



**Inside** Student help needed  
See ATTENTION page 2

*"Writing Across the Curriculum"*

**Project emphasizes writing skills**

**Howard Bigham**  
WT Reporter

"Writing Across the Curriculum" is a research project being implemented in occupational and technical courses at Western Texas College.

The project is being directed by professors at Texas Tech. The project is designed to study the various ways and means that writing can be incorporated into occupational and technical courses.

The project came about as the result of the recent national concern about the high rate of illiteracy within the work force.

Professors at Tech began their research "to improve the reading and writing of students in the

vocational programs, at least that's my understanding of the project," said Janet Halbert, WTC English professor and project participant.

According to Annette Williams, mid-management instructor, "the guidelines are very general... and apparently work more as suggestions for means to insert more understanding of the importance of writing, reading and comprehension of material used in any career field."

Some of the instructors participating in "Writing Across the Curriculum" are Williams, Ray Robbins, Lonnie Buck, Halbert and Richard Lancaster.

Williams' management seminar class utilizes the guidelines in group work,

analysis, discussion with individual and group written reports on assignments.

"The response I've been getting from this class has been encouraging and interesting. They seem very motivated," said Williams. "We're having a great semester with it."

Classes from business management, welding, automotive and diesel mechanics are participating in the program. "They are providing many different views of the material," added Williams.

Robbins, in the criminal/court evidence class he teaches, uses the guidelines from "Writing Across the Curriculum" to improve understanding and writing of briefs and evidence collection, just as they would have to for

court presentation.

Robbins said, "I'm fully in favor of the 'Writing Across the Curriculum' concept."

Buck applies the concept in his automotive classes by having the students write "clear detailed reports outlining the repairs and parts needed and estimating time required for the job."

After completing the repairs the students write a report on what was actually done. In this manner, Buck hopes to enable the students to better communicate with customers and supervisors as well as other mechanics.

"The students are learning to communicate as well as learning to fill out the job tickets used in the shops," Buck said.

**Building prison good for college, city**

**By Tom Long**  
WT Editor

**By Suzette Harris**  
WT Associate Editor

Several community leaders spoke to the mid-management and criminal justice classes Monday night about the possibility of Scurry County obtaining a correctional institution.

Rod Waller, mayor; Keith Collier, county sheriff and Jack Denman, chamber committee member explained how the idea was brought about. The idea of the prison was founded last February to give Snyder the economic boost it needed.

The projected institution would be a 1000-bed unit and bring 300 jobs into Snyder with an annual payroll of \$6 million. Most importantly, Denman noted, it would reduce the tax rate by \$39.

According to Denman, education will play a very integral role with the prison. Denman said according to prison studies, a large segment of prisoners have not been educated. A need exists to provide them with an education. Out of 27 prisons in Texas, 25 operate on agreement with a

junior college.

Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, noted the possibility of WTC faculty teaching inside the prison. "We have high hopes of helping to educate the prisoners," McQueen said. "The prison could be very beneficial to WTC as a whole," she added.

public support," Denman said. "The public's support is a very important factor in receiving the institute. We feel like we have a good chance to get a facility here," he added.

The 1000-bed unit will either be funded by the state or through a private ownership firm. One ad-

cheaper than the state," Denman said.

On the other hand, if the state built the unit they would not buy the land. Texas already owns 66 thousand acres of land.

Denman noted the site would have to be near the city limits for water, gas and sewage facility. When the prison site is chosen, it would take approximately 6 to 7 months with a private unit at 25 percent cheaper on cost.

The decision for the site will be made in about 140 days. The state will have to appropriate the funds and the Texas Department of Corrections Board (TDC) will vote. The governor will need to make three appointments to that board before the final decision can be made.

Collier said if the facility comes to Snyder, it will be a minimum to medium security. "This type of security handles offenders of not too serious crimes and with good TDC records," Collier said.

"We have found nothing negative about it (the prison). The positive side far out weighs any negative points," Denman said. "We wouldn't intentionally bring anything that would hurt Scurry County," he added.

