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Prairie blossom

A lone cactus flower was the object of interest for photographer Howard Bigham. Bigham is entering a color print of the flower for the Wildflower Day contest. Deadline for the photo contest is April 11.

## Wildflower Day activities planned; tours, exhibits to highlight event

By Kay Carrizales  
WT Reporter

Activities for the celebration of Wildflower Day will begin Friday, April 15 at the Scurry County Museum with a display of art and creative writing by local elementary school students.

The first wildflower day was celebrated in 1981.

It started when a man named Carrol Abbot noticed that the native plants were disappearing. Abbot became the first wildflower lobbyist and en-

couraged congress to pass a law instating wildflower day as part of a program to bring attention to the problem of the disappearance of many Texas wildflowers.

In addition to the art display, other activities will also take place. These include a reception for the elementary teachers.

A photography contest will also take place for all Scurry County residents. The contest includes three divisions, high school students, WTC students and the general public.

The deadline has been changed from April 6 to April 11. The featured theme for this year is landscaping with native plants and a model of a home landscaped with native plants will be on display at the museum.

The museum will also feature a display from Texas Tech entitled Llano Estacado about utilization of the arid lands of the west. Live wildflowers will also be on display.

Activities will end Sunday April 17 with a guided tour of the prairie south of the campus.

## Students suggest recommendations

By Suzette Harris  
WT Production Editor

The Welfare Committee has submitted three recommendations to Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president.

The first recommendation is to help make the student advisement program more efficient. The committee recommends two components. The first component consisting of groups meeting with appropriate individuals on campus for the purpose of discussing specific campus concerns. Also, each group would meet with the Dean of Student Services for a thorough review of the Student Handbook, student responsibilities and liabilities.

The second component would be a continuation of the present advisory program.

The second recommendation is a change in the present security system or the philosophy of our current system. The changes are two-fold. The first change is that security will perform a more

helpful and supportive role for students including protection of equipment on campus and helping students who need it by directing them where they needed.

The second is to keep security away from a spying, entrapment, over-zealous persecution attitude or philosophy which allegedly currently exists.

The third recommendation is the committee will hear all suspension cases before the dean of student services takes action, except cases involving "eminent danger" to persons.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, said the committee made the recommendation for several reasons. "The first recommendation was made because students felt what we were doing wasn't enough."

Hood went on to say "recommendation number two was made because of complaints inside and outside the committee. The third was made because each alcohol case is different and the committee should hear all

suspension cases." Most cases involved alcohol.

"A student cannot contest that he/she is guilty, but rather the means by which he is discovered to be in possession of alcohol," Hood said.

The Welfare Committee serves two functions. According to Hood, these functions are to serve as a disciplinary hearing body in cases of suspension and expulsion, and to deliberate and make recommendations of concern to the welfare of students.

The committee is made up of five faculty members and two students. Those serving on the committee are Dr. Jim Palmer, professor of history; Annette Williams, committee chairman Winnie Poyner, professor LVN program; Lee Burke, associate professor physical education.

Also on the committee are Jerry Dennis, associate professor diesel; Laura Roe, student body president, Brownfield; and Kevin Pruitt, student senate designate, Snyder.

## Faculty changes requirements

By Kay Carrizales  
WT Reporter

New minimum requirements have been established for the selection of outstanding male and female student at Western Texas College.

To qualify for the award a student must be at least a sophomore with 30 or more hours, have a 3.75 grade point average and be a full time student taking at least 12 hours this semester. The grade status will be checked before the award is

presented.

According to Annette Williams, management instructor, any instructor can nominate a student but the student must meet the new requirements. Williams said, "All students nominated will be checked to be sure they meet the criteria. If more than one student meets the minimum requirements, other factors such as community service will be considered."

The outstanding student is selected by members of the Facul-

ty Association.

Britt Canada, assistant professor of computer science, is the president of the association. Williams is the chairperson in charge of academic affairs.

The awards will be presented April 28 in the Fine Arts Theatre at 11 a.m. The presentation will be followed by a reception in the museum lobby.

