As a special activity financial aid offices will remain open until 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.

According to WTC financial aid secretary Tammy Wesson, the financial aid office will be answering the phones on that day from 6 to 9 p.m. in conjunction

with the state-wide observance. The financial aid offices at proprietary schools, colleges and universities have funds available as scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. These funds are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need (some may be on the basis of merit), college cost and availability of funds. The funds may be used for approved programs at technical, colleges and universities. There are no age limitations and most funds may be used for attendance on a part-time basis.

Hopkins seeks water solution

By Kathy Hendrix

"WTC does not have any more of a water problem than we have had in the last couple of years," Rex Hopkins, director of the physical plant, said.

Hopkins also said that the big problem is the piping system and replumbing the dorms will be the only way to correct that.

When repairs are necessary on the pipes they almost always caused by the pipes rusting through. This is because the pipes

are full of scaly material, Hopkins said. This is also the reason that the hot water pressure is so low, because it is blocking pipes, Hopkins added.

A plumbing company was called in last week to check out the problem and estimate the cost of re-plumbing the entire dorm. This estimate is due in later this week. It is almost certain that a major overhaul of the dorm pipes is the only way to correct the water problem, Hopkins said.

"I don't think that there is any danger from the water itself, but just in case we sent the water to a lab in Lubbock," Hopkins said. "We should have the results back this week sometime. I am almost positive that all that is in the water is iron oxide and that is not harmful."

Cold water is another problem in the dorm, but maintenance does not know exactly what is wrong. According to Hopkins, when the water leaves the storage

tank it is 120 degrees. "We had a similar problem last year and we ran tests to see if we could figure out what is wrong, but we didn't," Hopkins said. "We will be running some more tests to try to solve this problem." "I think that they should redo the whole system, because it is really bad when you have to take a shower at night. In the morning the water is cold," Mitzi Halmark of Loraine, said.

Student aid funds unsure

By Richard Knox

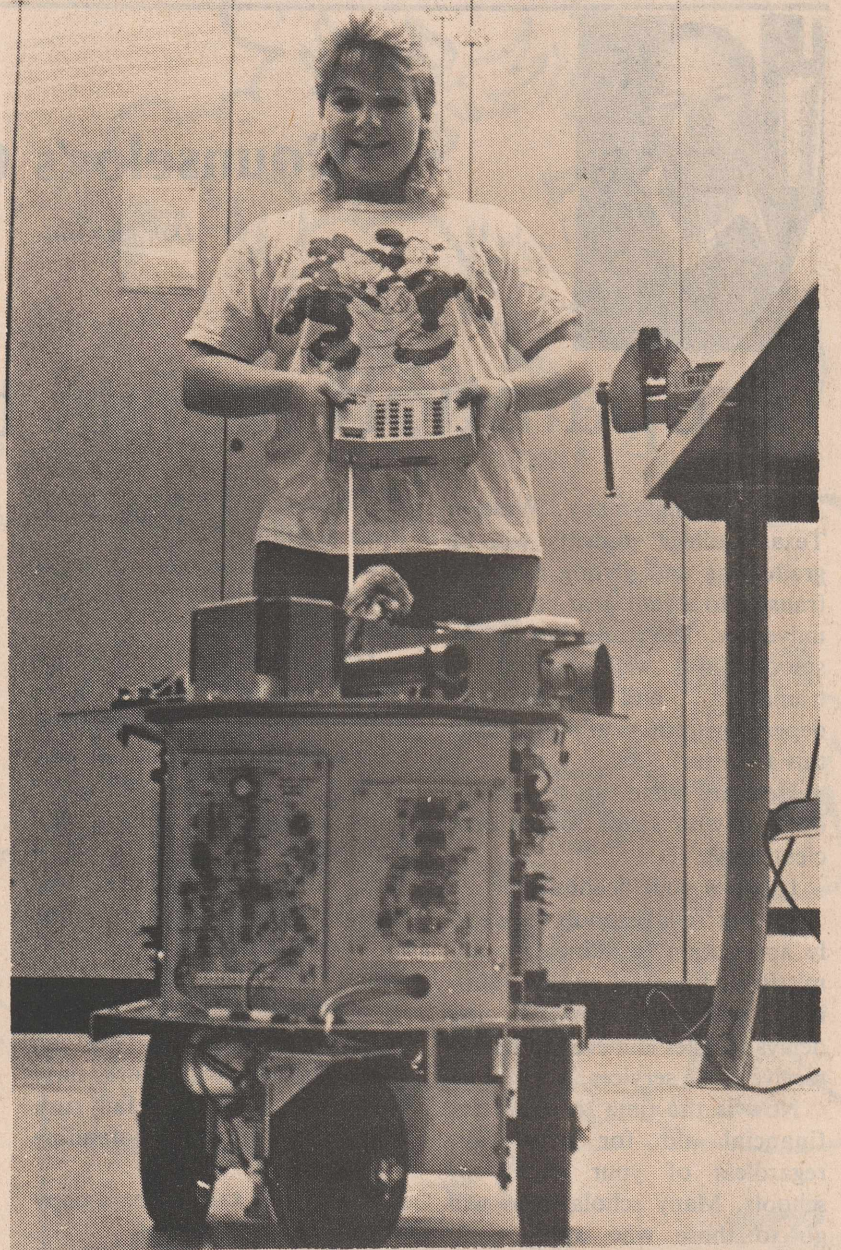
According to Dr. Jim Tully, director of student financial aid, there is no assurance that the tentative financial aid award for the 1986-87 fiscal year will be appropriated.

