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WTC toughens rules: Expulsion possible for students involved in drug-related cases

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

The Student Welfare Committee met Oct. 28 to discuss suspension of students for use and/or possession of controlled substances on campus required by House Resolution 253 and the new policy for alcohol.

The House Resolution 253 states that no illegal drugs should be allowed on campus and that any student caught with such a drug will be suspended for a specified period of time. It also states that illegal drugs or con-

trolled substances are object of offense under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

The committee reached the decision to suspend a student for the first offense of use and/or possession of a controlled substance on campus and for the second offense, a student will receive permanent expulsion from the college.

For the sale of a controlled substance, students will receive permanent expulsion.

A new alcohol policy was formulated by the committee. A stu-

dent who is in possession of alcohol or being under the influence will be put on probation for the first offense and suspended for one semester and all credits earned for that semester will be forfeited for the second offense.

"In any case where a student has been suspended from school, there will be a due process hearing for any student involved with any offense-either drug or alcohol related," Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, said. Hood noted that a due process hearing is that the accused

has the right to know his charges, who is testifying and a right to counsel.

"I have...a temporary power to suspend a student from college pending a hearing or if a student is a threat to other students or to himself," Hood said. "The Student Welfare Committee is the judiciary body."

Hood said that he would suspend a student for selling controlled substances, however, would not suspend for alcohol because "every situation is different," he said.

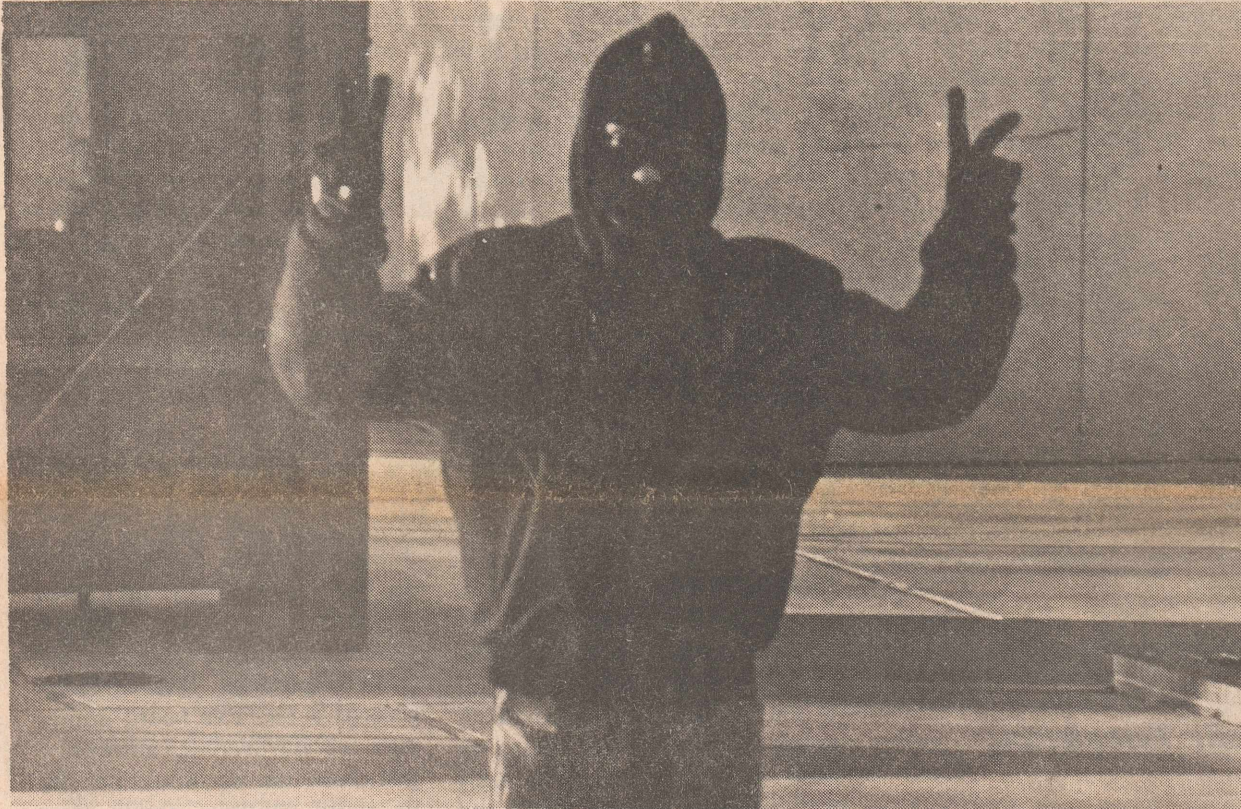
"We are trying to have a campus that students will not be afraid to attend or be intimidated. College is hard enough without worrying about that," he said.

The committee recommended that the president and the Board of Trustees send letters to students no later than the end of the 1987 semester. According to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, the letters have not yet been sent.

The recommendation will now go to the Board of Trustees.

Hood noted that action can be taken once policy has been approved by the board and students have received their letters.

Committee members are chairman Jim Palmer, professor of history; Annette Williams, management instructor; Winnie Poyner, associate professor of LVN program; Jerry Dennis, diesel mechanics instructor; Lee Burke, associate professor of physical education; Mark Reger, Tularosa, NM, student representative; and Laura Roe, Brownfield, senate president.



Winter wardrobe

James Hill, Fort Worth, bundles up for the first freeze of the year

(Photo by Bill Summerlin)

Loan default rate will result in federal funding cutback

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Abuse of guaranteed student loans (GSL) prompted Congress to impose a program for schools with a high default rate.

On a recent C-Span, Secretary of State, George Schulz, announced a program dealing with the college loan default rate. He said if the default rate is above 20 percent before December 1990, colleges would be subject of loss of all federal financial assistance. Officials say about 3,000 of the 8,300 participating schools exceeded the 20 percent mark.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, said his department hasn't received any specific guidelines or how the program will affect the college in the long-run.

"We do not know our current default rate or which students who have loans are still in school or employed or in the military,"

Hood said.

According to an article from *The Washington Post*, loss of federal student loans funds would force an institution to close its doors. The article also says that the opponents think it is unfair and is punishing institutions for the "sins" of former students.

"We are concerned that students may not realize the consequences of the borrowing that they have done or methods of repayment," Hood said. "We are more concerned that students who need help the most to go to college, may be denied the opportunity because 'deadbeat' alumni who have not paid on their loans," he added.