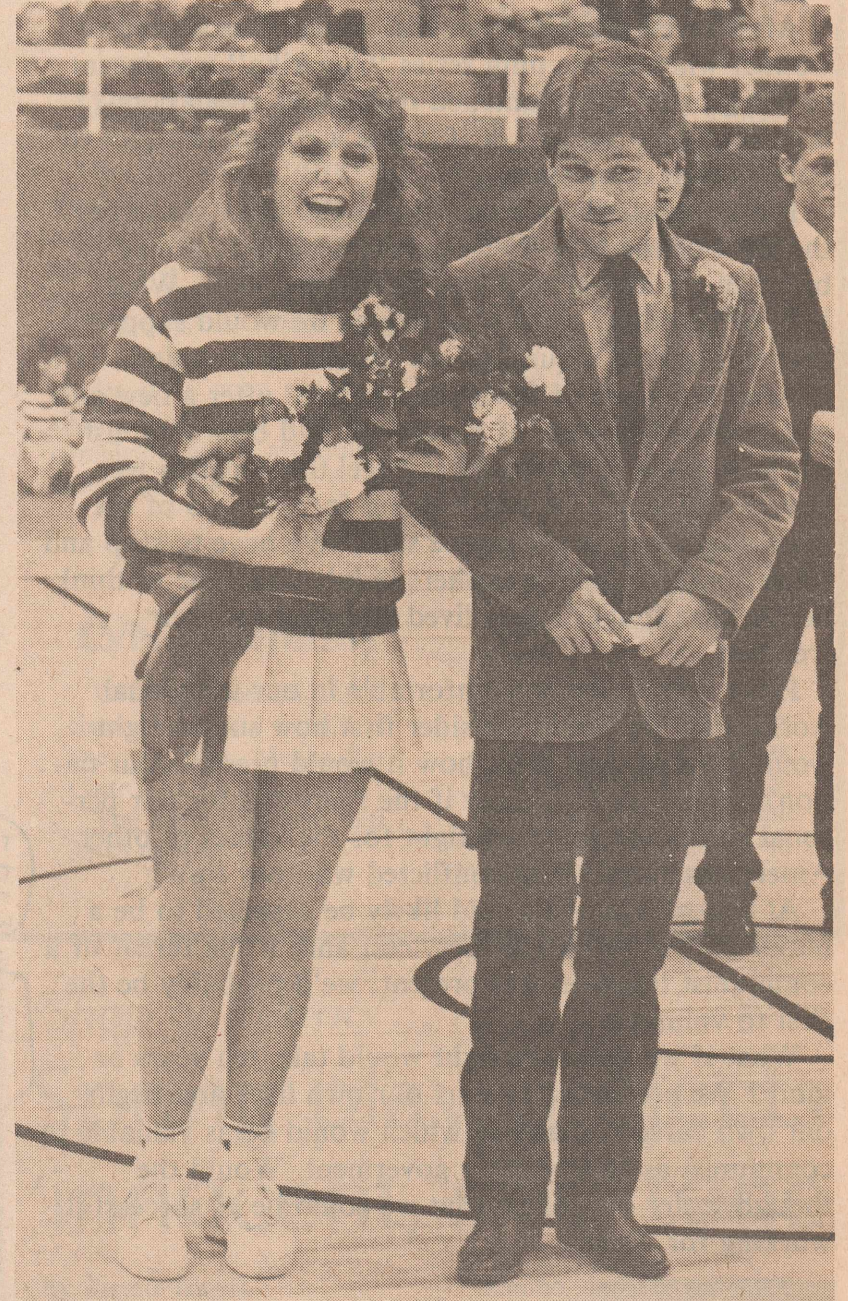
*"We have high hopes of helping to educate the prisoners...the prison could be very beneficial to WTC as a whole."*

From a survey conducted at WTC, 36 out of 40 faculty members agreed they would teach inside the prison facility. Denman mentioned the prison might enhance the chance to hire more instructors.

"To get the facility, Snyder needs a specific land site and

vantage of a private firm is all the capital investment would go on the tax roll.

Last week, a bill was presented to the legislature concerning the private facility system. "They (the state) will only vote for it if the operator would show he could operate for 10 percent



**Mr. and Miss Trailhand**

Ellen Walker of Roby and Tim Long of Aspermont were crowned Mr. and Miss Trailhand Feb. 16 during the game against Odessa.

-Photo by Mark Rauterkus

**PTK awards Trailhands; Walker, Long named**

**By Sandy Ross**  
WT Page Editor

Tim Long and Ellen Walker have been named Mr. and Miss Trailhand in the 14th annual contest.

Walker is a sophomore from Roby. She is secretary of the student senate, co-historian for Phi Theta Kappa and a cheerleader. Her major is criminal justice. She was also a Harvest Queen nominee.

Long is also a criminal justice major, with an animal science minor. He is a sophomore from Aspermont.

His other activities include being the student senate reporter, a member of PTK and a member of the livestock judging team. He has been named to Who's Who among junior college students and has won numerous awards in livestock judging.

The awards were announced Feb. 16, during half-time of the Westerner basketball game in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The presentation was made by Bobby Mendez, PTK president, assisted by Jana Gartman, a member of PTK. Walker was presented with a bouquet of blue and white carnations, with a blue and green bow.

Long received a blue boutonniere. Each participant received a certificate to commemorate the occasion.

The competition is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. The nominees for Miss Trailhand were Brenda Welch of Jennings, La., Carrie Housden of Snyder, Emily Thornhill of Haskell and Dalila Carrasco of Big Lake.

Nominees for Mr. Trailhand were Virgil Feinsod of Snyder, Clay Cass of Clint and Kevin Boyd of Snyder.

*"American Dream"*

**Class examines theme**

**By Tom Long**  
WT Editor

Eighteen students are participating in an honors English class that will examine the individual meaning and importance of the "American Dream".

According to Dr. Ed Barkowsky, professor of English and communications department head, the individual student will examine the goals of the class and define the American Dream.

Students will examine where the dream originated and come to grips with what it means today. They will also determine what it will mean in the future.

During Barkowsky's own career in college, he studied in this area of interest. He examined the American culture and how it is expressed in literature.

This is not the first honors English class offered at WTC.

According to Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling, she hopes to start honor classes in basic courses like history, government, economics, English and math.

Hood said, "It will make students stop and think about the American Dream."

She anticipates an honors government class dealing with the 200th birthday of the U.S. constitution. The course will be called "Assuring Continuity Through Controversy."

The "American Dream" is also the 1986-87 theme for Phi Theta Kappa. Activities for the year center around this main idea.

For those students not taking the course, Barkowsky hopes that the class members will bring the excitement of the class to the rest of the campus and that each student will stop and think what their American dream is.



