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Local committee organizing to offer programs on drug abuse education

By Staci Wood
WT Reporter

Just "saying no" to this program would mean no more funding from Uncle Sam for student loans, grants and all other forms of financial aid.

As a result of President Reagan's 1986 signing of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, all schools which now receive federal financial aid will be required to implement a drug, alcohol and substance abuse education program.

WTC had begun planning such a program before this official issue was given, and the appointed committee is well into its organizational stage.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, says that although the committee is mandatory now, this is not the only reason for its existence, and this is why WTC's program was started early.

"There was increasing evidence of more alcohol on campus," said Hood. Although drug and substance abuse is not excluded, "alcohol is the biggest problem (here)." Hood attributed this increase to the rise in the drinking age, however, this program is not only designed for

"There was increasing evidence of more alcohol on campus... alcohol is the biggest problem (here)."
Duane Hood

those who are underage, it is aimed at faculty, students and staff.

The basic purpose for the planning committee is to provide programs such as films, seminars and possibly even classes to educate on drug, alcohol and substance abuse.

A long term goal of the group is to provide a referral program to those who need further help with any of these problems. For example, if someone had an alcohol problem, they would be referred to an Alcoholics Anonymous group.

According to Dan Osborn, counselor and member of the committee, this referral would include local groups (there are several besides AA) or even further rehabilitation and therapy.

"This would not be mandatory (treatment), but there is a

possibility that we could designate a person to be an intervention counselor who could refer someone to these programs and also help them go through it," Osborn said.

But those goals are all in the future; now the committee is focusing on four functions: selection of a chairperson and possibility of adding students to the committee; determining resources and money, both available and needed; determining what types of programs should be taught and how to implement the programs.

Osborn attended the Texas College and University System Conference "A Positive Approach to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention in Higher Education," on March 23 in Austin. Osborn said the con-

ference was to help schools in starting these programs and suggests implementation must begin soon.

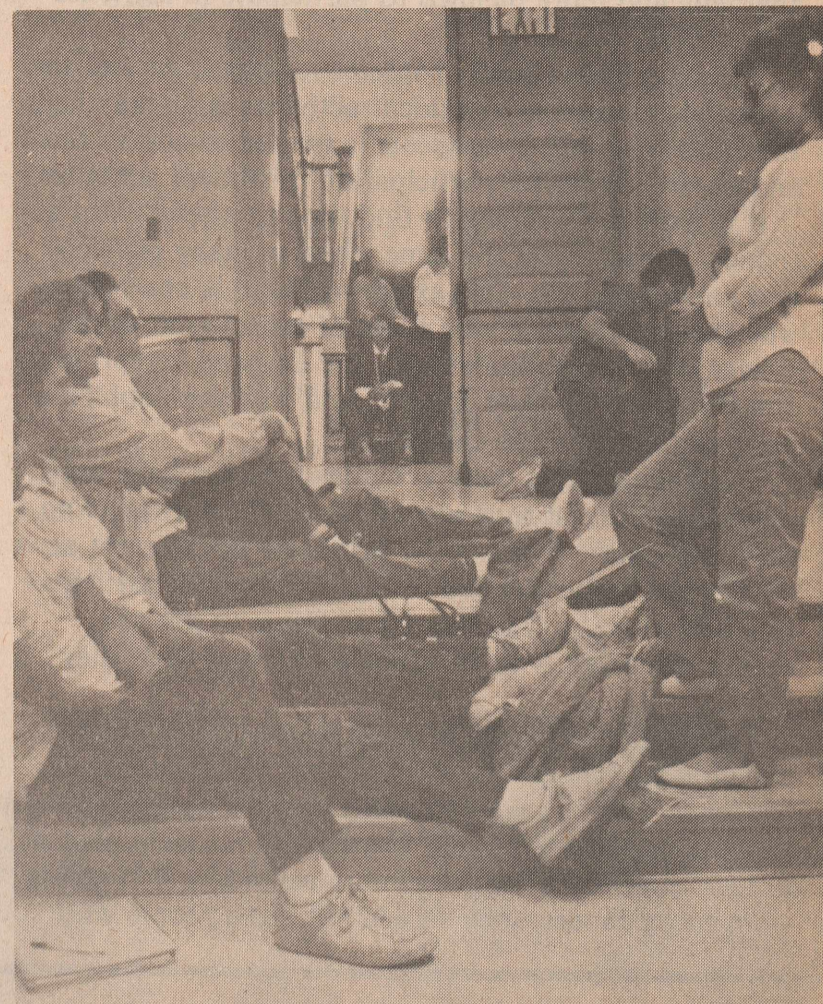
"The program must be started by July 7, 1987, to be in compliance with the law," Osborn said.

Osborn and Hood along with Lee Burke, PE instructor, Vicki Harrison, residence hall director, Mickey Baird, of student activities, Dr. Mary Hood, counseling and Ray Robbins, law enforcement instructor, form the preliminary committee.

Addition of students to the committee is being considered, and any student who would like to become involved or add ideas should contact Osborn.

According to Osborn this is not just a program designed to meet federal requirements. Instead, he hopes it will be able to "impact the campus with investigation and rehabilitation."

Dr. Duane Hood states the importance of this impact "not only are we concerned about the students with alcohol problems, but with how they influence others also. We want to reduce problems and decrease the potential for death ruining lives which have great potential," he said.



Taking it easy

The Western Texan staff patiently waits for the results of the live competition during the TIPA convention in San Marcos April 2-4.
-Photo by Billy Summerlin

TIPA convention...

Texan staff garners live, canned awards

By Tom Long
WT Editor

The staff of *The Western Texan* returned from competition where the paper received third in overall general excellence among Texas community colleges. The competition was held in San Marcos where journalism students from all over the state had the opportunity to attend workshops and live competition.

The *Texan* staff received first place in headline writing in the Texas Community College Journalism Association. In individual awards Sandy Ross, Snyder, won first place with her column "Coffee Break"; Richard Bixler, Sweetwater, honorable mention in cartoon illustration; Shirley Raschke and Suzette Harris of Snyder received third in in-depth writing and Todd Neal, Palm Springs, CA, won first in editorial writing.

In the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's live competition Staci Wood, Colorado City, won third in editorial writing and Ross pick-

ed up second in headline writing.

According to Lucy Herrera, WT advisor and journalism instructor, "The TIPA is a difficult competition because we are competing against two and four year schools."

During the TIPA canned contest the WT staff picked up three individual awards. Bixler won honorable mention in both newspaper cartoon and illustration and Neal won first in editorial writing.

Herrera also noted that these type of awards are morale builders and gives the staff a sense of pride and unity. Herrera went on to say that there is always room for improvements within the newspaper.

This year there will be three staff members graduating. Eddy Lopez, Abernathy, sports editor; Sandy Ross, page editor, and Tom Long, Aspermont, editor will be transferring to continue their studies in journalism.

Herrera says *The Western Texan* will be in good shape for next year with the returning staff and the expected new ones.



Dinner time

Seymour (Jeff Milburn) tries to save Audrey (Shauna Gibson) from

Audrey II in the drama production of "Little Shop of Horrors. The production ran for four nights and was sold out. This is the last production of the year.
Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Campus favorites nominated

By Tom Long
WT Editor

The 1986-87 campus favorites have been nominated. There were twelve nominations, six women and six men.

They were nominated by the student body. Voting takes place Friday, April 17 and Monday, April 20. The results will be announced at the spring formal, April 21.

The six women nominated are Dalila Carrasco, Dee Ann Marr, Gi Gi Robinson, Brenda Welch, Nikki Stewart and Ellen Walker. Carrasco is a theatre major and has appeared in several WTC

drama productions.

Marr of Weatherford is an interior design major and captain of the Lady Dusters.

Robinson, Anson, is a business major and a team member of the Lady Dusters.

Stewart of Dunn, is a business major and a cheerleader.

Walker of Roby is also a cheerleader and a criminal justice major.

Welch, Jennings, LA, is a physical education major and a member of the Lady Dusters.

The six men nominated include Clay Cass, Kevin Glaspie, Keith Hudson, Eddy Lopez, Alvin Lee and Bobby Mendez.

Cass of Clint is a business major and rodeo team member.

Glaspie of Stanton is a physical education major and a member of the golf team.

Hudson, Paradise, is a agribusiness major and the National Champion in calf roping.

Lee of Richmond, VA is a member of the Westerners and has recently signed with the University of Alabama.

Lopez, Abernathy, is a journalism major and is the co-sports editor of the *Western Texan*.

Mendez of Lubbock is a theatre major and has been involved with several WTC drama productions.



Cooling off

Lisa Thompson, sophomore from Lufkin, recovers from being "cooled off" by being thrown in the campus pond during Western Days activities.
Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Student activities...