According to *The Post*, the cumulative figure in defaulted GSLs reached \$5.6 billion last year rising from \$977 million eight years ago. The annual cost climbed from \$530 million in 1983 to a projected \$1.6 billion this year.

The Post also said department officials and members of Congress argue against institutions with high default rates may be exploiting students and encouraging them to attend the school with little hope of completion or job placement upon graduation.

Hood noted that students have six months after they leave school to begin payment.

"It's really a disgrace," William Kristol, education department chief of staff, said. "If half of the kids (with loans) are in default, something has gone terribly wrong."

The Post said senate supporters and education officials argue that institutions could lower their default rates through rigid screening of applicants, better counseling and better job placement services.

"The defaults could destroy the base of the financial aid program," Hood said. "The society loses, the college loses and the students loses. Everybody loses."

Veteran's Day

Congress salutes veterans

We salute the men and women who have helped America maintain the freedom it so bravely fought to obtain in the American revolution.

Nov. 11 is the anniversary of the armistice that concluded

World War I. We observe Veterans Day for a special reason, to honor the men and women who made liberty cause their own. The veterans of our proud, free country deserve the blessings that they gave to all.

In order to pay fitting homage to those who have served in our Armed Forces, the congress has provided that Nov. 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

Board meeting

Agenda includes travel funds

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

The WTC Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting tonight following a five o'clock dinner in the cafeteria.

Items on the agenda include consideration for approval of the 1988-89 school calendar and funds for travel for the judging team to attend the National Meat judging contest in Denver.

Several bids will also be con-

sidered including production of the 88-89 catalog, wall repair in building 7B and new IBM computers in the office careers department.

Campus policy on controlled substances will also be discussed.

The board will consider re-appointment of WTC Scholarship Foundation Board members Johnny Sue Stiff and Pat Falls, both of Snyder. The Scholarship Board serves to oversee scholarship funding and to advise ad-

ministrators on investing scholarship funds.

Members on this committee serve three-year rotating terms. Members whose terms have expired are Stiff, Falls and Billy McCormick. McCormick has served on the board 14 years and will not seek re-appointment.

During the meeting, the board of trustees will recommend and vote on appointment of Eddie Johnson, president of American State Bank, to fill the vacancy.

Teachers face prison decision

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Teachers may face a hard decision within the next 16 months now that Scurry County has been approved for a prison.

WTC faculty could be teaching inside the prison walls. Construction for the prison should be finished within the next 16 months. During that time, faculty need to decide what they want to do.

The 1,000 bed unit, which was approved Nov. 9 in Austin, will cost \$13 million and will employ 250 staffers. The monthly payroll is estimated at \$560,000.

The prison will be located on a 606 acre plot five miles northeast of Snyder and is expected to take

up 78 acres. The remaining land will be used for expansion.

According to Linda Schwarz, bookstore manager, her husband rents some of this land. "We raise cotton on it," she said. "We are going to have to get the cotton off," she added.

Schwarz said at first she had some mixed feelings but, "I knew Snyder needed something to build it up again. I think it's a good deal."

The TDC board selected six sites for two maximum security and four medium security prisons. Amarillo and Gatesville were selected for maximum prisons and Liberty County, Marlin and Woodville along with Scurry County were chosen as sites for the medium security

prisons.

According to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, eight faculty and staff members attending the hearings in Austin. He noted that two Snyder residents who opposed the prison also attended.

Krenek said one person who opposed the prison spoke to the committee. "He said they stated they were afraid of raising taxes and that the prison would reflect a bad image on Snyder."

Krenek also noted that they said the committee favor had not provided all the information about the proposal.

Plans for the prison have already been drawn up according to Bill Moss, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.



Reception bound

Marsha Krenek (left) and Mrs. Steve Carriker visit while President Harry Krenek (left rear) escorts 78th District State Representative Steve Carriker from Roby to a reception given in Carriker's honor on Nov. 3 in the Student Center.

(Photo by Ming Choy Lee)

Editorial

Nominee's past irrelevant to present job qualifications

The democratic party spent millions on their publicity efforts to prevent Robert Bork's receiving senate committee confirmation; Douglas Ginsburg has saved them the trouble. Anyone involved in politics or other public roles knows that his actions are constantly scrutinized, but what Ginsburg did back in college 20 years ago should not have had any bearing on his ability to rule on the Supreme Court, and Ginsburg's former actions and those of other nominees should not jeopardize chances of being confirmed if they prove otherwise competent.

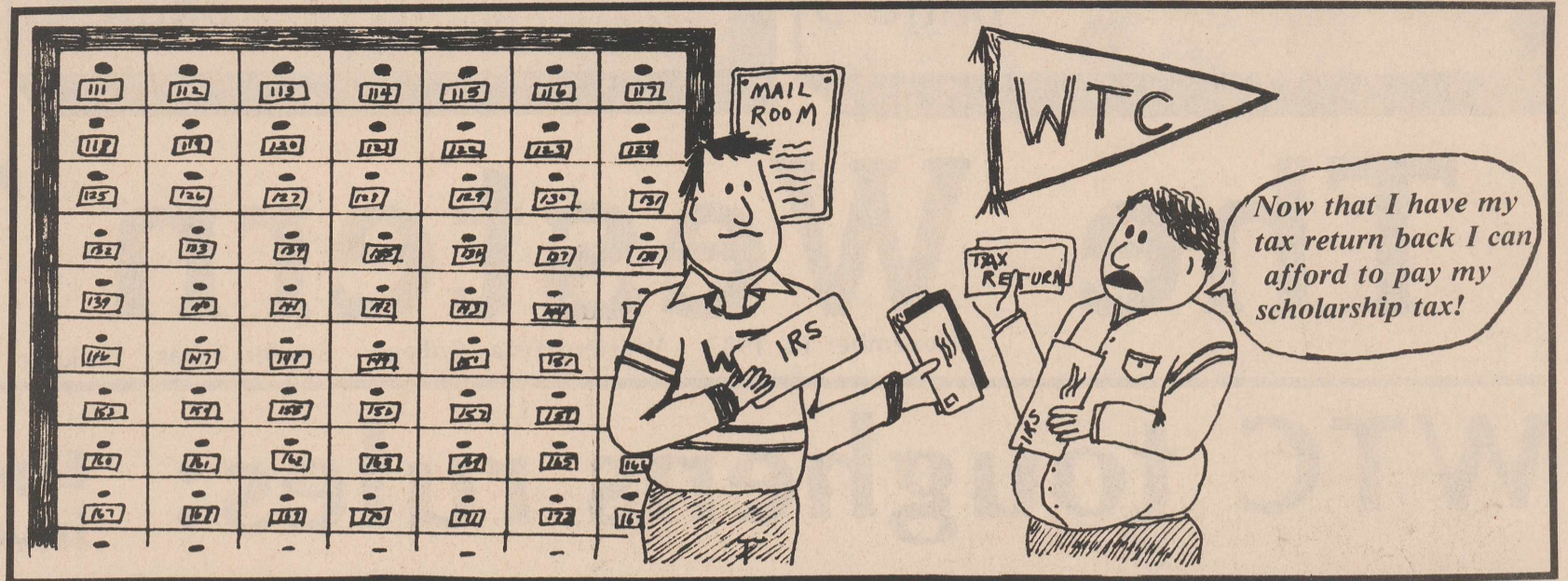
Use of marijuana is illegal and while we don't need lawbreakers or criminals on our nation's highest court, we can't expect to find saints either. Probably as a college student, Ginsburg had no idea he would someday be a nominee for the Supreme Court, few college students want to think ahead that far. Maybe we should more carefully consider the lifelong consequences of the actions we are taking now, but realistically, who does?