**Is this an honors class?**

Dr. Ed Barkowsky, English professor and instructor of the honors English class, lectures to the class about a paragraph written by Gerald Corkran.

Pictured are Sandy Ross, Kevin Boyd, Christine Pointeau and Karen Smith.  
-Photo Howard Bigham



## Editorial

### 'Amerika' questions students' priorities

After seven nights of viewing, some of us started to wonder whether the mini series "Amerika" was meant to bring us to an enlightened realization about communism or patriotism, or if it was a communist plot to bore us into submission.

But no matter how monotonous the show could be, the sight of the Flag flying upside down was bound to bring an emotional response from Americans. What kind of emotion, or to what degree we would support that emotion, is a question we should all consider.

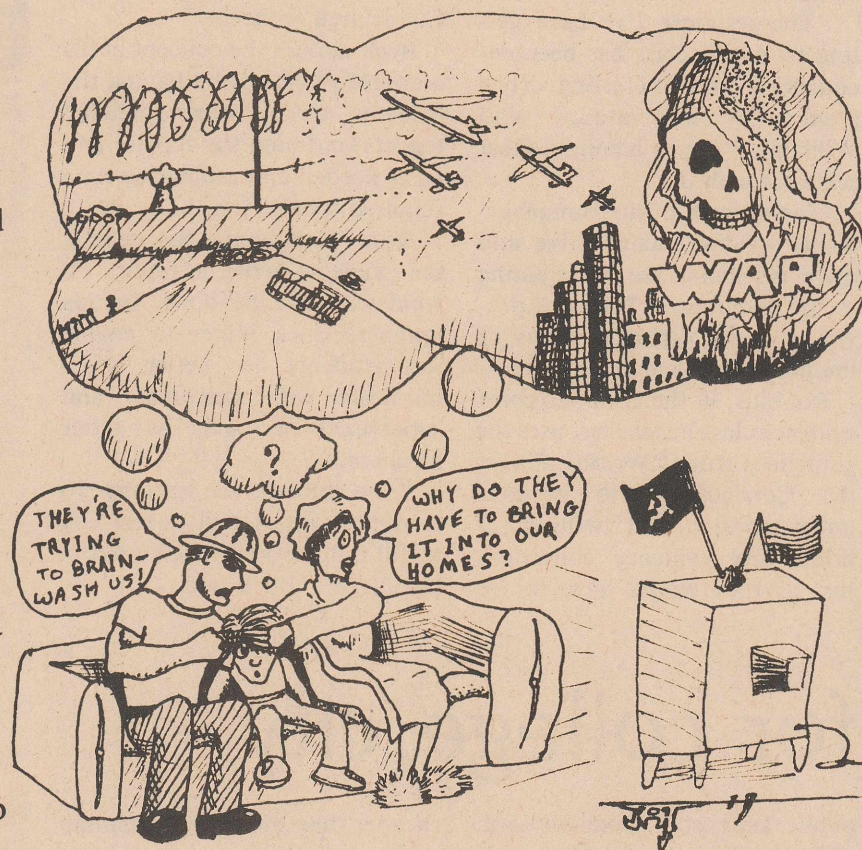
After ten years of Soviet occupation, after a new and even tolerable system of government had been established, how many of us would still feel the America we have today would be worth dying for? As two of the main characters in the movie said, "We have to stop and think about it; our forefathers didn't take time to think before they fought" they lived and died for their freedom.

Have we become so comfortable in our individual worlds that we would consider first how such a fight would help us, and then, how it would preserve our nation? Would we fight only if the fight was for our personal values, or could we fight for the values of other Americans even if they conflicted with our own?

At college age, we would likely be expected to be a major part of our armed services, and, if the threat of a communist takeover was present, we'd probably be the first to volunteer.

What if we knew the fight would take ten years or more? We are trying to start our own lives and begin our own careers, many of which would be as valuable to communist as to any other government. Would the thought enter our minds that we could be as successful working for Them?

We're not trying to present a negative view of college students, or a materialistic or apathetic society; neither are we trying to answer "Amerika's" questions with more questions, but if ABC could spend seven nights and \$35 million to air the story, we could at least spend a few minutes thinking about these questions. Or we could think about the fact that we live in a nation where we have the freedom not to have to.



## ATTENTION

House Bill 1, a bill before the Texas House of Representatives, will reduce funding to junior colleges by 27 percent. If this bill passes, the effects will be felt throughout all junior colleges.

According to Dr. Harry Krenek, president of WTC, "The possibility is slim that the bill will pass, but if it does, it could cause cutbacks in student travel, athletics, extension centers and small class programs."

We urge you, the student, to write your senator or representatives and express your opposition to this bill or any bill that would reduce state funds to junior colleges. Your education depends on your concern and involvement.

The honorable Sen. Ray Farabee  
Texas Senate  
P.O. Box 12068-Capital Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

The honorable Steve Carriker  
Texas House of Rep.  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769



## Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

### 'Other' point of view bridges generation gap

I'll bet at least once, Eve said to Cain and Abel, "If you boys don't learn to get along, you're going to come to a bad end-- and get a haircut or else!"

The battle between the generations started then and is still going strong.

The reason for mentioning this fact is to give you fair warning; you are about to hear the point of view of the other side.

I just don't understand these new hairdos. Why can't you do something sensible, like ironing your hair? I used to do that all the time, and I rarely suffered burns that didn't heal quickly.

And your makeup...! The new bright shades of lipstick can't compare with the lovely chalk white lipstick I used to wear.