The Most Outstanding Athlete, male and female, award has been added. The winners will be based on the same criteria.

## Exes return for event

Preliminary plans for homecoming at WTC has begun for the April 16 event.

Activities planned are registration, a reception and the NIRA rodeo. A barbecue is also planned.

Homecoming king and queen and alumni king and queen will be announced during the opening performance.

Nominees for Rodeo Queen are Cathey Crowder, Ira; Laura Roe, Brownfield; and Shronbra Robinson, Snyder.

The rodeo queen is chosen on the basis of ticket sales, academic standings, personality, poise and grooming.

The winner will receive a hand-engraved buckle and will present the awards at the April 17 performance.

BULLETIN

Today is the last day to drop. The registrar's office will be open until 9 p.m.

## Blood drive

## Senate meets quota

By Missy Trull  
WT Page Editor

A campus blood drive was held March 30 in the Student Center. It was sponsored by the special effects committee of the Student Senate.

"It was very successful," said Senate sponsor Mickey Baird. Seventy prospective donors showed up. "Some were turned away for one reason or another," Baird said. For example, some potential donors had given at the blood drive held Feb. 9. Fifty-eight pints were taken. This surpassed the goal of 40 pints.

Some first time donors were left a little under the weather after donating. "I was real dizzy and white afterwards," said senate member Jennifer Goodwin, of Snyder. "I laid there about 30 minutes to get a pint of blood," she said. Goodwin ad-

mits her experience wasn't pleasant. "I hate needles anyway."

Goodwin was motivated by an incentive offered by one of her professors. "I gave mostly because I need 15 points on my next anatomy test."

Senators also were presented with an incentive. For every three donors that each brought to the blood drive they received a scrub shirt. Rachel Rodriguez, Weslaco, had the most with ten donors. Eight of 21 senate members were awarded with scrub shirts.

In addition, all donors received their choice of a cup, baseball cap or frisbee according to Baird.