We are not the same people we were two years ago, likewise, the people being nominated have very different ideals than they had twenty years ago, but their lifelong actions are being judged.

Reagan's attitude of unyielding support has been comparable to that of a parent. Likewise, the Senate committee's job is parental by nature and we are expected to trust its judgement.

We should, after the example of Ginsburg, take responsibility for our actions and consider the far-reaching consequences, whether or not we plan to live a public life. But the belief that Ginsburg is having to pay for the sins of his youth is both naive and pretentious. Who are we to set the price?

The Senate committee's job should not be to set the price, but to determine a nominee's present level of competence to uphold the role of the Supreme Court, without exploiting unrelated and untimely incidences.



Jessica coverage not good standard

Nowadays, whenever I pick up a newspaper or turn on the television, Jessica McClure is making headlines.

It's been three weeks since she has been rescued from the well and the media is still soaking up the attention.

I'm sure Jessica is not the only child that has fallen into a well and has needed as much help as she, so why doesn't the media give the others equal coverage.

On the second day of Jessica's ordeal, a little boy fell into a well and drowned. Did anybody know about it? Apparently not. This information came across the AP wire at the radio station.

What about the little girl that was mauled by the lion? She made headlines for two days and now no one knows how she is doing. What about the girl who was bitten by a shark? Did she have to have her leg amputated after all?



Reporting Live

By Suzette Harris

See, no one knows. Doesn't anyone want to know? I do.

There are several children who undergo heart, liver, and kidney transplants everyday. The only ones that people know about are the little children or the senior citizens. If an accident happens to someone between these ages, it won't make the news unless it is a special case. But aren't they all special cases?

Now don't get me wrong, I'm glad they were able to save

Jessica. I just wish that the media would be fair and let America help the other children and their families that have suffered

One reason that Jessica is making news everyday is because it happened right here in Texas. The whole country became involved because so many people volunteered to help.

But some of the detailed coverage is just too much. For example, Oprah Winfrey flew to Midland and featured on her

show the volunteers that pulled Jessica from the well. Dan Rather had a special program showing different segments of how she was rescued, the people involved, the gifts and letters that has been received and how a new kind of surgery will repair the bruise on her forehead.

Out of the 30 minute program, only two of the topics presented were not repetitive of all the other coverage--how many gifts and letters the McClures received, and what kind of surgery will be performed on her forehead.

But everything else is old news. The media should wait a year and then do a follow-up. That way America would see how she and her family has coped with the ordeal.

Jessica McClure did bring America closer together, after all, but maybe others will bring us even closer.

Student forced to face large bush creatures

I think it's safe to come out of the closet about this now, especially since I've found out I'm not the only one who has heard them. I no longer believe that they only exist in my imagination. I am truly ready to admit it. The things that rustle in the bushes are really there. I'm not crazy. I don't know what they are, but I do know that they actually exist. I am not the only one that has noticed them and I'm truly relieved.

Now that I have established the fact that they do exist, I believe I have to face that all important question of what the little creatures are. Maybe they're not

little creatures. Maybe they're big creatures. This is something I'm not real sure about. For a long time I thought they were lizards. I think they would have to be some mighty big lizards. There has been a sighting of a snake, I've heard. There may be some snakes and lizards but sometimes these things sound very large and like they have big feet, so I think there must be some other type of creature in those bushes.

I personally have spotted one of these creatures. I did not get a good view, so I'm not any closer to finding the status of the poor animals. I saw it over by the WTC waterfall. It was larger



Facing My Neurosis

Leslie Templeton

than a mouse but smaller than a horse. It had a furry grey back. That's all I saw. Has anyone lost a guinea pig lately?

Though the one by the waterfall was relatively short, I can't help but wonder about the size of

those that live in the bushes around the courtyard. This could turn out to be really dangerous to students. Picture this: You're strolling along to class, late as usual, wishing you had done your homework. There's not a soul

around besides yourself (preferably this happens on your way to a night class to give the scene a scarier effect). Suddenly, there's a "RUSTLE, RUSTLE" in the bushes. Your adrenalin is going crazy! You're having to hold yourself into a leisurely walking pace so you won't run like a madman trying to get away from--what? You know there's nothing there. And yet the rustling is getting more frenzied. Then, out steps a giant guinea pig, taller than any basketball player on this campus! His giant, beady eyes are looking at you, his little wet nose is twitching at you! Then he pounces! He knocks you

down and chews the soles right out of your shoes and then furiously waddles off. Boy, it would scare the devil out of you!

Well, perhaps I have exaggerated a bit. I've heard guinea pigs are introverted, anyway. I just think that we should be a little more cautious about these unknowns. Now, I don't mean to haul your shotgun to school or anything. Just make sure you're not hauling around an extra load of hamster pellets or beef jerky for guinea pigs. Bring only what you need. Oh, and don't stand too close to those bushes. You never know what might reach out and GETCHA!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I have been concerned after reading the story in the Oct. 15 issue entitled *Movement stresses values, may compromise freedom*, that the views outlined are the general consensus of the youth of today. I hope this isn't the case.