A few months ago my daughter bleached a streak of hair on the back of her head. In spite of all

my arguments, she still isn't convinced that the only tasteful bleached streak goes over the temple.

Are you aware that men's hair fashions have taken a giant step backward? The hair style that many young men of today are sporting is very similar to the style their grandfathers were wearing when they were yelling at their sons to get a haircut.

I can't even talk about your clothes. Are you really serious about those strange styles?

However, there is hope on the horizon. In the spirit of moms everywhere, I am willing to make a great sacrifice (and expect undying devotion in return).

I will cheerfully dig around in the back of my closet and give one or two of you lucky girls my nostalgic supply of flowered bell-bottom pants.



## Long Talk

By Tom Long

### Pointers for transfer students suggested

When you are a sophomore there is the big decision of where you will transfer. As a freshman I thought I knew my major and exactly where I would transfer. But after changing my major, I had to change the college I would be attending.

Let me give you a few pointers. Start the paperwork early. Just for safety send a copy of your transcript to every office on campus.

Surely you'll get it to the right office, and if by chance you send it to the wrong office, never ask them to walk the transcript to the right office. For some reason or another, they are always much too busy or they say, "I'm sorry,

I'm on break."

When the opportunity comes to visit the college, take a list of questions to ask professors and a separate list to ask students.

A professor will tell you to take a certain course—"it will be good for you." Behind the professor is a student telling you definitely not to take the course.

Then you must look at what the college requires you to take. For example, one college requires 12 hours of foreign language and the other requires none.

One college offers a great scholarship and the other does not. Now, being the smart college student I am, I gladly accepted the scholarship with no foreign

language attached.

Of course, it really broke my heart not to take 12 hours of a foreign language. I lay awake at night crying because of this. Now, about this ocean front property in Oklahoma...have I got a deal for you.

As you visit the college of your choice, look around and see what is near the college. The fact that there is a shopping mall and several fast food restaurants makes the college of my choice look even better.

If by chance you are as lucky as I am, the college will have a four day week. No classes on Friday!! This takes the pressure off finding the ten Fridays you will get

extremely ill.

There is only one main building on campus. The college is not strung over the state. It has one elevator to take you to your destination. I was relieved to find out that there are not too many staircases. I seem to have this problem with stairs, I fall down them. The one drawback at WTC is that there are stairs everywhere.

As you can see, searching for that perfect college has its ups and downs. When starting out at a new college, put your best foot forward.

Lose your poor attitude and keep an open mind, (at least through registration.)



## Our Turn

By Clay Jacobs and Mark Rauterkus

### Freshmen learning college "ropes"

September 2, 1986... Millions of 18 and 19 year-olds left home for the first time to head for that lifelong dream... College!?!?

We were two of the almost 1,200 that headed for Western Texas College.

I am not sure when Mark arrived in Snyder. (I did not really notice anything except that I knew absolutely no one there.)

Anyway, next came moving in, which was tough. There is probably no place in the world except college where 192 people move in at exactly the same time.

The standard greeting that day was "excuse me" or "I'm sorry" instead of the normal "Hi!" or "How's it going?"

Next came saying good-bye to

parents. Some people did not go through this, but I am blessed with one of those cars with no back seat or trunk. My parents had to help me move.

When they left, I faced the challenge of meeting everyone. This is something I usually have no trouble with, but there were so many people.

The first night I stayed up until 2 a.m. playing basketball in the dark. (I think I won.) I then stayed up until 4 a.m. just talking to some of the guys on my floor.

Mark and I met the next day. We got along pretty well from the first. We were both journalism majors and would be working together, so we decided to team up and take on this town (armed

with pen and camera) together.

As the semester progressed, we discovered there were different categories for college freshmen.

First, there are the bookworms. Most parents expect their kids to be in this category. Unfortunately, there seems to be a filtering system, and many of us slip up a bit.

The next class really does not have a name. It consists of people (like us) who like to have fun, want to make good grades, and get the two mixed up in the process. I guess you could call this a middle-class college freshman. Most people call it not keeping priorities straight. Our parents call it "You better get your act together or get a job!"

The third class is called the do-nothings or uh-uhs, which seem to be more appropriate. An example: "Are you going to class today?" Answer: "uh-uhs!"

These are the folks who move into the dorms, get a room, pick a bed, and vegetate. Another name for this is the Holiday Inn syndrome.

They forget that the rest of the campus exists until about 2 p.m. SWT (standard wake-up time.)

As you can tell, our first semester at WTC was a real blast, even if our parents thought it should not have been. We are, however, turning over a new leaf.

We are inching closer to that bookworm status which is every parents' dream.

The Western  
**Texan**

OFFICIAL STUDENT PUBLICATION  
OF WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Editor ..... Tom Long  
Associate Editor ..... Suzette Harris  
Photo Editor ..... Mark Rauterkus  
Page Editor ..... Sandy Ross  
Sports Editors ..... Eddy Lopez, Clay Jacobs  
Advertising Layout ..... Irene Mireles  
Advertising Manager ..... Howard Bigham  
Circulation Manager and Reporter ..... Christi Bullock  
Reporters ..... Cathy Tatom,  
Staci Wood, Howard Bigham  
Photographers ..... Clay Jacobs, Billy Summerlin  
Howard Bigham, Chet Campbell  
Advisers ..... Lucy Herrera, Darla Doty

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcomed but must be signed by the author with attached phone for verification and are subject to review by the editor.