Planning input from students needed

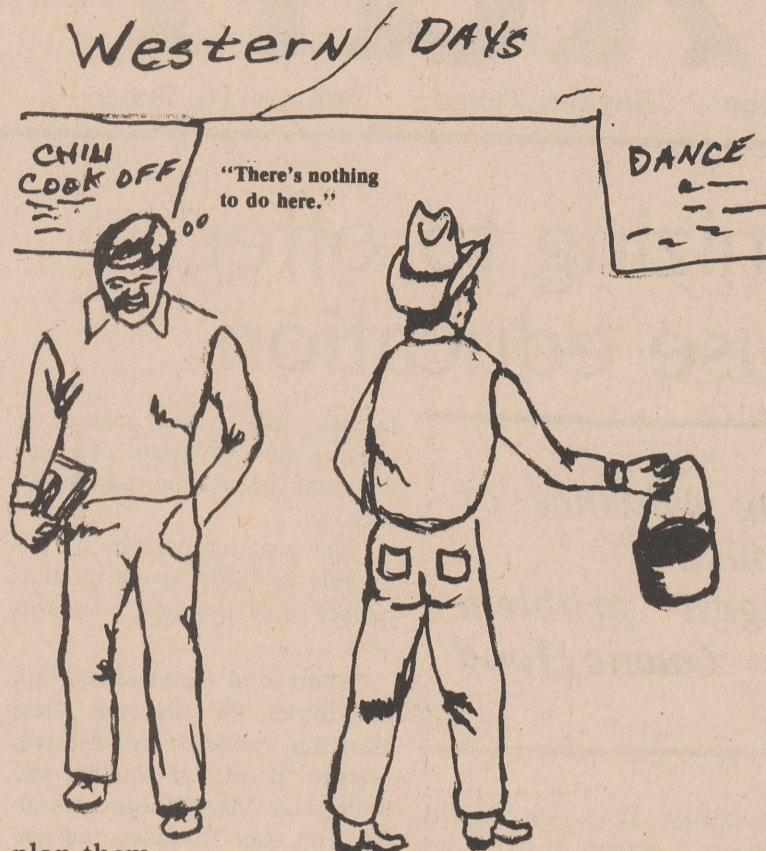
Student activities are planned for students, by students. According to Mickey Baird, director of student activities on campus, this year's student body is less apathetic and more inclined to participate in activities than others.

With this higher level of interest or participation, the potential for successful student activities is already high. Inventive planning by students is needed to add to this and ensure successful participation in student activities.

It is hard for students to find time to attend extra activities. Especially at this time when so many projects and papers are due. This extra workload is one reason why the participation was down in events such as the flower sales (Valentine's Day), the Dusters' reception, and the Bryan Huskey concert, and why the pool/ping pong tournament was cancelled.

It is possible that these activities may not have been of enough interest to students to pull them away from their workload. If this is the case, new or different activities should be planned to increase student participation and interest. One way for students to get new events scheduled is to tell student senators what they want.

The student activities office is in the student center, and student suggestions are welcome and encouraged. Students do not have any room to gripe about "there is nothing to do around here" if they do not help plan or at least contribute ideas for more activities. If students want more dances, they should tell these people who



plan them. Student activities are planned for the students. The way to increase participation is to plan what the students want. Then if they are interested, they will make time to attend. This kind of planning calls for open lines of communication between students and coordinators.

Dramatique



"Little Shop of Horrors" ..

Skid row problems symbolize society

By Staci Wood
WT Reporter

One way psychologists recommend relieving worry is to imagine a problem escalating to such an extreme that it becomes funny. "Little Shop of Horrors," by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken is such an extreme version of the problems and ambitions of three skid row residents.

The chorus which opened the show set the mood which would carry throughout—energetic, light and musical. Members of the chorus (none of whom got past grade school) were played by Dalila Carrasco, Jeana Fox, Bobby Mendez, Patrick Malone and Jamie Cofer.

Although the chorus did more singing than acting, Malone and Cofer were obviously experienced at playing to the audience's reaction.

This "drop-out" chorus was enjoyed by the rest of the cast in the second musical number, "Skid Row (Downtown)," singing about the inescapable conditions of growing up on skid row, where success is unheard of.

But even on tough skid row there are nerds. Seymour, the clutzy wimp who masterminded the man-eating plant Audrey II, was played by Jeff Milburn. Although "nerds" have been done and overdone in today's movies and plays, Milburn still drew sympathy from the audience to his own problems and ambitions, instead of just playing a stereotypical role.

One of the more enjoyable moments from a technical standpoint happened when Milburn puppeteered the plant "Audrey II," simultaneously carrying it and fighting against it. After that, there were some technical problems, with the volume of the music overriding the voice of the plant, and the speed of the ac-

tors' words overriding enunciation.

The owner of the flower shop where most of the play is set, Mr. Mushnik, is played by Jim Rainbolt who had the added challenge of developing a Jewish accent. Shauna Gibson, who played the cheap brainless Audrey, also had a dual challenge—not only of a New York accent, but a high, airy voice, too.

In doing this, she exercised the right amount of restraint necessary to carry this character development over into her songs. Not until Act II in "Suddenly Seymour" did the audience hear her full vocal projection.

Vocal projection was also a challenge for Jim Miller, who played the sadistic dentist Orin. Although his musical projection was weak, his character's Manson-type methods and "S and M" kept the audience laughing—at a safe distance.

Another character the audience enjoyed, but would not like to meet, played by Bobby Mendez, was a wolf in everything but sheep's clothing. His two quick changes of costume brought the comedy back to the play just as it wavered on seriousness, as Seymour was being lowered into corruption by eager entrepreneurs.

Moises Molina as Patrick Maring, played one of these. This character wanted to capitalize on making more Audrey II's for his own profit, without realizing or caring what a consuming effect it would have on the world.

The inevitable death such an action would cause was the theme for the company's finale—how far one would go to achieve fame and fortune. This ending was one of the serious problems which had been taken to "extremes," so much so that it provided the audience a way to laugh at a problem which is so evident in today's society.



Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

Stairs create problems for all ages

In my last column, I stated that once a person has gone completely around the bend, they have nothing left to lose. Boy, was I ever wrong!

Last week the journalism department attended a competition at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. One of the problems with large colleges is the amount of area they cover. Usually we end up walking for miles to get to the right building.

After we parked the van, a very courteous security guard directed us to a building only about a half-

block away. This thrilled us until we looked in the direction she pointed; and then up...and up...and up! The last time I saw a building like that, Boris Karloff was standing on it in full make-up.

Don't get me wrong. San Marcos boasts one of the most beautiful campuses you will ever see. However, I think that journalism majors should get an hour physical education credit for attending class every day.

We started climbing stairs, and all those healthy young people

with me bounced up the first few flights. They really gave me a hard time, but remember, they got several rests along the way while they waited for me.

About half-way up, I seem to vaguely remember my ears popping from the altitude change. But being a brave and hardy soul I continued on, immediately after assuring myself that at least my nose wasn't bleeding.

After what seemed hours, we all crawled the last few feet to the door, where we were greeted by an STU faculty member. The

man made some really funny joke about STU building minds AND bodies. Then he showed us the elevators that would take us the ELEVEN floors to the parking lot.

As I lay on the ground, mentally composing my last will and testament, I knew that I would at least die with a smile on my face. For once, all my young classmates were as exhausted and miserable as I was.

I always felt that at least once before I graduate from WTC, justice should prevail.



Long Talk

By Tom Long

College life with twin has its moments

When students come to college for the first time they not only have to face a new college but have to get use to a new roommate. I was fortunate enough to have my own roommate when I entered college, my twin brother.

People do not believe that we are twins or even brothers for that matter. It's true we look nothing alike. We have been called the wrong names for so long that we answer to one another's name.

Being a twin has its advantages and disadvantages. Most of us are scared to tell our roommate the little things that get on our nerves for fear we might hurt their feelings. When you have a twin brother, it's all right to tell him he gets on your nerves because he expects it from you.

Another advantage is that you can share the bulk of your things that you normally bring to live in your dorm room. Tim and I share most of our things but we have to

draw the line somewhere. We have both made the decision not to share each other's homework or girlfriends.

Students come up to us and they're amazed that we get along so well. I guess they expected to see two brothers killing one another. They are shocked when we tell them that we get along better at college than we do at home. The only time we see each other is in the morning and when I yell at Tim to turn the light off at night.

I guess it is safe to say that we are as different as night and day. Sometimes we have to show them our driver's license to prove to people that we are twins and even brothers.

Tim does not appreciate my taste in clothes. I guess the bear claw house slippers were a little too much for Tim to handle at one glance.

Tim is learning that the life of a journalism student is unpredict-

table. He is realizing on Wednesday night of paper week when I come in late and have missed Dynasty, it's best not to say anything. Tim also gives me great strength during those trying times when I have been called to administration or have received hate mail.

There will be several things that I will always remember about college life with my brother. I was walking my girlfriend to her car and he is following behind saying that we are walking too close, then he starts jumping up and down because I wasn't listening to him. Actually, I was ignoring him.

One time as I walked into the student center I heard this loud voice coming from the gameroom. I recognized Tim's voice as he threatened to whip someone over a pool game.

It is also very comforting to know that you have a 5'9 bodyguard that thinks he can

whip the world.

Since I am the oldest (by seven minutes), sometimes I deserve some respect from my baby brother. That's wrong, all he tells me is not to argue with him and never, by no means, question any decision he makes.