We can't go back the way we were 100 years ago and I don't want to go back, but the purpose of "history" is to learn from the mistakes made and to recognize the positive goals and standards and cultivate them in our present century.

Our country was founded on religious beliefs. Our American currency has "In God We Trust" stamped on it and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag says "...One Nation Under God...". Are we "cramming religion down people's throats" when we recite the pledge and pass money from hand to hand?

Some of our greatest presidents were God-loving people--Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and the manuscripts that they wrote referring to God--should we abolish them as they are mixing religion and politics?

I dare say, the people who lived in the 19th Century did not have AIDS from sexual promiscuity, venereal diseases, children out of wedlock and other immoral actions that are of today. Let me state, I am not naive enough to think none of the above mentioned ever happened in the 19th century as I'm sure it was done but certainly it wasn't as

prevalent then as it is now.

I'm not sure what your definition of humanism is--my idea of humanism is ideas, views and opinions that leave God completely out. I haven't figured out just how you can leave God out. Have you ever looked at a flower and wondered how it grew from a small seed? Have you ever seen a mama cat give birth and wondered how the kittens were conceived?

Whoever you are that wrote this article, I say, if this is what you are learning in your church--that religion is a "business"--then I feel sorry for you and I think you should seek another church. My religion is not one that I "put on" on Sunday and then discard the rest of the week. My religion is trying to live honestly, lovingly and practicing consideration to others on a day by day basis and yes, using the values and morals of the 19th century. That is what religion should be.

I will be proud and have loads of admiration for a president that will think, consider all the angles and yes, pray for guidance before making decisions that might possibly cause the loss of lives--maybe even your own.

Mrs. Charles Wood
Box 226
Colorado City

P.S. I think your cartoon was also in poor taste.

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have stood by me through the trying events of this past week. It did my heart good just to know how many friends I have.

You, my friends, gave me the strength to look beyond the dismal circumstances surrounding me and to see the future.

I will miss you all. Remember me when it rains, my actions were always those of a thunder storm.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Rauterkus
San Angelo, TX 76901

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Shoplifting problem in store, city

By Chet Campbell
WT Page Editor

Shoplifting in Snyder is a large problem yet it is for the most part unrecognized. "People don't realize what a big problem it really is because many shoplifters don't get caught," says Amado Montalvo, assistant manager of C. R. Anthony Company.

Linda Schwarz, WTC

bookstore manager, acknowledges the problem. "We have found empty hangers and noticed small items missing around the store. "The bookstore is not a part of the college, it is a part of the Texas Book Company and we can press criminal charges against shoplifters." Schwarz adds.

According to Vernon's Texas Penal Codes Annotated, the

theft of property valued at less than five dollars is a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum of a \$200 fine.

Theft of property valued between five and \$20 is a Class B misdemeanor and punishable by a maximum of \$1000 fine and/or one year in jail.

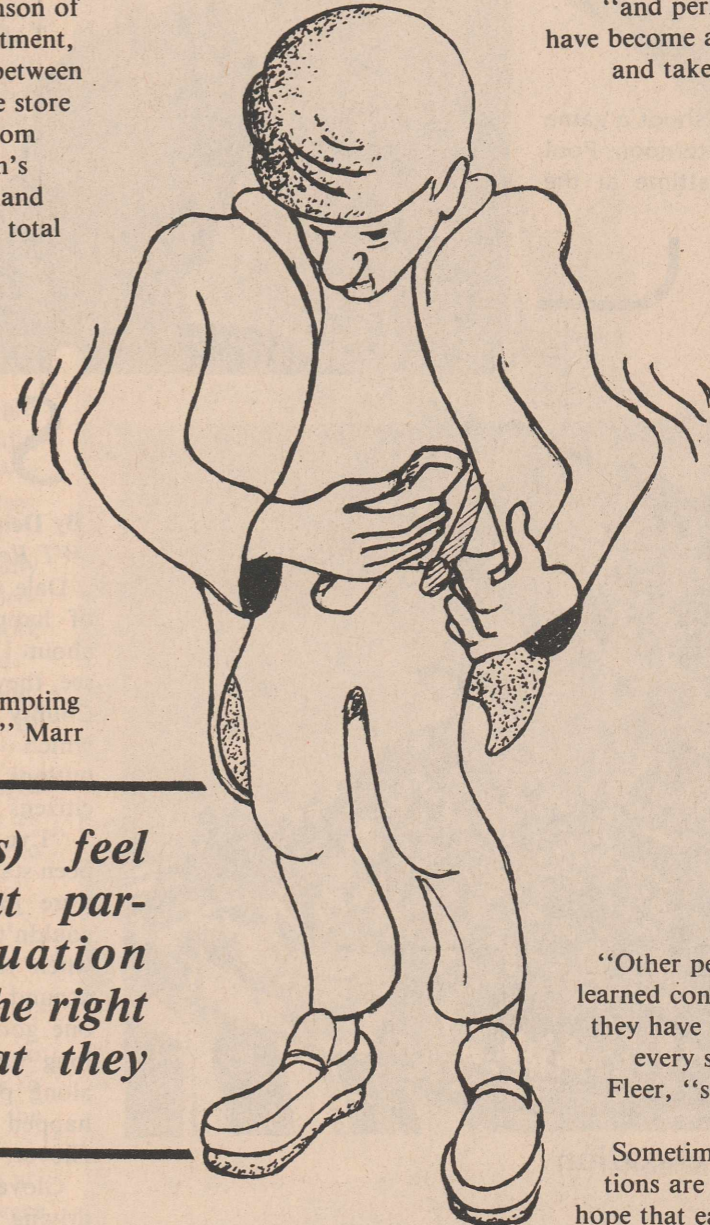
Theft of property valued between \$20 and \$200 is a Class A misdemeanor and punishable by

a maximum of \$2000 fine and/or two years in jail.

If the stolen property's value is over \$200 then the offender is charged with a felony. According to Officer Jay Johnson of the Snyder Police Department, "there is no difference between one item taken from one store to several items taken from several stores." The item's values are accumulative and punishment is set by the total value.