Tully had reported earlier that a tentative financial aid award had been received by the college for next year totalling \$49,218 in college work study, \$8,746 in supplemental educational opportunity grants and \$5,247 in supplemental education opportunity grants.

Tully received information that analyzed the impact of the administration's FY 87 budget cuts to student financial assistance programs in the Feb. 10 issue of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' newsletter.

The newsletter states, "Proposed FY 86 rescissions combined with the 4.3 percent Gramm/Rudman/Hollings sequestration would reduce student aid funding from amounts already appropriated by some \$635 million affecting approximately 1,026,000 student awards. The reduction cuts total 13.6 percent."

Tully expects to hear more budget cut details in the near future concerning the different types of student financial aid and how they will affect WTC.



WALK HERO! — Dana Collins of Sweetwater looks very proud of the robot she has helped to make. Hero will make his debut soon. —Photo by Jeanne Richardson

Chamber of Chamber Banquet

March 15

Tickets: \$15.00

Office major offered

By Robin Huntsman and Tom Long

Western Texas College is now offering a two-year major in word processing. WTC is one of six community colleges in the state offering a two-year major in this new program, with the approval from the coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

Joann Snider, office career instructor, said, "Word processing has become a crucial component in today's office. It is a system consisting of electronic office equipment and procedures used by specially trained employees to prepare all types of data."

This program is designed to provide students with marketable skills in the five phases of word processing, input, processing,

output, distribution/communication and storage/retrieval. According to Snider, the enrollment has increased.

"The word processing degree deals more with the computer and is more of a modern degree," Snider said.

Word processing student, Belinda Clayton of Muleshoe, said jobs will become more available since it is a new field. She said, "The word processor can do more work in less time and the college should expand the field. I hope to get a job with a large company that totally utilizes word processing."

Snider said word processing is just not something for business majors to take. "Word processing will help in almost any career," she said.

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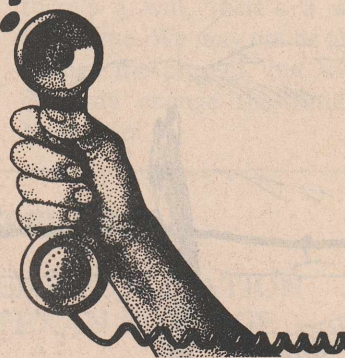
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Lee Burke

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Interesting Facts about Nutrition and Fitness
Did You Know?

*A fast food lunch of a quarter pound cheese burger, fries and a shake has more than 1,000 calories. That's about 40 percent of a 165 pound man's needs each day and 60 percent of a 128 pound woman's. The meal also "provides" a teaspoon of salt plus 10 teaspoons of fat.

*National consumption of table sugar is now at the lowest level ever recorded. An annual 68 pounds per person. But over-all consumption of food sweeteners with calories, including refined sugar and corn syrup, is at an all-time high of 143 pounds per person.