Coming to college with my twin brother has made college interesting, to say the least. I would have liked to have attended some local little dribblers but declined for fear the fans would confuse me with the referee (Tim). I guess the most memorable thing is when I starched his Fruit of the Looms before he left on a judging trip. Needless to say, I'm still paying for that one.

So as I get myself ready to graduate I don't have to worry about telling my roommate goodbye. I am fortunate that he too will be going to UTPB and will continue to bring joy and excitement to my life and to continue to make my life interesting.

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Campus Briefs

Dance for heart

The American Heart Association is sponsoring "Dance for Heart" April 25 in the WTC gym. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

Anyone can participate. Contact Loraine Hall at 573-2065/573-1184 or Twilah Alexander at 573-6146/573-2364.

"Come join the fun," Alexander said. "It'll be a great aerobic work-out."

Student activities

The student activities office would like to remind students of the following events. The spring formal is April 21. The deadline for signing up for "Putting on the Lips" is April 28 at 5 p.m. The performance is April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Rodeo passes

WTC rodeo passes for staff/faculty and their immediate family are available in the student activities office. Deadline for picking up passes is today at 3 p.m.

Financial aid

Students who have not filled out their financial aid papers need to do so by May 1. Contact Dr. Jim Tully or Joann Colston in the financial aid office.

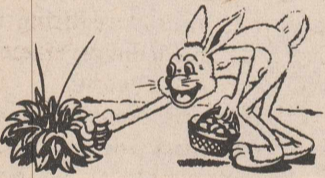


Image trip

The Image members and any other interested women are reminded that the trip to tour Texas Tech University in Lubbock is set for April 30. They will leave the campus at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. that afternoon.

Anyone interested can contact Dan Osborn, counselor, at 573-8511, ext. 275 for more information.

Judging team

Students interested in being on the livestock judging team next fall need to contact Jim Judah at 573-8511, ext. 215 or Donna Robinson at 250.

Students interested in minoring in livestock judging also need to contact Judah. There is a possibility of scholarship funds available for interested students.

Pre-register

Currently enrolled full-time students, 12 hours or above, may pre-register for the fall semester May 4-8. All pre-registration must begin in the Counseling Center. All other students must register during the regular fall registration periods.

LRC closes

The LRC will be closed April 19 for Easter Sunday. It will reopen Monday at the regular time.

Awards day

The annual Awards Day ceremony is scheduled for April 30 in the Fine Arts Theater at 10:45 a.m.

Students to be honored will receive letters. Outstanding Male and Female will be recognized also.

Meeting times of classes will be changed on that day. 9:55 TTH will meet 9:55-10:40 and 11:55 TTH will meet at 12:25-1:10.

Awards received

Two WTC students shared awards in the student category of the photo competition sponsored by the Scurry County Museum during the Wildflower Days activities April 3-12.

In the general category, Shirley Crawford of Sweetwater won first, second, and third places and Tim Nowell of Loraine, received honorable mention.

In Landscaping with Wild Flowers/Native plant division, Crawford received first, Nowell, second and Dana Crawford, third.

Exhibits displayed

WTC art students' exhibits will be on display in the Fine Arts Theater through April. Everyone is invited to view them any time.

Choir concert

WTC choir's spring concert will be held tonight at 8 in the Fine Arts Theater. There will be no admission charge.

Overall excellence...

PTK captures award

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

Phi Theta Kappa won its third Award of Excellence during the National Convention in Dallas April 2-4.

Representing WTC were Jeff Milburn, Brownfield; Bobby Mendez and Jim Miller, Lubbock; Shauna Gibson, Vernon; Dalila Carrasco, Del Rio; Darla Griffis, Weinert, and Clayton Sorrells, Amy Wilson, Tracey Marvin and Pat Blakely of Snyder.

The Kilgore Rangerettes and the Bluegrass Band from South Plains College performed for the convention.

Milburn, a candidate for national president, was defeated in a run-off race. "Jeff did very well," Dr. Mary Hood, PTK sponsor, said. "The politics are like real life. We worked really,

really, really hard," she emphasized.

Among the convention speakers were Fred Friendly, former CBS network president, Dr. R. Jan LeCroy, American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and Kevin Baine, legal counsel for *The Washington Post* and the *National Enquirer*.

PTK met their adopted chapter, Rho Sigma, in Jones County, Ellisville, MS. "We taught them the two-step," Hood said.

Some PTK members were entered in contests based on the honors topic, "The American Dream". Tom Long, sophomore from Aspermont, and Sandy Ross, sophomore from Snyder, entered the writing contest. Ming Choy Lee, Snyder, competed in the photography contest and Robin Dollar, also of Snyder

entered a pencil drawing.

The scrapbook was also entered. Sorrells and Ellen Walker, sophomore from Roby were the co-historians of the scrapbook.

Mendez was nominated for the Life award for the most outstanding chapter president. Sorrells was nominated for the most dignified member award and Ross for the Siren-Levige award for women over 25 years of age returning to college.

Dr. Duane Hood, sponsor and dean of student services, was named to the National Advisors Hall of Honor.

Future plans for PTK include ushering at the Awards Day ceremony, April 30, a spring picnic, May 3 and electing officers. Soon it will be decided who will attend the honors institute in Charlottesville, VA, May 31 through June 7.



Three in a row

PTK members who represented WTC at the convention were Mary Hood, Duane Hood, Jeff Milburn, Dalila Carrasco, Darla Griffis, Pat Blakely, Clayton Sorrells and Shauna Gibson. Photo by Billy Summerlin

Your Turn

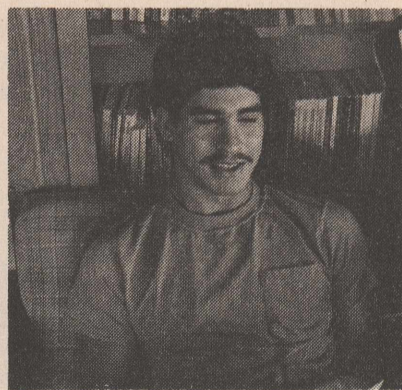
Are you satisfied with the extra-curricular activities that are planned at WTC? How can they be improved?

By Staci Wood and Howard Bigham



"I would like to participate if I had more time. I think we're lucky to have as many opportunities to participate as we do have and I think they're okay as they are and they should have more."

Nikki Stewart
Dunn, TX



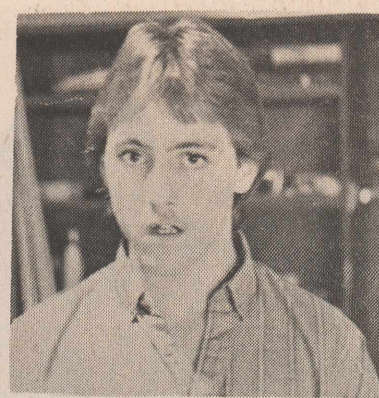
"Yes, I like them. They make time go by faster when there's nothing to do. They give students a chance to get involved. Intramurals could have been more organized though."

Albert Rivera
Colorado City, TX



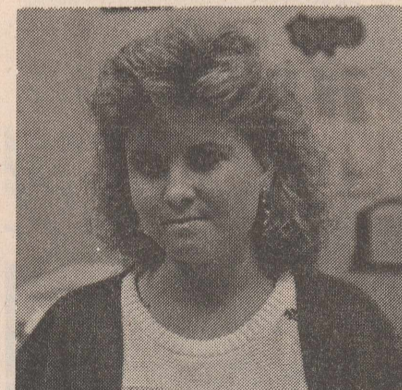
"I think the activities they plan could be improved. Prior activities that I was aware of were boring and unappealing to me."

Tim Nowell
Loraine, TX



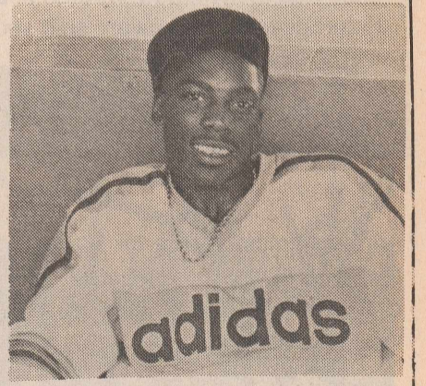
"I think they do a good job of planning activities. It keeps kids out of trouble. I think they should be publicized more. All they do is put up posters in some places."

Mike Moore
Sweetwater, TX



"Yes, I like the extra-curricular activities. I think they should plan more activities on the weekends for those who do not have time during the week."

Kim James
Snyder, TX



"They are pretty much prepared with them. They need to have more dances though, and even out the kind of music they play. They need to have more recreational activities and games."

John Lewis
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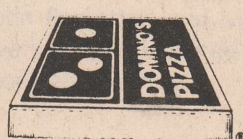
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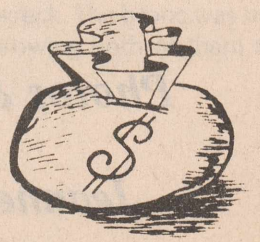


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WTC's rodeo team enlists 'practice ma

By Tom Long
WT Editor

As the WTC rodeo team gears up for the local rodeo, it is not without many long hours of practice, practice and more practice.