Precautions can be taken to prevent theft. "The Scurry County sherriff's office has given us films to watch and we are in the process of learning to deter shoplifting," Karen Marr, manager of Hastings Books and Records, said. "We are aware of the problem and attempting to control the situation," Marr adds.

"(Shoplifters) feel that in that particular situation they are in the right to take what they need."



psychology and sociology. "Perhaps another idea is that my generation has passed on to your generation an idea of abundance," Fleeer continues, "and perhaps our offspring have become accustomed to that and take what they want."

Also individual situations occur that can lead a person with strong morals to transgress their own morals and according to Fleeer, "feel that in that particular situation they are in the right to take what they need." Shoplifting takes other forms than just taking something illegally, such as switching price tags. "Some people cope by justifying theft, thinking well I want this but it costs too much so I'll just steal this to make up for it," explains Fleeer.

"Other people have just never learned control or they feel that they have to be able to control every situation," continues Fleeer, "so they steal to prove themselves."

Sometimes these people's actions are a cry for help. They hope that each time they will be caught in order to receive help.

"If they do this for attention and they are not caught then they feel that they will have to yell louder and steal bigger things," says Fleeer.

Shoplifters are often referred to as kleptomaniacs. Kleptomaniacs steal for many different reasons. One reason may be that because of demands and pressure from their environment

and peers, "they lose sight of responsibility, then they feel that they have no responsibility to their own values and they can go against their own values," says Gil Fleeer, professor of



Turkey twosome

(Photo by Ming Choy Lee)

Mr. and Mrs. Turkey appear oblivious to the approaching turkey doom day. These specimens were found in a backyard on the Old Lubbock Highway.

Turkey leftover problems solved by staff and students

Thanksgiving is approaching us once again. Along with all that dressing, cakes, pies and sweet potatoes is a lot of leftover turkey.

Faculty and students told *The Western Texan* what they do with their leftover turkey.

Fredda Cook, museum administrative assistant, says she "freezes some and makes turkey cacciatore with some".

Janelle Purcella, from Loraine, makes curried turkey and pours it over rice.

Robert Adams, associate professor of government and history, bakes turkey and dumplings.

Harry Krenak, president of

WTC, said "I make turkey tacos with alfalfa sprouts".

Elaine Tate, typesetting supervisor, cubes the turkey and batters it before dipping it into cheese fondue.

Jeff Latson, from Waxahachie, makes turkey casserole.

Larry Raschke, from Colorado City, saves it for christmas.

Coleen Palmer, from Colorado city, grinds the turkey meat, adds boiled eggs, chow chow, chopped apples and salad dressing and serves it on lettuce as turkey salad.

Linda Burns, from Snyder, cooks turkey pot pies.

Debbie Baremore, counseling secretary, likes turkey and spaghetti.

Dan Hawkins, from Graham, feeds it to the dogs because his mom is a bad cook.

Melissa Wilson, from Hawley, doesn't have any left with Jeff around.

Greta Baez, from Sweetwater, gives it away to her brother and sister and eats it for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Staci Wood, of Colorado City, smokes it.

Melissa Joyce, of Big Lake, uses it as ammunition against Denise Pursley of Wylie.

Andrea Eply, of Stamford, puts it in the refrigerator and snacks on it.

Mike Otto, assistant professor of science, makes turkey salad sandwiches.

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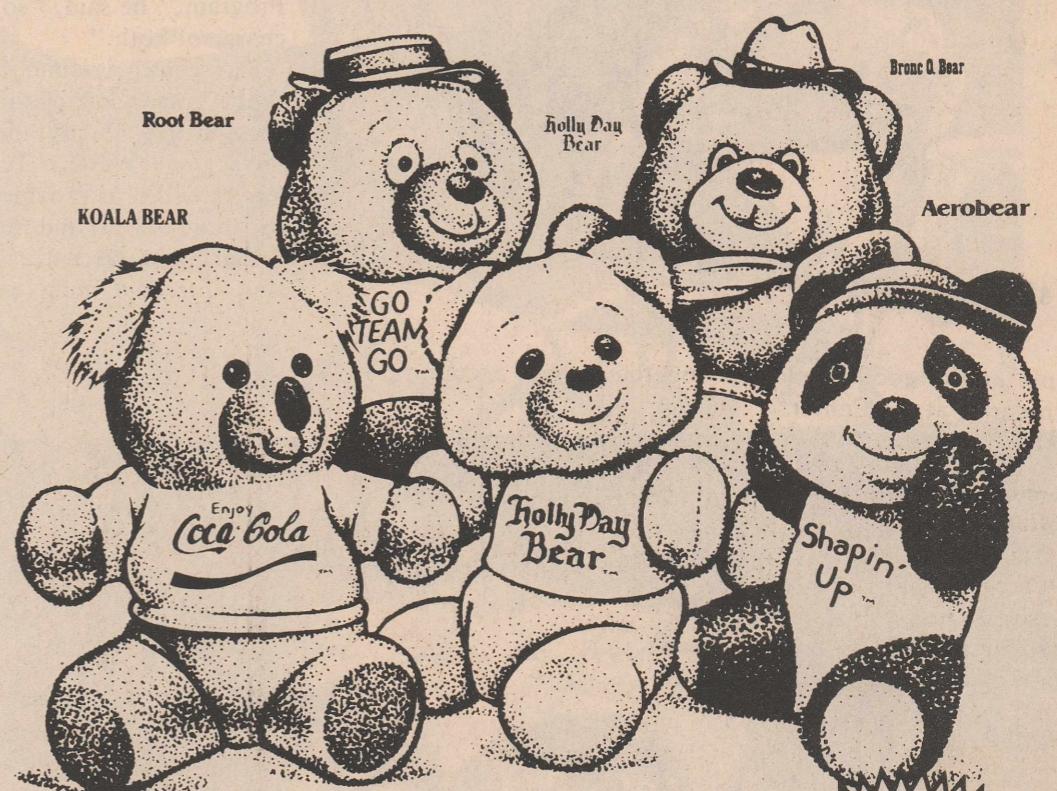
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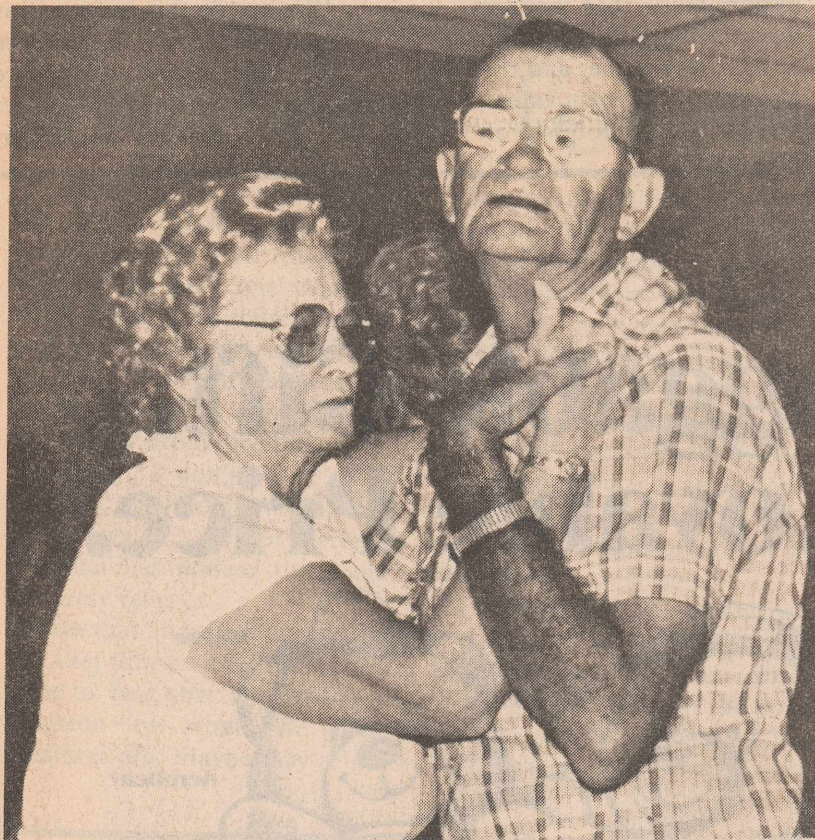
Steady...