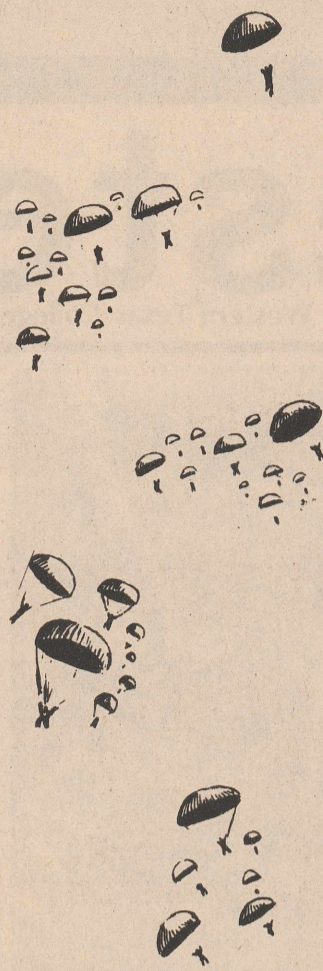
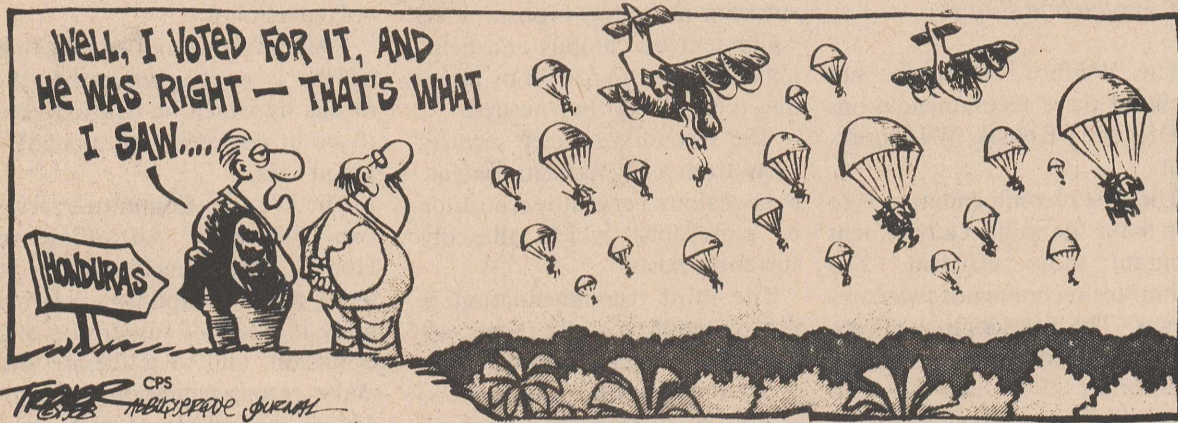
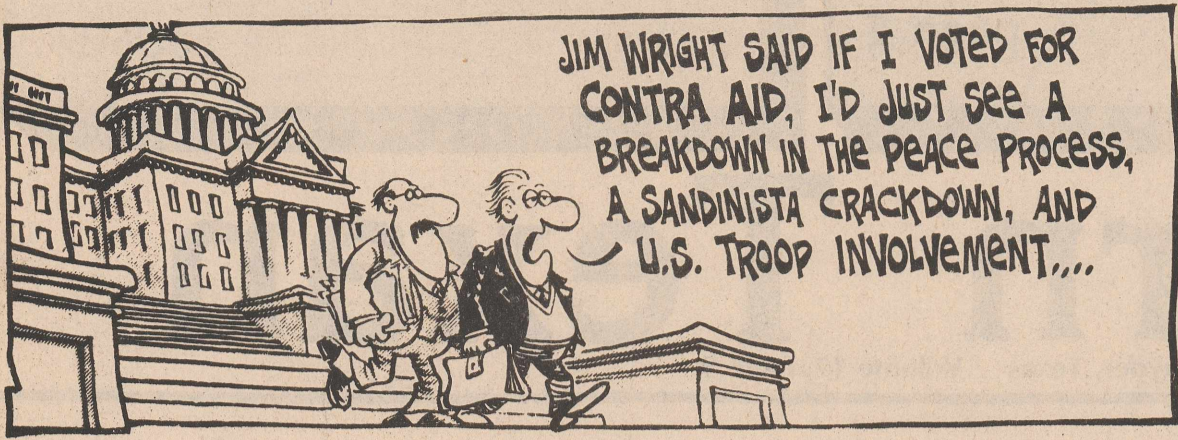
Another blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday in town at the Towle Park barn. "Those that were returned away today will be able to give Tuesday," Baird said.



Don't break the egg!

Mickey Baird, Activities Director, tosses an egg off the balcony during the Unbreakable Egg Contest last night.

—(Photo by Bill Summerlin)



## Editorial

### Students unaware

In this election year it is likely that only a handful of college students have taken interest in the politics of electing a new president; even fewer are expected to vote. During the sixties, politics was a major issue of college students. Protests and demonstrations were common at major colleges and universities. Consequently, it is easy to see that the political and even social awareness of college students has dramatically changed.

Now the question of "why" should be addressed. Why do the college and university students of the eighties show a lack of interest in the issues of today? Do students find that the "causes" are boring? After all, how does a presidential campaign compare with the governor's race on Dynasty? Excitement seems to be the name of the game. Party is the word. Given this, it is little wonder that political issues have diminishing popularity on college campuses.

Priorities have changed. The emphasis while in college seems to "just get through" and maximize on the good times. Moreover, after graduation the focus becomes the career. Important issues are left to be debated and deliberated by someone else.

However, who is this someone else? And isn't he or she, sooner or later, going to grow weary of carrying the full load? Finally, what are the political and social consequences of such attitudes? Time will tell.



### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

We students believe that WTC is in violation of state fire codes by locking the wooden gates of the fenced-in area of the fire escapes. If there was a fire on a floor and students were forced to evacuate through the fire escapes, there would be 48 students attempting to leave through each of the fire escapes. This means that there would be at least 192 students evacuating through four fire escapes. These figures don't include the dorm staff or visitors in the dorm at that time. With this many people trying to save their own lives the approximately 7 feet high fence could cause serious injury or even death to people.