At the college finals in Bozeman, Montana, the 1986 rodeo team roped and rode its way to the championship. WTC has represented the southwest region at the finals for the past six years. They compete with two and four year colleges.

Not only does the rodeo team work long hours, but rodeo coach, Bob Doty, puts in his share of long hours, too. Doty and team members invite you to the Scurry County Coliseum this weekend to see if their practice will pay off.



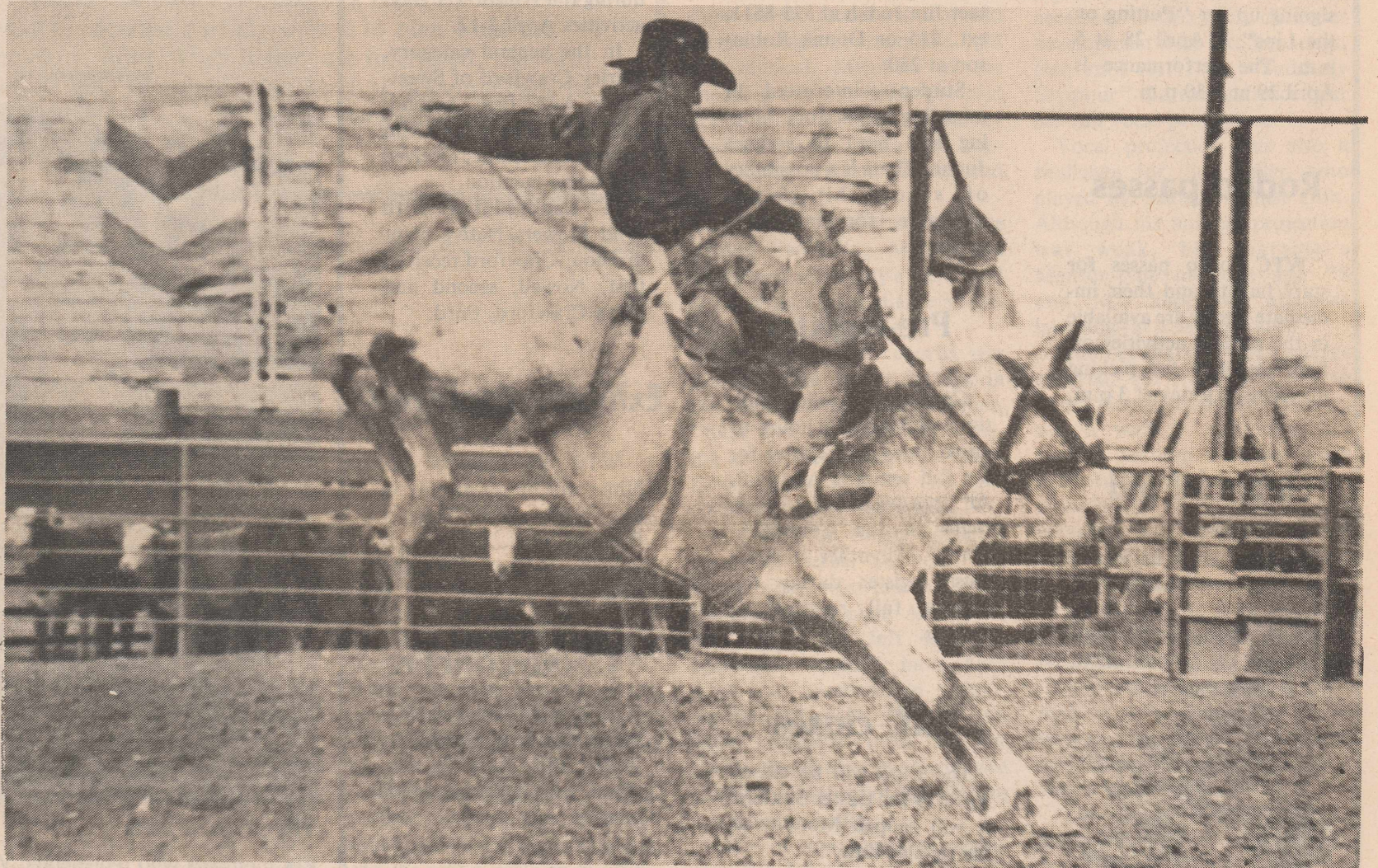
Caught him

After putting the loop around his calf, Paul Yorks' horse applies the brakes as Paul dismounts. It is the horse's job to hold the calf by a taunt rope while Paul catches, throws and ties the calf. Several team members encourage from the sidelines.



Right there!

Sophomore Clay Cass dashes out after his calf, throwing a loop that goes exactly where he wanted it—around the calf's neck. Calf roping is a timed event where every split second counts.



Hang on

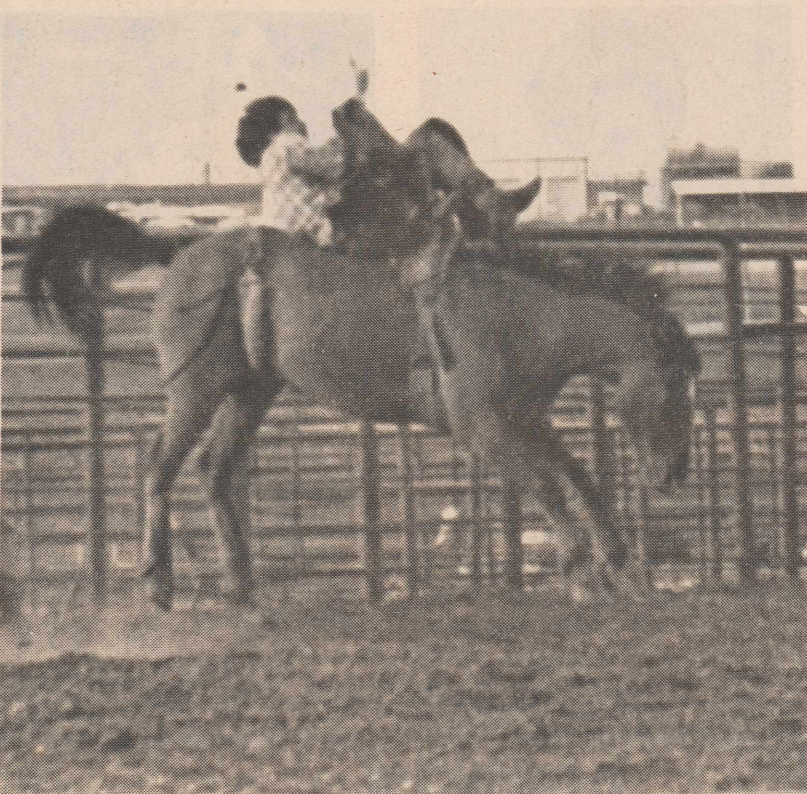
Troy Budvarson, freshman from Canada, shows balance and style during this practice saddlebronc ride. Saddle bronc riding is known as the

"classic" event of rodeo. Ole gray is giving it everything he's got to unseat his rider.



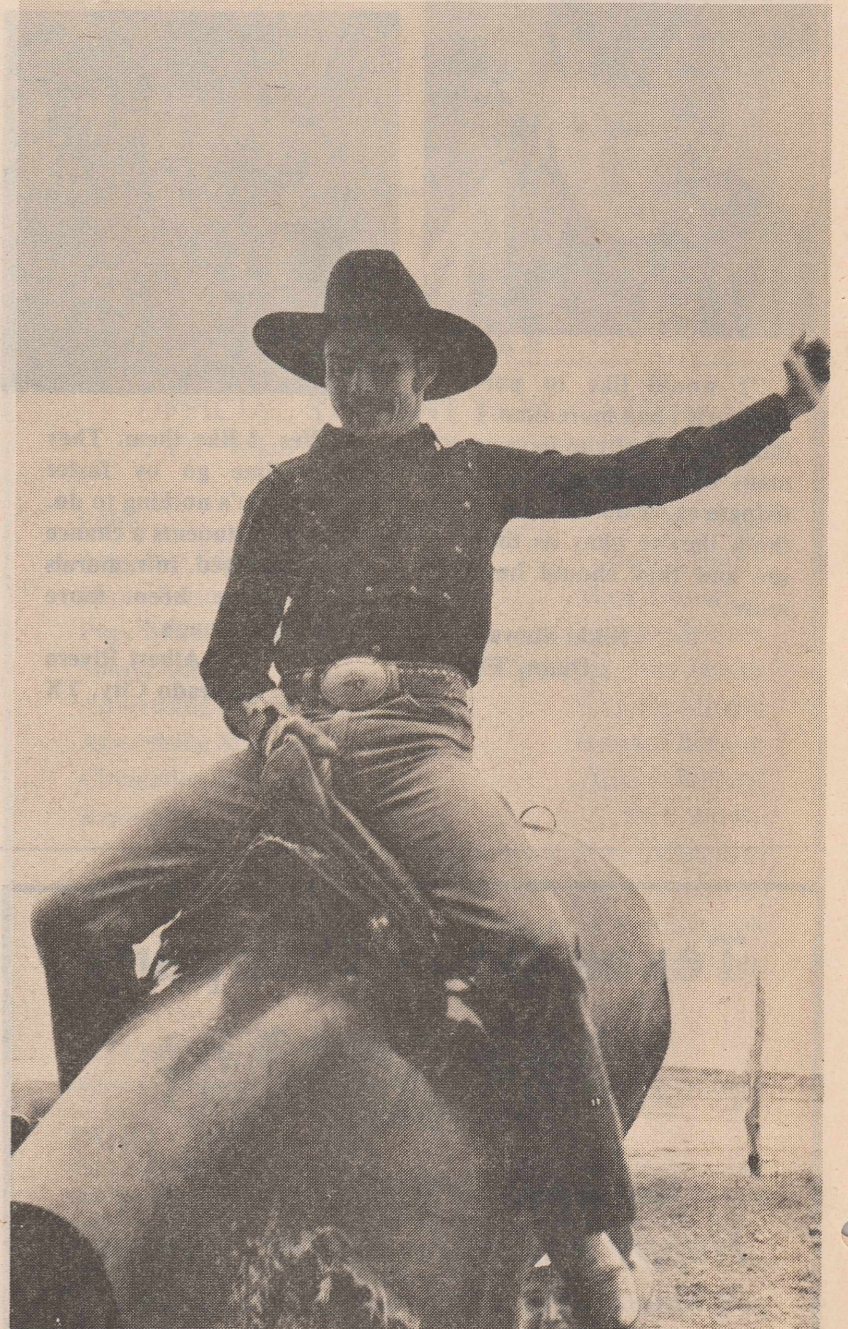
Ouch!