*That one hour of vigorous basketball burns about 1,000 calories, the same as 60 minutes of racquetball.

*That sit-ups will not remove midriff fat and that spot reducing is a fallacy.

*That women add fat in their thighs first, then hips, abdomen and upper body. When dieting, it usually comes off in reverse order.

*That the best way to reduce fat in your body is to reduce fat in your diet.

*Fat has more than twice the calories of protein or carbohydrates.

Odessa rodeo starts tonight

By David Stewart

The Western Texas College rodeo team will be in action tonight as the Odessa College NIRA rodeo kicks off the spring schedule.

Members of the men's team that will be competing include Mike Carrillo, Bliss Mayhan, Wes Henderson, Shawn Goemer, Robert Turner, Jeff Gilbert, Cleat Stephens, Cody Everett, Tobin Tate, Cody Foster, Thad Springer, Jess Burner, Jim

Smith, Joel Marr, Todd Donley, Clay Cass, Jim Forbes, Adam Brewster, Paul Ivy, Keith Hudson, Paul Yorks, Chuck Smith, Ben Reynolds, Mike Dunbar, Don Eddleman, Todd Small, Brent Burton, and Baxter Kirkland.

Donnie Yorks bruised his arm badly in practice and is questionable. Tony Hecksher continues to battle back after he separated his shoulder last December and hopes to be back

in action. The WTC women's team includes Mistri Davis, Tana Whatley, Niki Moist, Shelly Elridge, Roxie Holloway, and Wendy Lunsford.

Spring Schedule

Odessa	March 6-9
Howard	April 3-6
NMJC	April 10-13
WTC	April 17-20
HSU	April 24-27
TSU	May 8-11



LOOK AT THE HARDWARE — Melinda Ramirez and Mistri Davis admire the belt buckle that will be given to this year's rodeo queen during the NIRA rodeo in April. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Queen contest deadlines April 1

By David Stewart

April 1 is the deadline for any WTC female student who wishes to enter the Rodeo Queen Contest.

The student must be in good standing with the school. She must be a full-time student and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. Some of the duties and responsibilities of the rodeo queen include promoting the rodeo and selling tickets for the event.

To be one of the finalists, the contestant must sell a minimum amount of rodeo tickets. Tickets will also be on sale by team members and in local stores. The rodeo queen will be selected by vote of the rodeo club.

All contestants will be introduced Thursday, April 17, during the first night of the rodeo and the queen will be announced then. The queen will receive the title and a \$400 belt buckle. The

queen will then ride in each rodeo performance.

All information for signing up is available in the student activities office. Photos will be taken at that time. Also, the office will give information on ticket buyers from previous years.

A meeting is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. during activity period on April 1 for photos and a briefing on the contest.

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Sports



Sports Spotlight

Dave Stewart

Athletes' drug use haunts profession

Today when you turn on the television or turn to the sports pages of a newspaper, it seems that almost every day somebody is linked to drugs.

Whether we like to admit it or not, drugs are a big issue in sports. Just recently Micheal Ray Richardson, a star player for the New Jersey Nets, was permanently banned from the NBA.

When a star player like this is kicked out, it will certainly shake up a lot of people, but it is not going to stop drug use. Sports is a mirror of society and drugs are going to be around all the time.

Baseball has a continuing problem with drugs. Some big name players including Keith Hernandez and Dale Berra have admitted to cocaine use earlier in their career.

The Chicago Bears won the super bowl and made football fun again. As soon as the season ended, about a dozen Patriot players were linked to drugs. Football was marred again.

People have to realize that the athletes are human beings under a lot of pressure and virtually all of them can afford any drug they want or need. Drugs are present in society and sports personalities are members of society.