There are safety reasons for the locked gates. Also, we are aware of the doors being propped open and the dangers that come along with this. There is a major problem here. With the doors closed it creates an oven effect. When the air conditioners are off, the dorms are VERY hot. We think that there must be some changes made.

If there could be a compromise of the gates being opened and the air conditioners being turned on, then the problem would be solved.

Aren't the lives of the students worth opening a gate?

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To the very special women's psychology class:

I would like to express my appreciation for the baby shower I received, even though "our baby" is being stubborn and has not arrived as of yet.

Sincerely,  
Gigi Tharpe

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Relax, spring doesn't last long

## Soaps, C-City and sleep causing fever

Along with the beginning of spring comes the annual "illness" of spring fever. The illness is most common with students especially those in college.

The first few symptoms are restlessness along with a bit of laziness. The next major sign is skipping class. This alone is brought on by many things.

Here is my top ten list of "Causes for Skipping Class".

10. HUNGRY-the typical student will use this excuse quite often with the justification of, "I'm just a growing student."
9. SLEEP-it is very common for the "sick" student to accidentally turn off the alarm clock and sleep through all morning classes.
8. FAVORITE SOAP OPERA ON TV-Sometimes there is a time when you just have to find out if Sam survived the avalanche in the



### On the Air

By Melinda Thomas

Rockies to say ex-tranged Paula who is carrying his baby.

7. EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING IT-When at least 2 or 3 of your other classmates decide to skip, the temptation is so great who could resist?
6. THE SUN IS CALLING-With the approaching swimsuit months you have a very short time before your bodies must get tanned and in shape. What a better time than now to get started!
5. SICK FROM DORM

FOOD-Sometimes the good ol' dorm food gets to you and your stomach rejects it (if you know what I mean!)

4. DIDN'T DO THE HOMEWORK FOR THAT CLASS-With this outbreak of Spring Fever comes a lazy nature that tends to encourage students to not do or just plain ignore homework.

3. WAITING FOR THE MAIL-Every now and then you have a feeling that you are going

to get something big in the mail (you know the Publisher's Clearing house \$10 million dollar check). Class doesn't even cross the student's mind at this point.

2. HAD TO GO TO COLORADO CITY-I don't know what it is but students are attracted to this town. Maybe it's the shopping.

1. A LONG TRIP-Too many "shopping trips" the day before can leave students feeling ill. A major characteristic is a severe headache and cotton mouth. Maybe it's all the shopping?

Though there is no cure for Spring Fever, one possible cure could be mid-term grades. These are likely to scare the illness away at least until next Spring.

Oh, it's time for class. I've got to go wait for the mail. Today, I should get my check for \$10 million.

## Super shopper battles crowd

Through the years shopping has changed from a simple weekly task to a major ordeal requiring skill, speed and the ability to make quick decisions. During everyday life I am basically a normal relaxed person, but once inside a supermarket, I duck behind the nearest Pepsi display and emerge as SUPER SHOPPER!-faster than a runaway shopping cart and able to leap tall checkout counters in a single bound!

I can carry 40 lbs. of canned goods in one arm, a side of beef in the other and balance three 18-count cartons of eggs on my head while racing to beat another shopper to checkout number 8. I think shopping should be an olympic event. Give me a shopping cart and I'm faster than a six-man bobsledding team.

Sneaking by the sales lady in the taste-testing booth without getting caught is an event requiring precision timing and the ability to speed from zero to sixty in a matter of seconds, while she is looking the other direction or has already captured another shopper. Sampling her product is not so bad, but once you have she will not let you leave until you have loaded enough of it into your cart to feed a family of 12 for a year.

The best thing to do if you get caught is to put it into your cart and then stash it somewhere later, like under a big pile of turnip greens in the vegetable section (but try not to do this if it's cheese because when it starts to smell they will never guess to look



### The Melton Pot

By Pam Melton

for it under turnip greens). But whatever you do don't tell her you don't like her product or she will start to cry and throw a tantrum and it will embarrass you and you will end up buying a lifetime supply just to get her to shut up.