Sophomore Wes Henderson takes the hard way off his saddle bronc during a practice ride. Since there is nothing to hold on to, a cowboy can only stay in the saddle through timing and balance.



Spur!

David Jefferys shows good form and spurring action on his bareback ride. He leans way back and rakes the horse from the front of its shoulders to the tip. Good spurring action is awarded points in the scoring of the ride. As in all riding events, points are given for both the cowboy's performance and the animal's.

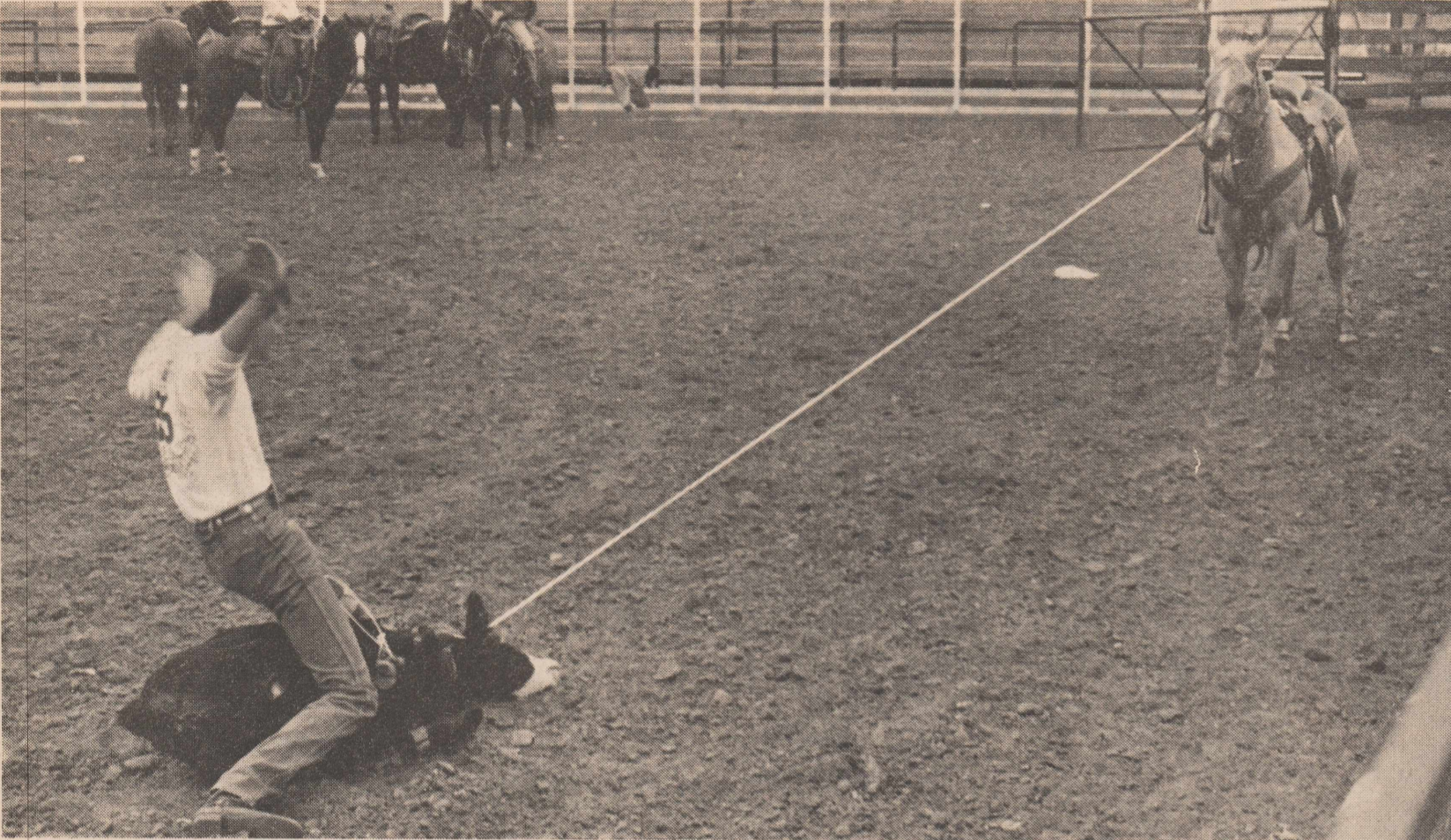


That's no bull

Snyderite Johnny Milliken holds his hand high in the air during a practice session on the college's mechanical bull. The mechanical bull simulates the real thing and helps bullriders with their balance.

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That's all

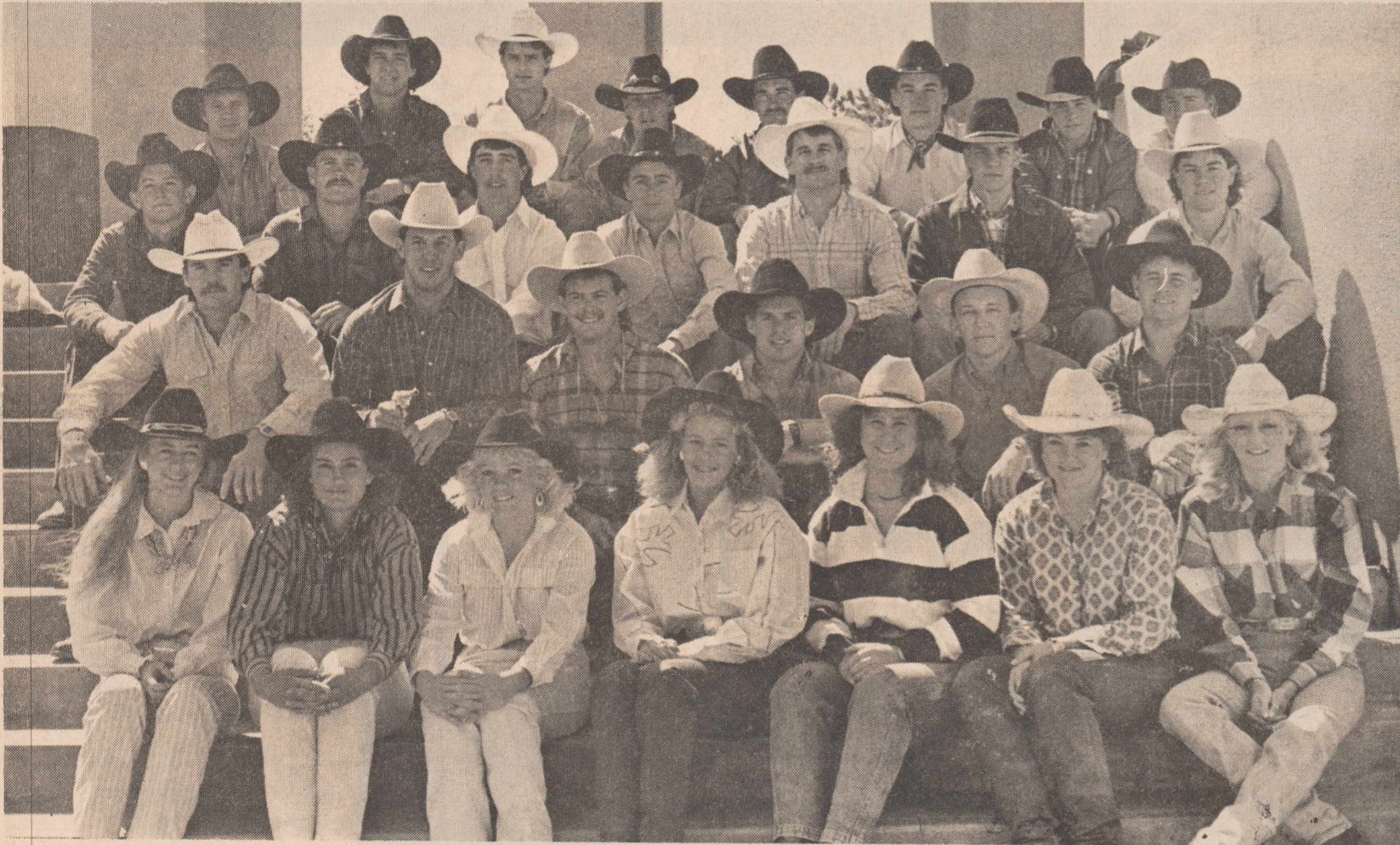
Sophomore Cleat Stephens signals he is finished by throwing both arms in the air. With this signal the field judge stops his watch. His horse will

then slack up on the rope. If the calf remains tied, his time will become official.