#### PAPER ERRORS:

Any errors of fact will be corrected upon request. Editorial statements are the opinion of the individual staff writer and are not necessarily that of the entire staff, faculty, administration, and/or Board of Trustees of Western Texas College.

#### ADVERTISING MATERIAL:

The staff reserves the right to accept or reject questionable advertising material.

Member Texas Junior College Press Assn., Texas Intercollegiate Press Assn., Associated Collegiate Press, Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Assn., and Columbia Scholastic Press Assn.  
Published bi-weekly by the Mass Communications Department, Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas 79549. Phone (915)573-8511, ext. 273/393.  
The Western Texan is printed by the Snyder Daily News.



Federal funding cut

## Early application vital to aid

By Staci Wood  
WT Reporter

The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration has issued their analysis of college financial aid reductions for the 1987-88 school year. These cuts are the results of President Reagan's effort to reduce our national deficit.

Several cuts will be made in both total programs and in actual appropriations for these programs. The Pell Grant program is scheduled to lose \$1.090 billion in appropriations.

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) will lose \$412.5 million in funding and the College Work Study (CWS) program will be cut \$592.5 million.

However, the financial aid picture is not as bleak as it may seem. According to Dr. James

Tully, director of financial aid, the proposed CWS and SEOG budgets for WTC are unchanged since last year. They have not yet been cut.

For those who demonstrate financial need and are willing to do some paperwork, there are still available funds. To ease the pain of paperwork, Tully said, parents and/or students should keep a signed copy of income tax forms for reference in filling out the Family Financial Statement for any federal aid.

He emphasizes that the Pell Grant, as well as any federal aid is on a first come—first serve basis. "Regardless of where you go, get your financial packet in early, that's the important thing," Tully said.

This first come—first serve process also applies to federal aid which is dispersed individually by colleges. "Once that the amount

of money we have is gone, it doesn't matter how much you need it, that's all there is," Tully said. This also applies to the CWS program and early applicants determines who gets the jobs.

Another optimistic change is with the Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL). GSL's are based on financial need, too, but undergraduate loans have increased in maximum amounts from \$2,500 to \$2,625 for next year.

Federal student aid will undergo many cuts over the next six years, as will many other federal programs in an effort to balance the national budget by 1992.

Millions of students will be affected, but those who get their forms in early will be likely to receive the same kind of aid as before the cuts.

## Campus Briefs

### Press confab

The staff of *The Western Texan* is attending the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention, March 19-22 in Odessa.

Workshops and live competition will be conducted during the confab. Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, will accompany the group.

### Tourney slated

Applications are now being taken for a softball tournament to be held in Austin, April 24 and 25. They hold second place and are trying for first. The tournament is being sponsored by the BSU.

### Deadline given

The registrar's office would like to remind students that incomplete grades (I's) for the 1986 fall semester will be changed to "F" grades on March 4, 1987. If you have any I grades it is your responsibility to see that any incomplete work is made up before that date.

### LVN ceremony

LVN graduation exercises will be held tonight in the Trinity Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will last 30-45 minutes.

### Spring break

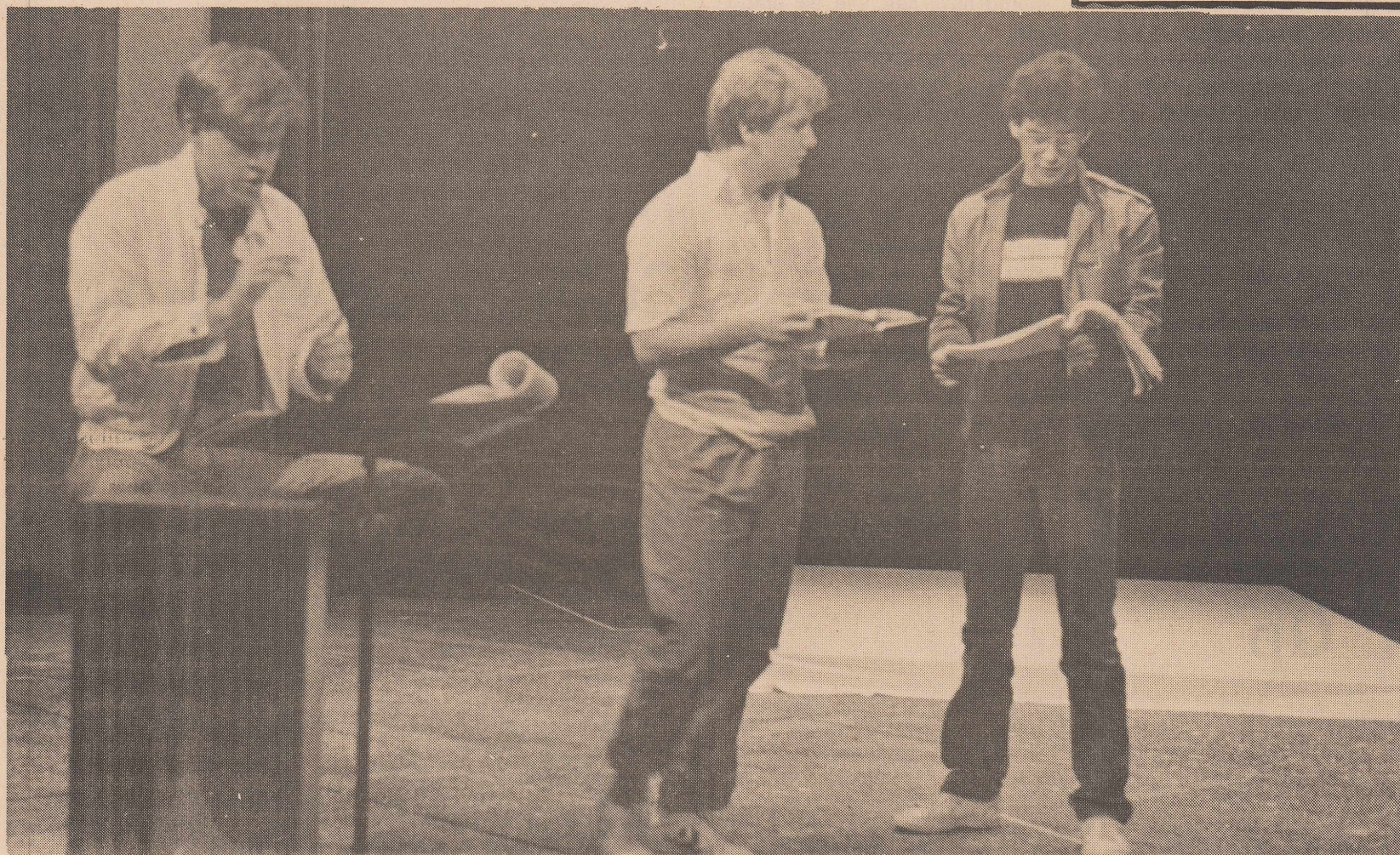
Dorms will close for spring break at 2 p.m. Friday, March 6 and re-open Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