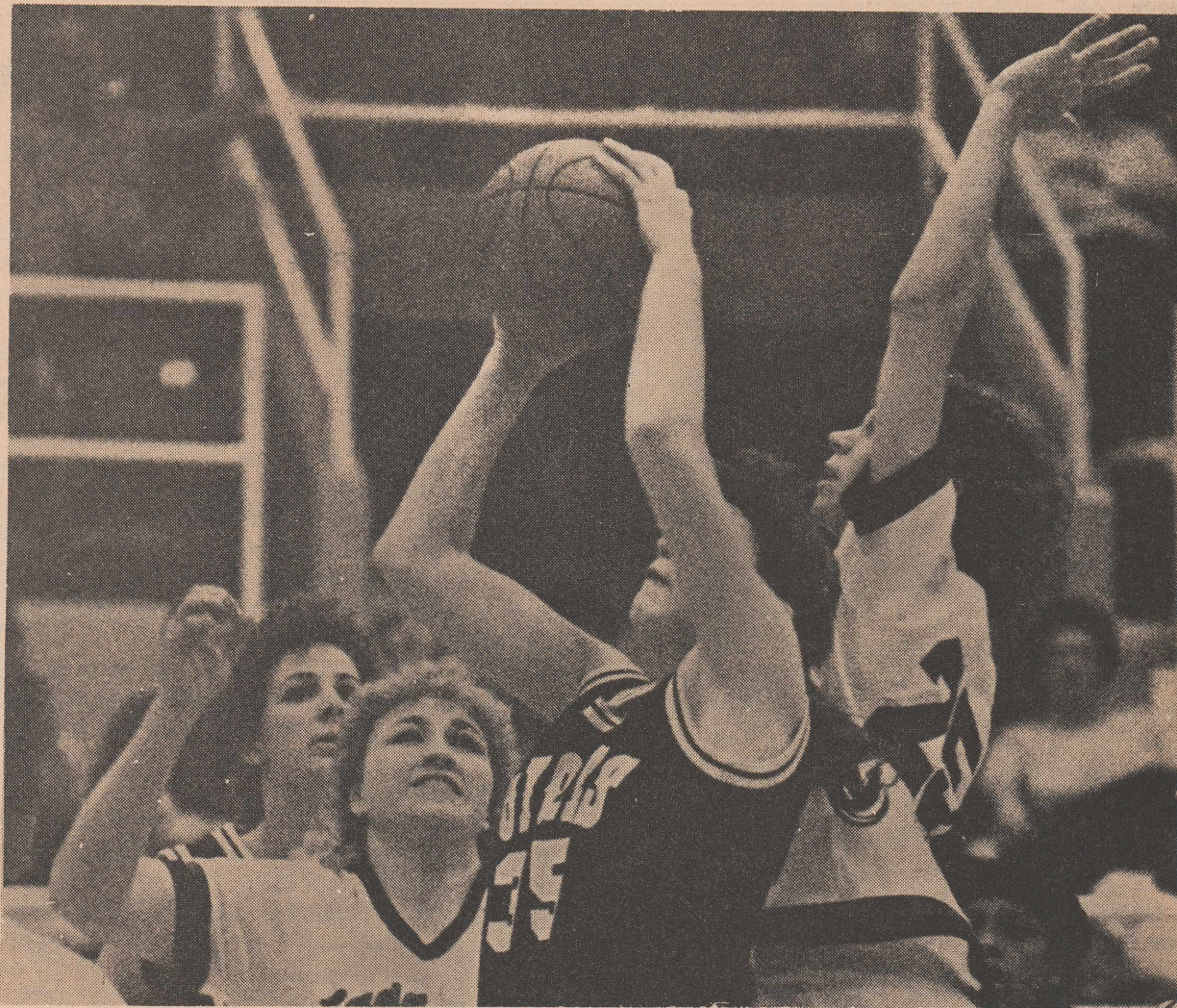
The main problem is that sports stars are watched by many people, especially young people. This is the price they must pay for fame.

A professional athlete has to be strong enough to stand up and be a role model for society. If sports are cleaned up, maybe society will get cleaned up as well.

What happened to Micheal Ray Richardson may seem like a tragedy now, but if it influences others to clean up their act, then, it is worth it. If the young people who watched Richardson play, see what drugs did to his career, maybe they will think twice about taking drugs. Richardson will need help to get his life back in order, but he can make it.

Maybe if the New Jersey Nets organization would have kept him out for a while and really helped him, he would be playing today. It seemed like all they wanted was to get him in shape to play and then watch him get back on drugs again.

If other sports get as tough about drugs as the NBA, maybe it will make a difference both in sports and in society as a whole.