Rope that calf

Tana Whatley, sophomore from Comanche, swings her rope as she and her horse chase after their calf. Women on the team compete in breakaway calf roping.



1986-87 Rodeo team

Front row: Jo Ditt Danley, Sandy Scott, Jessie Colburn, Wendy Lundford, Mistri Davis, Jackie Horsfall, Tana Whatley.
Second row: David Jefferys, Keith Hudson, Cleat Stephens, Mark Minton, Heath Sims, Clay Cass

Third row: Robert Fifer, Paul Ivy, Tom Figueroa, Jeff Gilbert, Todd Danley, Scott Sharp, Joel Marr
Back row: Bryan Evans, Mike Carrillo, Steve Roberts, Jess Burner, Todd Small, Troy Budvarson, Adam Brewster and Wesley Henderson.



Skin the barrels

Jessie Colburn, currently in second place in barrel racing for the southwest region, sits calmly atop her horse as he leans in and cuts around the barrel at a high speed. Winners are sometimes determined by differences of less than a tenth of a second, so the 5 second penalty for overturning a barrel can really hurt.



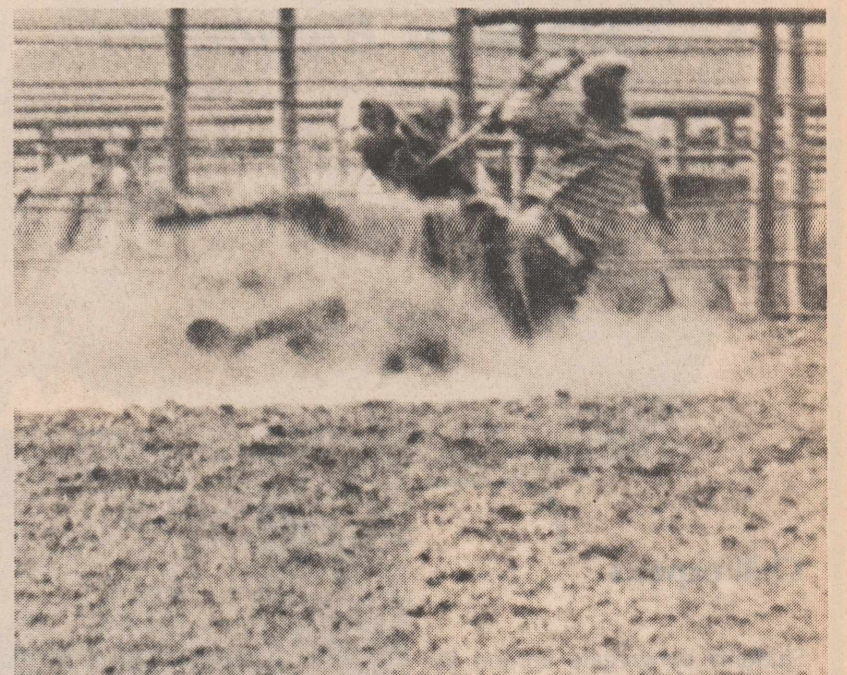
Whoa!

Pickup man Johnny Milliken follows close behind in case Coach Bob Doty needs any assistance in picking up Adam Brewster from his bareback horse.



Our turn

John Beckmyer and Mike Carrillo are preparing to feed for the day. Every student involved in the rodeo program takes his turn feeding the stock at the arena.



What a wreck

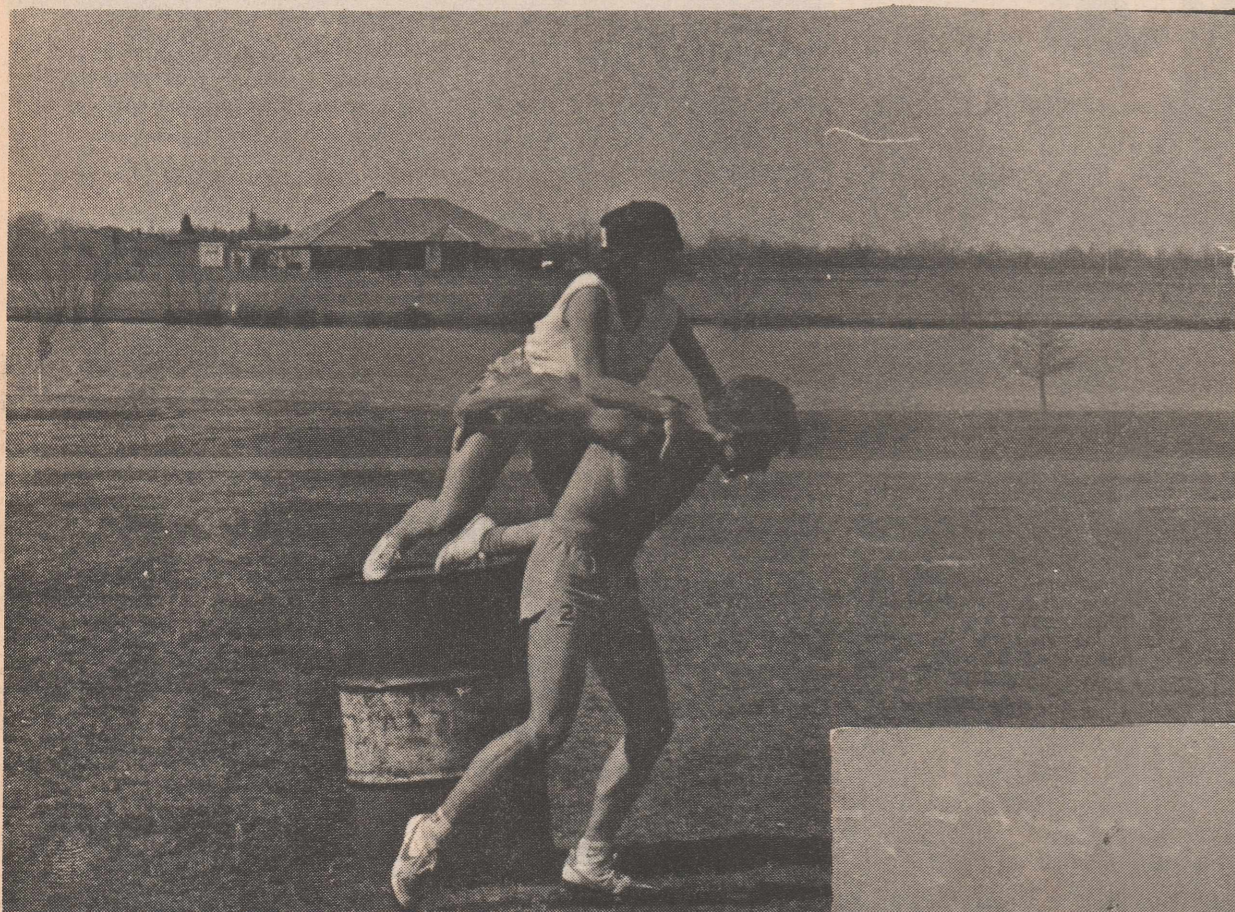
Horse and rider are both in trouble in this wreck. The bronc was so busy trying to throw his rider, he ended up throwing both of them to the ground. Both were shaken, but not hurt.

Western Days

Activities require expertise, stamina, cunning

Eye to eye

Freshman Ken Vincent comes head-to-head with the goat in the ribbon race. Contestants were required to use their cunning to snatch a ribbon from the goat's tail and return the ribbon to the starting line.



A race to the finish

LeAnn Shoemaker and Scott Runge (photo at left) participate in the rescue race. Ken Vincent and Lisa Thompson (below) exhibit stamina as they dash for the finish line in the required piggy-back style.



*Photos by
Howard Bigham*

Chili experts

Students congregate around the chili-cooking area as judges sample their hard work. First place was captured by the Press Club "Bad News Chili Team"; second, PTK; and third, Tim Long and members of the Dusters. Showmanship prize went to Uncle Adolph's Six Pack and Annie.



Women's program offers student support

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

For the past two years, Western Texas College has offered a women's program. This includes a class in the psychology of family living and a support group, called Image.