WTC President Harry Krenek said that campus offices will close for spring break at 4 p.m. March 6 and re-open at 8 a.m. March 16.

### PTK trip

Phi Theta Kappa members are leaving today for State convention in Fort Worth.

Dr. Duane Hood, president of the state advisory committee, will be in charge of conducting the sponsors' meetings. Psi Zeta, the WTC chapter will be in charge of registration.



### Practice time

Drama instructor Jim Rambo goes over the script for the spring production, "The Little Shop of Horrors". Freshman Jim Miller and Sophomore

Jeff Milburn are busy rehearsing their lines. —Photo Mark Rauterkus

"Shop of Horrors"...

## Spring play projects 'innocent, silly' tone

By Suzette Harris  
WT Associate Editor

"Innocent and silly", that is how Jim Rambo, drama instructor, describes the department's spring production of "The Little Shop of Horrors."

The play was originally a 1960's film and is known as a cult film. In 1982, the film was rewritten for the stage. Music was also added.

These changes, however, did not change the plot of the original film. The story is about a nerd who discovers a mysterious plant that thrives on human blood.

The plant's name is Audrey II. The department is renting the plant. There are actually four plants; the first is a small plant; the second is a hand puppet; the third stands four feet tall and the fourth is six feet in the sitting position and expands to 8 feet.

Rambo decided on this play since it contrasts with "Terra Nova", the fall production.

"Everybody's doing it (the play)," he said.

"The play needs to be done very well to be successful," Rambo said.

According to Rambo, the characters are "essentially nice people that caught in an unfortunate situation." The cast includes Dalila Carrasco, Big Lake; Jeana Fox, Snyder; Patrick Malone, Snyder; Jamie Cofer, Snyder and Bobby Mendez, Lubbock.

Other cast members include Jim Rainbolt, Post; Jeff Milburn, Brownfield; Shauna Gibson, Vernon; Bret Dillion, Seagraves; Moises Molina, Colorado City; Marvin Morrell, Snyder and Jim Miller, Lubbock. "Little Shop of Horrors" opens April 10, 11, 13, and 14 in the Fine Arts Theater.

## Huskey performs blend of music, comedy here

By Christy Bullock  
WT Reporter

Brian Huskey will perform in the cafeteria March 3. Huskey is a Charlotte, N.C. based songwriter-singer-comedian. The show is being presented by the entertainment committee of the student senate.

Huskey has been on the road as a professional entertainer for over ten years. He began playing guitar and singing while attending school in England.

He fell in with a troupe of street singers in London, who were staple entertainers in the subway stations of the inner city.

From this motley crew of characters, Huskey received a thorough musical training in the acoustic music of the day and

became a regular entertainer in the tube stations and theater ticket lines.

Realizing early that music was simply not enough to captivate an audience, Huskey began integrating comedy and theatrics as part of the show.

Armed with a dictionary, a well-honed sense of the ridiculous, and a wealth of memories and stories to tell, Huskey hit the road at the age of 16, and has performed over 300 shows each year every since.

Huskey has enjoyed a busy and illustrious career - logging over a million miles and over 3,000 shows. Huskey's shows have developed a smooth, proficient, and unique style that is his alone.

Using high energy acoustic music and rapid fire comedy

routines on a number of targets, he consistently captures his audiences. He has performed in more than 20 states.

Huskey currently has two records available. One album is on Turkey Trot Recordings, "The Road Fever Rag" and one on Gold Hill Records, "Brian Huskey". He also has numerous limited edition studio and live recordings, self-produced and released.

Huskey has toured and opened concerts for over a dozen national acts including Juice Newton, Emilylou Harris, Fireball, Leon Russell and The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Huskey has show-cased or been an alternate at five regional National Association for Campus Activities conventions and seems

to be one of the few left in his class, a hard living, hard working, songster/comedian, who loves the life of the road.