BLOCK THAT SHOT — Dusters show their winning ability against Weatherford Tuesday night. They defeated the coyotes to advance —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Dusters move one step closer

The WTC Dusters are one game away from Nationals. They outlasted the Clarendon Lady Bulldogs last night 69-49. They play the Odessa-McLennan winner in the Region V Women Junior College Championship game today at 7 p.m. on their home court at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The Dusters opened post-season play Tuesday night with a 75-51 victory over the Weatherford Lady Coyotes. Leading scores were Pam Cox and Angela Jeans with 20 points.

"Our defense played excellent, but we were hyper on offense," said Diana Quincy.

"If we use our heads and play like we know how, we will win. We can beat this team; no doubt about it," added Quincy about Clarendon prior to playing the game.

The Dusters finished the regular season with a record of 23-8 and a second place finish in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 9-3 standing after they slipped by South Plains 65-63. They were

lead by Pam Cox who pumped in 20 points.

In the other semi-final game, South Plains was pitted against Odessa, the nation's number one team.

"We will not quit until the end of the tournament," concluded Quincy.

Duster Coach Kelly Chadwick has been coaching in the WJCAC for eight years and has qualified for the tournament each year. He has won it three times.

Westerners acquire tourney berth

By Eddy Lopez

The Westerners hope to break a two-game losing streak tonight, as they compete in their first game of the NJCAA Region V Tourney. They face the Grayson County College Vikings at 9 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Finishing the regular season with a record of 19-10, the Westerners netted a third place tourney berth.

The Westerners will be without

their starting guard, Alvin Hicks of Richmond, VA, who is sidelined by an injury resulting from the Midland game, Feb. 24.

"He is our point-guard, but there is nothing we can do about his injury. The other guys will pull through," Coach Phil Spradling said. "We are not going to quit."

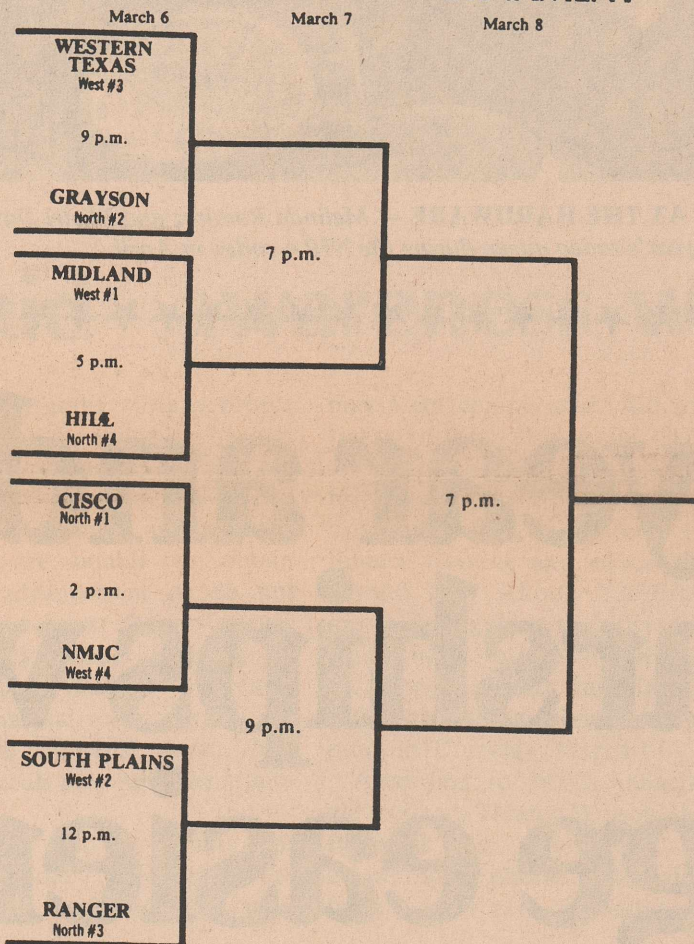
Midland College's Chaparrals, the nation's third ranked team,

squares off against Hill Junior College at 1 p.m. today. The Chaps are boasting their longest winning streak ever of 30-0.

The finals are scheduled for Saturday. "Any one of the teams could be there and hopefully we will be one of them," Spradling said.

Four men's games are scheduled for today. See the bracket for more tourney action.

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