The class is taught by Counselor Dan Osborn. According to Pat Blakely, program director, the purpose of the class is to allow women to ease back into the college situation and to "teach them to be college students."

According to Blakely, the

reason that a psychology class was chosen is because "women live psychology everyday. It helps them realize they know more than they think they do."

The original idea for the class came from Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction and Blakey. Though the efforts of Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, a federal grant was obtained along with private donations to cover tuition and child care for most.

The women may enter the program without a high school diploma. However, before taking classes beyond the initial psychology class, they must have

a GED or a high school diploma.

At this time there are approximately 30-35 women enrolled in classes, both day classes and night classes.

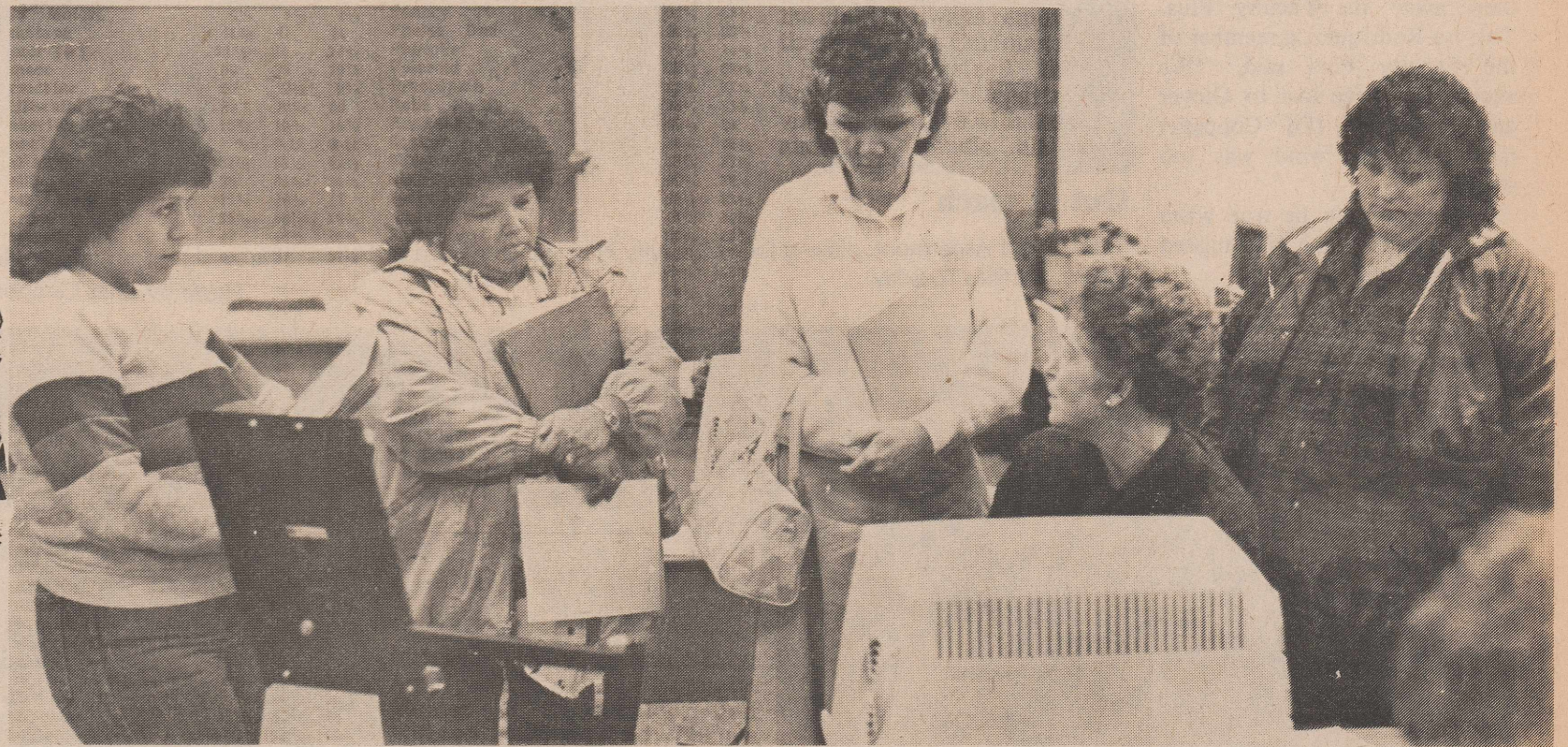
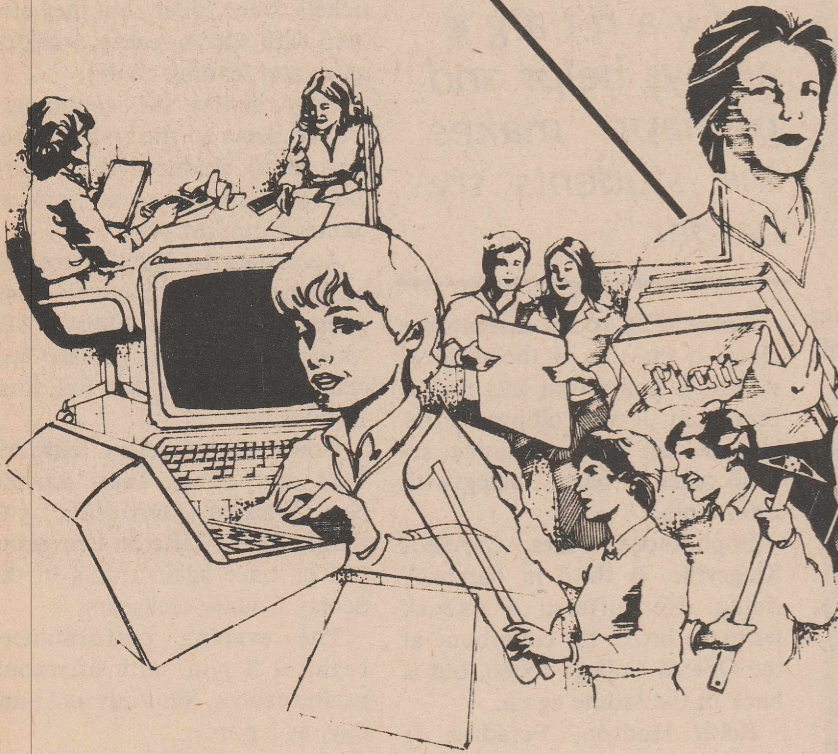
Image, a support group, is a part of the women's program. They meet once a month to discuss the problems that they share and offer each other advice and support.

At the end of the semester, they hold an awards ceremony in honor of those who are enrolled in the program.

As program director, Blakely is available to provide counseling 24 hours a day.

The drop out rate (less than 12 percent) in the women's program is very low considering the additional stresses that women with families face as college students. Blakely said, "Part of being successful is family support." She feels that this is the key to being able to stick with the program.

Blakely said that the most important benefit for continued education for women is an increase in self-esteem and self-confidence. She said that this provides her with "a change to give to others through the college process what the college process gave to me."



A look at the future

Members of the Women's program look at one of the computers in the office careers department. Pictured from left to right are Mary Alaniz,

Nancy Candanoza, Vivian Hill, Instructor Joann Snider and Tamie Autrey.
-Photo by Howard Bigham

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Southwest Texas	180/mo.	2 mo.-5 yrs.
Texas Tech	350/sem.	1-6 yrs.
UT-Austin	532/long session	3-4 yrs.

*All require waiting lists
**information taken from Texas College Student magazine

Returning to school presents obstacles

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

Going back to school for women presents many obstacles.

"Time management is the biggest problem," Dan Osborn, counselor, said. Osborn elaborated that this includes family, studying, housework, chauffeuring the children and other errands.

Expense is also a factor for these women that are returning. Expenses usually involved are transportation, childcare, tuition, books and fees.

According to Osborn, most women who need childcare use the services of the Snyder Day

Care Center and Kids Kampus. The Snyder Day Care Center offers a fee based on family income and Kids Kampus offers a special price for those women in that class only.

Tuition for the psychology class, that is offered in a special program to women, is paid. This includes books and fees. For the other classes, they must go through regular channels.

The primary fields that women are training for are office careers, management, nursing, cosmetology and education. "These areas have good job openings," Osborn said. "The jobs are there when they graduate."

Happy Easter from the

Western Texan

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'Mural softball competition continues

By Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Editor

The 1987 intramural softball season started two weeks ago and will continue until April 23.

The six teams competing for the intramural softball championship are BASOO, A.A.R.R., Fugitives, Faculty Plus, and the WTC Superstars.

Some games had to be rescheduled because of the weather. "These games will be moved to a later date," said intramural director Mike Harrison.

In yesterday's games, the Filas blew away the Faculty Plus. Theresa Rodriguez, a member of the Faculty Plus said, "We should not have lost to Glover and weakness' (Ed Coppage) team, but the wind was too strong."

This proved to be true when five members of the Filas missed an infield fly-ball.



Out of reach

Tim Long of Aspermont, playing for the Faculty Plus, reaches for a fly ball in intramural softball competition against the Filas Tuesday.