Center members shoot a game of pool in the afternoon. Pool is a popular pastime at the Center.



Moment of relaxation

A center member enjoys reading during her free time at the Center.



Two stepping

A couple enjoys good music and togetherness at a country and western dance at the Center.



Proud artist

Ruth Battenhamer proudly displays the ceramic pig she created in a ceramics class, one of the various classes offered at the Senior Citizens Center.

Senior center fulfills lives

By Deidre Gantt
WT Reporter

Dale Glover can tell you a lot of happy stories. And so can about 1200 of his friends. You see, they're all part of the Scurry County Senior Citizen's Center, which has given a positive outlook and new hope to senior citizens since 1979.

"I've seen people that have been staying at home alone. They were just all shriveled up and couldn't hardly get around. But when they get down here and around people and start getting one good meal at noon, before long they'd be just traveling along pretty good. I've seen it happen many times," said Dale Glover.

Glover is 74 years old has been driving the van for the senior center for nine years. Although he only drives part-time now, he said he does what he can, because the center is like a second home for him and many of its 1200 members.

Jerry Baird, director for the center and director for the WTC Adult Continuing Education Program, said the center evolved from WTC's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) started on campus in 1972. The Senior Citizen's Center was formed when it moved to its present location in 1979.

"This last year WTC added the senior citizen's center as part of the Adult Continuing Education Program," he said, "so I am in charge of both."

The center is funded by the West Texas Council of Governors, Scurry County, the City of Snyder and Western Texas College in order to provide services to senior citizens and the needy.

Baird said the center is responsible for five main programs.

Primarily, the nutritious meals program where an average of 150 meals a day are served at the facility. He said the center also takes approximately 60 meals a day to home-bound members, installs emergency response systems in homes, provides activities for the seniors and distributes commodities to the needy.

"The college has been instrumental in developing the program and the county, the city and the whole town have been supportive. The people in the community are really proud of us."

"If we didn't have the senior center they (the seniors) would be unhappy and when you put 1200 unhappy people into a town it sours the whole town. If they're all doing things and are excited...it just makes a happier

"I used to sit in a chair and get my Bible and read to cram for the 'finals'."

place."

One person who helps keep the seniors happy is the activities director, Nancy LaRoux.

"There are so many ways people can participate," said LaRoux. "Many participate with the nutrition program, (eating meals either at the center or on the home-bound program), but our seniors are active in many other areas."

They attend gymnastics and other classes at WTC and compete at the golf courses, the miniature golf course and contribute something to the center such as their quilting skills or some actual work," she said.

"I just get so excited when I

think about all of the people who have something to do because of the center," LaRoux continued.

Margaret Johnston, volunteer, said the center is "a place for people who are retired to keep working and keep their minds and hands busy. It's also good for people who are alone, because they can come and be with people. (The center) keeps them active and young."

Another volunteer, Estelle Gary, who just celebrated her 80th birthday, works diligently for the center. She said, "I do some of all the work (in the cafeteria), whoever is not here; I do their job. I've even done the janitor's job."

Gary also makes time to help raise funds for the center in their annual "Turkey Walk". She walked 10 miles in past events to raise money and will participate again this year.

"My main motto in my life has been doing for others. I volunteer a lot of my work and I get paid for a lot of it. I just like to stay busy all the time...just ask anybody here."

Gary is not the only senior who likes being busy. They all do, including Ann LaRoux and Maxie McNew. They are dedicated to their work and the people who come to the center. They serve meal trays to the handicapped, send birthday cards, plan decorations, take attendance and organize social functions.

"You get up every morning and get down here and there is a lot of work to be done. We love people and we feel like we're helping someone. It's a wonderful place," McNew said.

"I enjoy serving the handicapped and my husband and I both enjoy the dances. You get a lot of hugs down here," said LaRoux.

"You can come down here depressed and before you know it, you'll be smiling and going around like the rest of them having a good time and enjoying each other," LaRoux continued.

The good times and personal contact is what brings 81-year-old volunteer Louise Vaughan to the center. She said, "I have been coming to the center seven years. I quilt every morning from 8:30

"If we didn't have the senior center, they (the seniors) would be unhappy...it just makes a happier place."

to 11:30. I'm a widow-lady and it gives me a lot of time in the mornings to be with people and then I don't get so lonely."