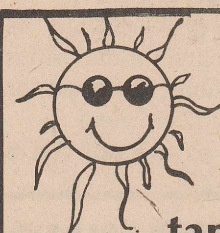
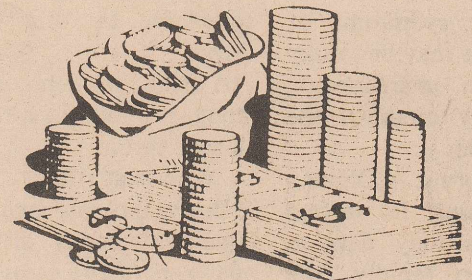
Huskey provides a show that is versatile entertainment. His show is not just music and not just comedy, but a well-balanced blend of both.

The music covers a broad spectrum of songs by people you've heard of: Bruce Springsteen, Little River Band, Dan Fogelberg, The Eagles, and many more.

He sings a few of his own too. Huskey takes some good natured pokes at a variety of topics and you might even see yourself in some of the tales of college life, road travel, flying and parental expectations. Brian is sensitive to the needs and individuality of each campus when he performs.

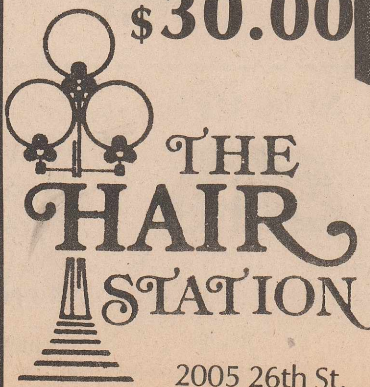
## Classified Ads Get Results

For more information about classified rates, call 573-8511, ext. 273



10 tanning sessions

\$30.00



2005 26th St.



Offer begins March 1, 1987

Hours: Mon.—Sat.  
7 a.m.—7 p.m.  
573-0885

For that someone special...we have:

- \*Personalized Gifts
- \*Silk Flower Arrangements
- \*Candy in Boxes
- \*Stuffed Animals
- \*Popcorn
- \*Coffee Cups
- \*Leanin' Tree Cards
- \*Balloon Bouquets



Free Delivery With purchase of \$5.00 or more  
10 percent off with student ID

The Laboratory Analysis Scientific Electronic Research Club

3609 College Ave.

Free Admission to Game Room

\*Pool Tournament Every Friday—7 p.m.

\*Games

\*Cash Prize for Best Building Design



# Dusters win conference

By Eddy Lopez  
WT Sports Editor

The WTC Lady Dusters were crowned the new WJCAC champions last Monday with a win over South Plains by the score of 62-61.

They travel to Clarendon tonight to face the Lady Bulldogs and conclude their regular season.

With a victory tonight the Lady Dusters will be the top seed in the Region V tourney which is scheduled to begin next week in Waco.

In the game last week sophomore Brenda Welch tallied a game high 44 points to help defeat the Lady Wranglers of Odessa, 80 to 71.

Welch and the Lady Dusters take a record of 24-3 and a national ranking into the Region V tournament.



## The winners

The Lady Dusters and fans celebrate their victory against the Odessa Wranglers. This victory gave them the WJCAC championship. —Photo by Mark Rauterkus

## Sports Talk

By Eddy Lopez

# Sports, 'murals emphasize fun

Don't laugh! The other day I was reading Ann Landers (we columnists have to stick together) She had received a letter concerning parents and sports.

The letter talked about how parents were pressuring their children and making sports a win-or-die situation.

I agree that sports should not be a pressure situation. All professional players are under pressure because they get paid. College players get scholarships so they, too, are under pressure. But when talking about junior high and high school the objective should be fun.

I believe sports should be fun. In intramurals everyone has fun. We call Ed Coppage's team "weak" because they couldn't even beat the faculty.

We all laugh at the Surfers and their "Howie" shot. We got your kicks when Theresa Rodriguez tried to score for the other team. We all call the referee "Weakness 1 & 2". Laugh now, Coppage!

Don't get me wrong, there is pressure, but not like you will be losing a scholarship or something. I have a little pressure because I coach the Rejects. We have seven men and five women on our basketball team.

Everyone wants to play, so I have to decide who gets to. Sometimes the guys get mad because I put in the women. I tell them that they, too, are on the team.

Besides, half the time the girls play better than the guys. Okay, we haven't got the best team, but we are having fun.

# Season concluded

By Eddy Lopez  
WT Sports Editor

The Western Texas College Westerners hope to finish a disappointing season on an upbeat note today. The Westerners take on Clarendon College.

After losing four games in row the Westerners came back on Monday to defeat New Mexico Military Institute by the score of 83 to 67.

The Westerners won their last outing here against Clarendon with Alvin Lee's 33 foot jumper with five seconds left to defeat the Bulldogs 85-82.

Tonight's game will be the last junior college game for three of the Westerners, John Lewis,

Amos Jones, and Alvin Lee.

"We didn't have the season we should have had, but we didn't give up. I am proud of the guys that stuck in there and played," Lee said. "I wouldn't give them up for anything in the world," he added.

For the Westerners, the final weeks of the season have been something of a nightmare. After losing to Howard College last week, WTC has dropped games to nationally ranked NWJC and Midland. They also lost to Odessa last Monday.