Photo by Chet Campbell

WTC to host college rodeo

By Tom Long
WT Editor

As rodeo team members prepare for the upcoming rodeo this weekend, Coach Bob Doty feels that the "homefield advantage always helps and perhaps makes the students try harder."

The men's team came in second place last weekend at Hobbs, New Mexico.

"The homefield advantage always helps and perhaps makes the students try harder."

maintaining his first place regional lead in the calf roping. Hudson won the National calf roping title last year.

WTC competes in the southwest region. Doty say, "This region is the strongest region because of the number and quality of colleges." Members compete in 10 rodeos. The top two teams and individuals in each event qualify for the finals.

Team members have several responsibilities during the local rodeo. "Not only do they sell tickets to the rodeo, but they also help with sorting cattle, working gates and loading chutes.

Doty invites the community and students to the rodeo to see how many students do compete and also to see some familiar names from last year.

According to Doty, there will be some ex-WTC students competing, too. Nicki Moist, 1986 Most Outstanding Female student, now rodeos for Sul Ross University.

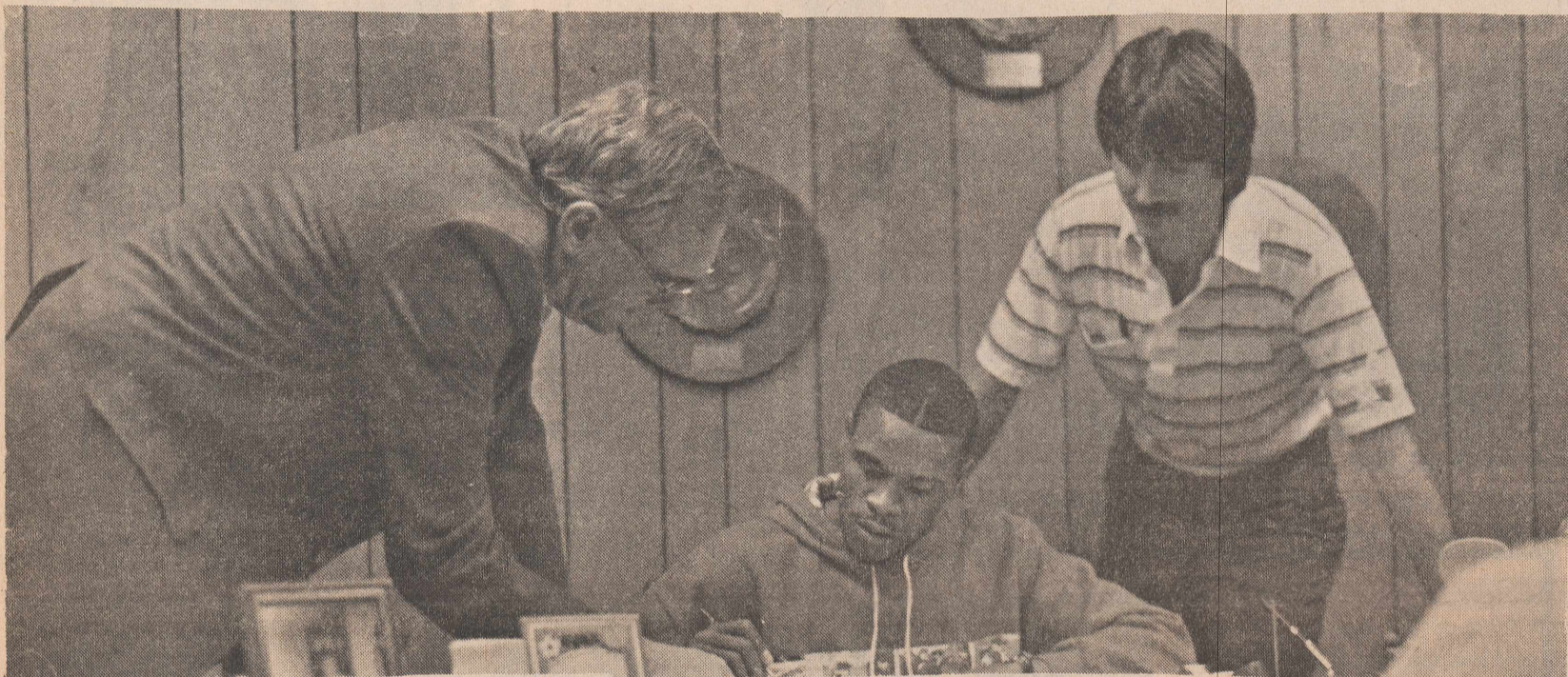
Other exes Shelley Eldridge Tate and Tobin Tate, Eastern New Mexico University, and Kenny Riley, Tarleton University will be once again riding in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with afternoon performances, Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Three WTC rodeo students are close to the top of the regional standings going into this rodeo. Freshman Jesse Colburn, Bainbridge, Is., WA, is running second place in barrel racing with 290 points.

Sophomore Mike Carrillo, Kingsville, is third in bareback riding. He suffered a setback when he broke his collarbone at the Odessa College rodeo, but is back in the saddle again.

Keith Hudson, Paradise, is



Alabama bound

All-star Alvin Lee became the newest member of the Crimson Tide when he signed with Alabama on Monday. Several Westerners and Dusters have signed with major universities recently.

Photo by Mark Rauterkus

WTC players sign to play with major universities

By Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Co-editor

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Co-editor

Western Texas College basketball teams have had some of their graduating sophomores sign on with major universities.

The Westerners will lose Alvin Lee and John Lewis. The Dusters will part with Dee Ann Marr, Gi-Gi Robinson, and Brenda Welch.

Lee was recently voted as the Most Valuable Player at the NJCAA All-Star game. Lee

scored 26 points to lead the Texas team to a 111-101 victory over the U.S. team. The teams were made up of junior college All-Americans.

Westerner coach Phil Spradling said, "Alvin winning the MVP award was a big achievement. It really shows he is a talented ballplayer."

Lee signed a contract on Monday to play for the University of Alabama.

"They (Alabama) have been in the top ten the past five years and are predicted to do really well next year. I think Alvin has sign-

ed for a good basketball program," Spradling said.

John Lewis, a sophomore at Western Texas College, has signed a contract to play for Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

According to Lewis, "I went to look at TCU and I really liked the facilities and the campus."

Lewis says he thought he would feel comfortable at TCU because he has friends attending the university and he has relatives in the Dallas area. "When I met the players, I really felt at home around them," said Lewis.

According to Lewis, "I think if I hadn't played for WTC I wouldn't be getting the offers and the opportunities I'm getting now. I don't really want to leave, but it's a chance to play major college basketball."

The Dusters' Dee Ann Marr and Gi-Gi Robinson have signed with Sam Houston University this morning.

Brenda Welch who was named All-American has not yet committed to any university. Welch is considering Sam Houston University, Oregon State, and the University of Arkansas.



Sports Talk

By Eddy Lopez

Springtime offers variety of activities

It is spring and we have all the sports going on at the same time. First, we have a new baseball season. It looks like the Houston Astros should win the pennant. The Astros are 6-0 in the early season and look unstoppable. Last year the New York Mets got lucky and won.

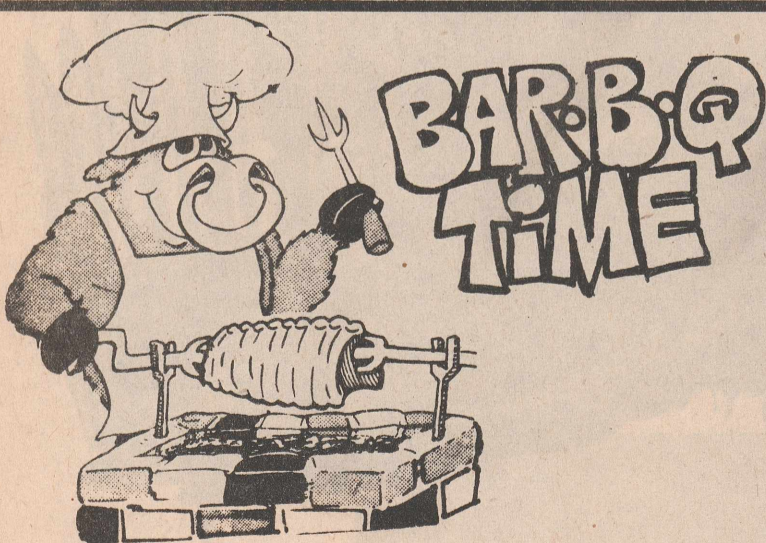
Speaking of luck, did you all happen to see Sugar Ray Leonard beat Marvelous Marvin Hagler? Personally I would say that Hagler should have won the fight. I guess he did win in a way, he will receive around \$35 million for losing the World Middleweight championship.

Then we have the NBA games

where the Dallas Mavericks and Houston Rockets will represent Texas in the NBA playoffs. I believe it will come down between the Boston Celtics and Dallas or the L.A. Lakers for the title.

Finally, we have soccer and hockey, but out here in West Texas it is too dry to have hockey, and no one likes getting kicked on their shin. In the NHL, the Edmonton Eskimos should win the title. The Dallas Sidekicks should win the MISL title.

I am glad the USFL decided to move their games to the fall, or we might have been seeing sports all day.



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