Praise is not uncommon at the senior center, but perhaps one of the highest praises came in a thank you note from senior Frances Black. She wrote, "When I retired I used to sit in a chair and get my Bible and read to cram for the 'finals'. I don't feel like that any more. I'm planning things for May Day. So you see I do have a future, (because) I have the center to come to. You don't know how much I look forward to each day again."

Black was recently married to another center member.

And the happy stories continue. The center has given senior citizens an alternative to closing themselves off from the world. It has given them many happy stories to share and satisfying lives to lead. Just ask anybody there.



Approaching her goal

(Photo by Mark Rauterkus)

Tabitha Walton, Beaumont, practices her shooting. The Lady Dusters will compete in Odessa at the Hi-Noon Optimist Tourney Nov. 12-14.

Dusters play Odessa

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Tonight at 6 p.m., the Dusters will be on the road again, this time to Odessa for the Odessa Women's Hi-Noon Optimist Tournament.

The team captured their victory 84-69 in the South Plains Tourney against Northern Oklahoma in Levelland.

According to Coach Kelly Chadwick, the team played really

hard "We had really good defense. We are behind in offense. It takes a lot of time to develop."

The captains for the Dusters are Nancy Bals and Kayla Thompson. "I see a lot of talented players with this team," said Chadwick. "We play a lot of players (this year). Everyone contributes. There's a good possibility to make it to the nationals if we continue to work hard and improve"

Cagers win 1, lose 4

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

The Westerners opened their season with a 95-92 loss to Cisco Jr. College.

They recently played in the NMJC tourney in Hobbs, N.M., Nov. 7-9. They won 98-87 Saturday over TSTI.

"We played close Thursday and Friday, but we fell short," Coach Tony Mauldin said. The Westerners played Dixie UT and lost 104-112 and lost to NMJC 108-120.

"TSTI has a pretty good

team," said Mauldin.

Westerners lost Tuesday night to Ranger 75-94. Coach Mauldin said the team wasn't ready. "We made mistakes and we were playing against tough competition."

Mauldin also stated "A really young team is part of the problem. We have one sophomore player and the other is injured."

Bob Spear of Albuquerque, N.M. said, "It will take a lot of hard work, and working out." Frank Bailey of Fort Worth stated, "We should improve as the season goes on and be able to press."



Putting and sinking

(Photo by Ming Choy Lee)

Jeff Beal, Andrews, sharpens his competitive skills after being named to the All Tournament Team.

Golf team takes third at Texarkana

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

The WTC golf team tied in third place under Paris and Odessa at the Texarkana Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Texarkana on October 29-30.

The Westerners tied with Weatherford with an overall score of 617, both teams scoring 309 the first day and 308 on the second day of play.

Jeff Beal, freshman from Andrews, was named to the All-Tournament Team with two day scores of 75-76. "I hadn't been playing very good in general, so I was happy to get this. I guess I concentrated more at this tournament," Beal said.

Finishing just under Beal was Mark Burgen, freshman from Andrews, who scored 76-77. Burgen was followed by Darrell

Cofer, freshman from Memphis, 79-76; Gary Schoen, freshman from Hamilton, 79-83; and Lance Jones, freshman from Andrews, 83-79.

Sixteen teams played in the tournament, making this one of the largest WTC attends. "There were junior colleges from all over Texas. We get more competition and it helps us for ranking for nationals," Schoen said. He also

added that playing against so many teams allows the golfers to see how they compare to the other teams across the state.

All the team members who attended this tournament were freshmen. "It was a hard course, but it was a good experience and a good chance for us (freshmen) to play together because next year we'll be playing as a team," Schoen said.

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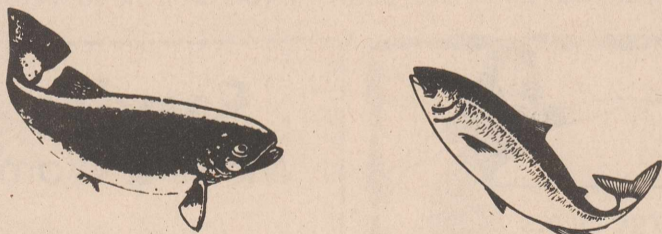
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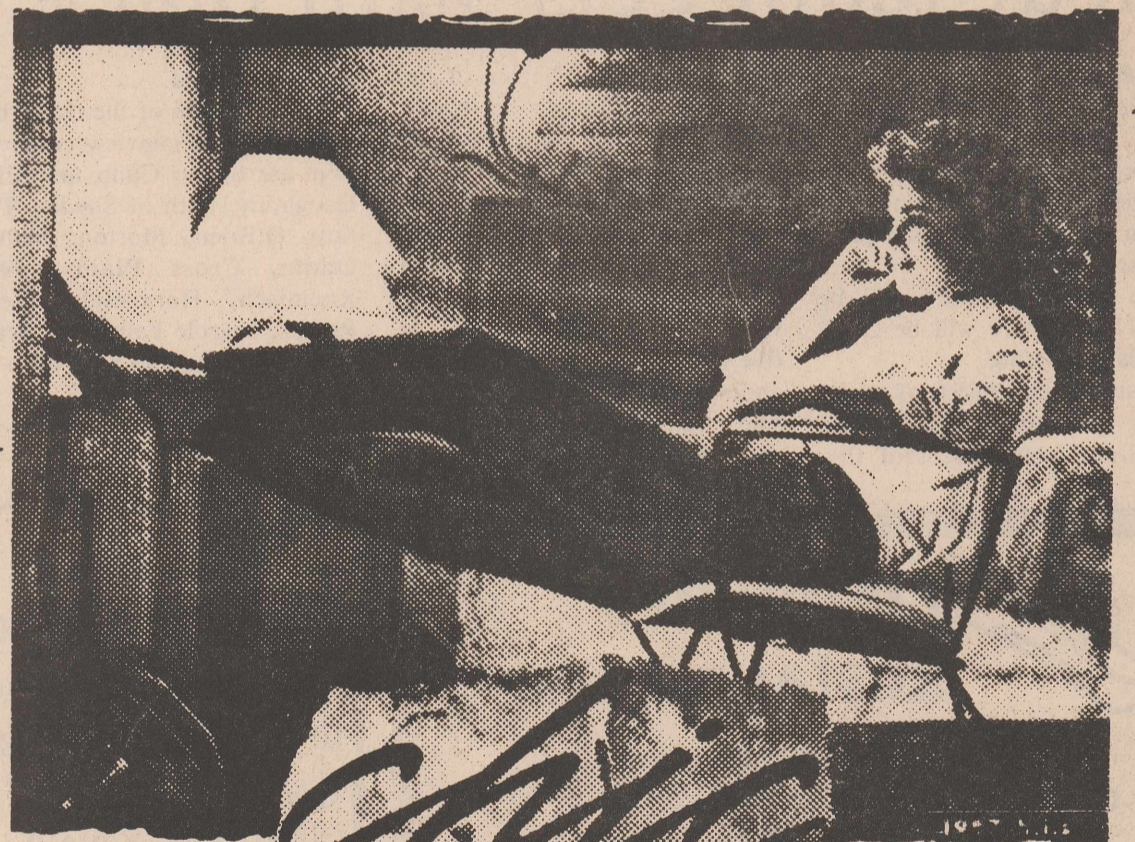
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Smokers lungs get their rest