The loss to Odessa last Monday assured the Westerners that they would miss the NJCAA Regional play-offs. WTC's record now stands 10-17 and 5-10 in conference.



## Quick! Grab it!

Clay Jacobs (23) and Blandford Paul (3) fight for the ball while Jimmy Turbeville (44) looks on. —Photo by Chet Campbell



# Shapin' Up

By Lee Burke

# Answers to questions concerning AIDS

I am copying an article from **Men's Health** concerning answers about AIDS. It would appear, according to Dr. Koop of the Surgeon General's office, that the American public is playing the ostrich game of sticking its head in the sand to avoid the problem.

This is not something that will run its course in a short time and everything will be okay. This is an unknown killer of thousands. The article follows:

What are the symptoms of AIDS? Symptoms may be totally non-specific. No characteristic symptoms clearly establish the diagnosis of AIDS.

In its mildest forms, AIDS may even go unnoticed. In severe cases, symptoms may develop and progress very rapidly. The symptoms may include:

- \*Swollen glands, usually in the neck, armpit or groin, with or without pain.
- \*Unexpected weight loss, usually 10 to 15 pounds or more in two months, not due to deliberate

dieting.

\*A persistent cough and shortness of breath not related to a flu or cigarette smoking.

\*Purple or pink bumps under the skin or in the mouth, nose and rectum that look like bruises but don't go away.

\*Persistent fever for more than one or two weeks.

\*Night sweats-- waking up at night drenched in perspiration--persistent for several weeks.

\*Persistent diarrhea not explainable by diet or stomach virus.

\*A thick, whitish coating on the tongue or mouth, with or without a sore throat.

Who is at risk?

\*Bisexual or gay men sexually active with many different male partners (9,841 cases).

\*Intravenous-drug abusers who share needles (2,301 cases).

\*Hemophiliacs (95 cases).

\*People who require transfusions of large amounts of blood or blood products (210 cases).

\*Heterosexual partners of AIDS

patients (137 cases).

\*People in no known risk group (836 cases).

\*Infants and children of high-risk parents are also at risk. Haitians are no longer considered a separate risk group.

What causes AIDS?

Although the proof is not yet absolute, recent evidence points to the human T-cell leukemia virus HTLV-III, as the most likely cause, in whole or in part.

Its behavior closely parallels the epidemiologic profile of AIDS; that is, it is transmitted by sexual contact, blood transfusion and intravenous needles and can cause malignancies.

It has also been isolated in AIDS and AIDS-related-complex patients, and antibodies to the virus have been detected in AIDS patients. (The lymphadenopathy virus, or LAV discovered in France, is thought to be the same as HTLV-III.)

Other candidates that have been considered include herpes virus such as cytomegalo-virus

(CMV) and the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), African swine fever and some other animal viruses endemic to Africa and even possibly mutations of old viruses appearing in a new form.

Many informative news programs have presented available information in the progression of the AIDS problem.

It would appear with no more than is known about the disease, that prevention is the immediate salvation.

The new term "safe sex" deals with using the current information, knowing your profile, and taking appropriate measures to insure safety from the disease. A current poll shows that the use of condoms has increased almost 10 percent in the last three months.

The increase of cases in the gay communities has been reduced significantly as well.

Proper education and application of that information can save thousands of lives and buy time for science to research this grave problem.

In Florida...

# Golfers take tenth

By Clay Jacobs  
WT Sports Editor

The Western Texas College golf team competed at the Sun-tree Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Melbourne, Florida, Feb. 16-17.

The team placed tenth out of 15 teams competing with scores of 323, 332, and 306, for an overall team score of 961.

Individual scorers for the

Westerners were sophomore Mike Harrison, 231 (78-83-70); freshman Clint Adams, 241 (78-80-83); sophomore Matt Smith, 242 (87-80-75); freshman Joel Fuels, 247 (80-89-78) and freshman Wes Skaggs, 260 (89-90-83).

The next competition for the Westerners will be the Bronco Invitational Feb. 27-28 in Roswell, N.M. This will be their first conference tournament.

**Food a la Card**  
BINGO GAME

The Bingo-like food game in which you can win the Feature listed below. Scratch off all the boxes. Match 3 Featured items in a straight row (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) on one ticket.

FEATURE: FREE DRINK		
DRINK	FRIES	DESSERT
DRINK		
DRINK		

**It's Here!**

**The Food A La Card Game**

**Starts Monday, March 2**  
**At the Snack Bar**  
**Win Free FOOD!!**

*AFM Wishes Everyone a Happy and Safe Spring Break*

Classified  
Ads...

---

**EMPLOYMENT**

Express it needs 1 male and 1 female for special gift deliveries. Outgoing personality needed costumes furnished. \$20 per delivery.

**DOMINO'S PIZZA DELIVERS FREE.**

Call us  
**573-1844**  
3903 College Ave.

---

**\$1.00 OFF**

Get \$1.00 Off Any 12" 3 or More Item Pizza

ONE COUPON PER PIZZA

Our drivers carry less than \$20.00 Limited delivery area.

**\$2.00 OFF**

Get \$2.00 Off Any 16" 3 or More Item Pizza

ONE COUPON PER PIZZA

Our drivers carry less than \$20.00 Limited delivery area.

**Texas Book Company**

Sale on shirts, jackets and sweats continues—20 percent off  
Shop now for best selection.

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:00-4:30  
Friday 8:00-3:30  
Open during noon