By Melinda Thomas
WT Page Editor

The Great American Smokeout is held each year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. The date this year is Nov. 19. The 11-year-old event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, but thousands of organizations in addition to millions of individuals join the nationwide effort. On the WTC campus, PTK will help smokers quit for a day.

According to Mary Hood, PTK sponsor, they (PTK) will try to get non-smokers to adopt smokers. The booth will be set up in the Student Center lobby Nov. 17.

The goal of the 1987 Great American Smokeout is to get at least one in every five smokers to give up cigarettes from midnight to midnight, Thurs. Nov. 19.

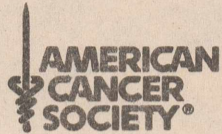
The smokeout is celebrated in a variety of ways across the country. National programs, such as "Adopt-A-Smoker", will be used in most areas including the WTC campus.

If you would like more infor-

mation, call Mary Hood at ext. 274.

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Did you know?

Lung cancer is largely a preventable disease. It is estimated that 83 percent of the cases of lung cancer could be avoided if individuals never take up smoking.

Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer deaths among both women and men. An estimated 92,000 men and 44,000

women will die of lung cancer in 1987.

About 54 million Americans still smoke. According to the American Lung Association, 90 percent of smokers would like to quit, and a great many have tried to quit at least once.

All forms of tobacco use, including cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco, put the user at increased risk for cancer of any part of the oral cavity, from lip and tongue to mouth and throat.

In an 18-hour waking day, a two-pack-a-day smoker spends from three to four hours with a cigarette in mouth, hand or ashtray. He takes about 400 puffs and inhales up to 600 milligrams of tar.

Teachers, doctors, dentists and pharmacists have had high rates of success in kicking the smoking habit.

Consumption of snuff and chewing tobacco increased 31.6 percent between 1974 and 1984 with sales of nearly \$1 billion annually.

Some of the WTC faculty commented on their attitude toward

people who smoke on the job.

"It does not bother me at all as long as it doesn't affect a person's production," Mickey Baird, student activities director, said.

"I think it's better they smoke outside the building," Annette Williams, management instructor, said.

"If it's an area such as a confined office it bothers, but if the area is well ventilated then it's no problem," Gay Hickman, business and finance, said.

QUIT TIPS

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Exercise to relieve the tension.

Try the "buddy system," and ask a friend to quit too.

Briefs

Drug program

A drug treatment program will be held Monday, Nov. 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Abilene Hendricks Hospital Care Unit.

Contact Dan Osborn, counselor, if you have any questions.

Play tickets

The drama department will open their fall production of "Wild Oats" Nov. 19-23. Students admitted free with I.D. cards but must have reservations.

Top carvers

The winners of the pumpkin carving contest sponsored by the cafeteria are first place Peter Mora from Pecos and Michael Young from Stamford. Second place winner, the counseling center, and the third, West third.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving course will be offered Dec. 1-3 from 6-10 p.m. at WTC. Call ext. 240 for more information.

Movie night

The BSU invites everyone to the movies during the Western Month every Tuesday at 9 p.m. The Pacesetter will be held on Thursdays.

Turkey walk raises funds

By Melinda Thomas
WT Page Editor

PTK was ready for the annual turkey walk sponsored by the American Heart Association Nov. 7.

Members participating in the walk include: Jim Miller, Lubbock; Tracee Stahl, Ira; Ming Choy Lee, Singapore; Greta Taylor, Robin Dollar, Amy Wilson, Jon Traylor and Mary Martinez, all of Snyder.

Another activity sponsored by PTK include working the concession stands at all home basketball games of the Dusters and Westerners.

Later in the month, PTK will make plans for the Nov. 19 Founder's Day, a celebration of the anniversary of the origin of PTK. The group will hold a reception during activity period in the Student Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

The student senate and PTK

will honor a faculty or staff member of WTC for outstanding service to students. Also, PTK will get the mayor to sign a proclamation recognizing PTK on this day.

Also, Nov. 19-23, PTK will serve as ushers for the WTC production of "Wild Oats".

On Nov. 24, Snyder High School seniors will come to visit WTC. Members of PTK will serve at a luncheon in their honor.

Meat team gets sixth place

By Maurie Perry
WT Reporter

The meat judging team qualified for national competition in Denver, Colo. after placing sixth in Plainview.

The national contest will be Jan. 11-18. There will be 25-30 schools competing.

Meat judging consists of cattle, sheep and hogs. Jim Judah, agriculture instructor, said this

excel contest was the team's first, "so they are expecting bigger things out of the team down the road."

Judah noted that the team works out weekly. "Usually the team goes to packing plants in Abilene and San Angelo to workout. They spend three to five hours in the cooler which is about 30 to 35 degrees," Judah said. "It takes a dedicated student who will stay with it to do

well," he added.

The members of the team that attended the Plainview competition are Shane Gann and Carl Daugherty, both of Snyder, Tiffany O'Brien, Morton; Shawn Odom, Cross Plains; Jeff Roemisch, Hermleigh; Steve Rogers, Marble Falls; Ray Watson, Southland and Kyle Cain of Frankston.

The team will be traveling to competitions in the spring.



Cosmetology contest winners

(Photo by Bill Summerlin)

Sherry Spells and Sally Perez, both of Snyder, won the cosmetology Halloween dress-up contest, Oct. 29.

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