Once you have passed this obstacle the next is equally as difficult--the cereal department. Deciding on one box of cereal out of 1,600 other brands is like having to choose between a date with Tom Selleck and Richard Dean Anderson. It doesn't seem that long ago that there were only three cereals to choose from-Corn Flakes, Cheerios and Bran. Then came Corn Puffs, Corn Chex, Corn Nuggets, Corn Square and Frosted Corn Flakes. Then Raisin Bran, Raisin-Nut Bran, New Chrispier Raisin-Nut and Honey Bran, Honey-Nut Cheerios, Apple-Cinnamon corn flakes, Cracklin' Bran and Tootie Fruity Flakes with Apples, Almonds, Raisins, Dates, Coconut, Marshmallows, Honey and Pineapple. Whew! Kinda makes you want to eat oatmeal for the rest of your life. And now Post thinks they have done something great by inventing

New Natural Bran Flakes and New Country Corn Flakes. It seems that's how this whole mess got started. It's enough to drive you insane. I can read the headlines now--"Lady Loses Mind in Aisle 3 of Piggly Wiggly, see story page 4.

Soft drinks are just as bad. What used to be Coca Cola is now Diet Coke, Caffeine Free Coke, Caffeine Free Diet Coke, New Coke, Coke Classic or Caffeine Free Diet Classic Cherry Coke with Nutri Sweet. And when you've finally made a choice you have to decide if you want it in plastic bottles, glass bottles, cans, six packs or two or three liter bottles.

Now it's on to the soaps and cleaning goods section. Why can't they make an All-Purpose soap that is really ALL purpose? Soaps are all made out of the same stuff anyway so why don't they just admit it and come up with one that cleans everything from lingerie to oil well formations? Think of all the cabinet space you could save if you could buy just one 55 gallon drum of ACME SOAP and use it for shampoo, car tires, hand cleaner, dishes, laundry, bubble

bath, toilet bowls, floors, ovens, windows and carpets. You could probably even brush your teeth with the stuff.

Okay. Let's say you've made it though the taste testing, the cereal section, the soft drinks and cleaning goods and you've managed to make it past the bakery without throwing everything in sight into your cart.

Now you're headed for the checkout, racing to beat all the other shoppers to the same location. This is where you have to be able to run the minute mile. If you're not first in line, you'll probably have to wait 45 minutes behind some lady with five screaming kids who can't seem to find her coupon that gives her four cents off a roll of toilet paper.

This is where you have to have patience. To entertain yourself while you are waiting I advise going over to the toy rack and picking out a jumprope or a package of jacks.

One day playing jacks, I got all the way up to the sixties while and old lady argued with the checker about whether she could get 8 S&H green stamps or 9. She was jumping up and down and beating a poor carry-out boy with her purse. The checker finally surrendered and handed her the stamps.

Your final obstacle is maneuvering through the man-eating automatic door while struggling with 4 full sacks of groceries and a 50 lb. sack of dog food.

And they wonder why house wives drink.

## Board positions

# Six candidates file; three places open

By Howard Bigham  
WT Page Editor

Western Texas College Board of Trustees have three trustee posts with expiring terms.

Edwin Parks, place 5, is retiring from office; R. C. Patton, place 6, is seeking re-election and John Gayle, place 7, is seeking election.

Billy Sam Houston will oppose Patton for place 6. Gayle is unopposed in the bid for place 7 and three candidates are competing for place 5. They are Dennis Ball, Bob O'Day and John Fagin.

The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot was March 23. The election is set for May 7 at the city hall. Absentee balloting will begin April 18 and end May 3.

Patton will be seeking his fourth term as a board member. Patton is one of the first board members. He was elected to his first term when the college was formed in 1971.

Gayle is seeking election to his

first term. He had been appointed to complete the unexpired term of Bill Jones. Jones resigned to run for county commissioner.

O'Day is a former golf instructor at WTC. He is currently an instructor for the Snyder public school system.

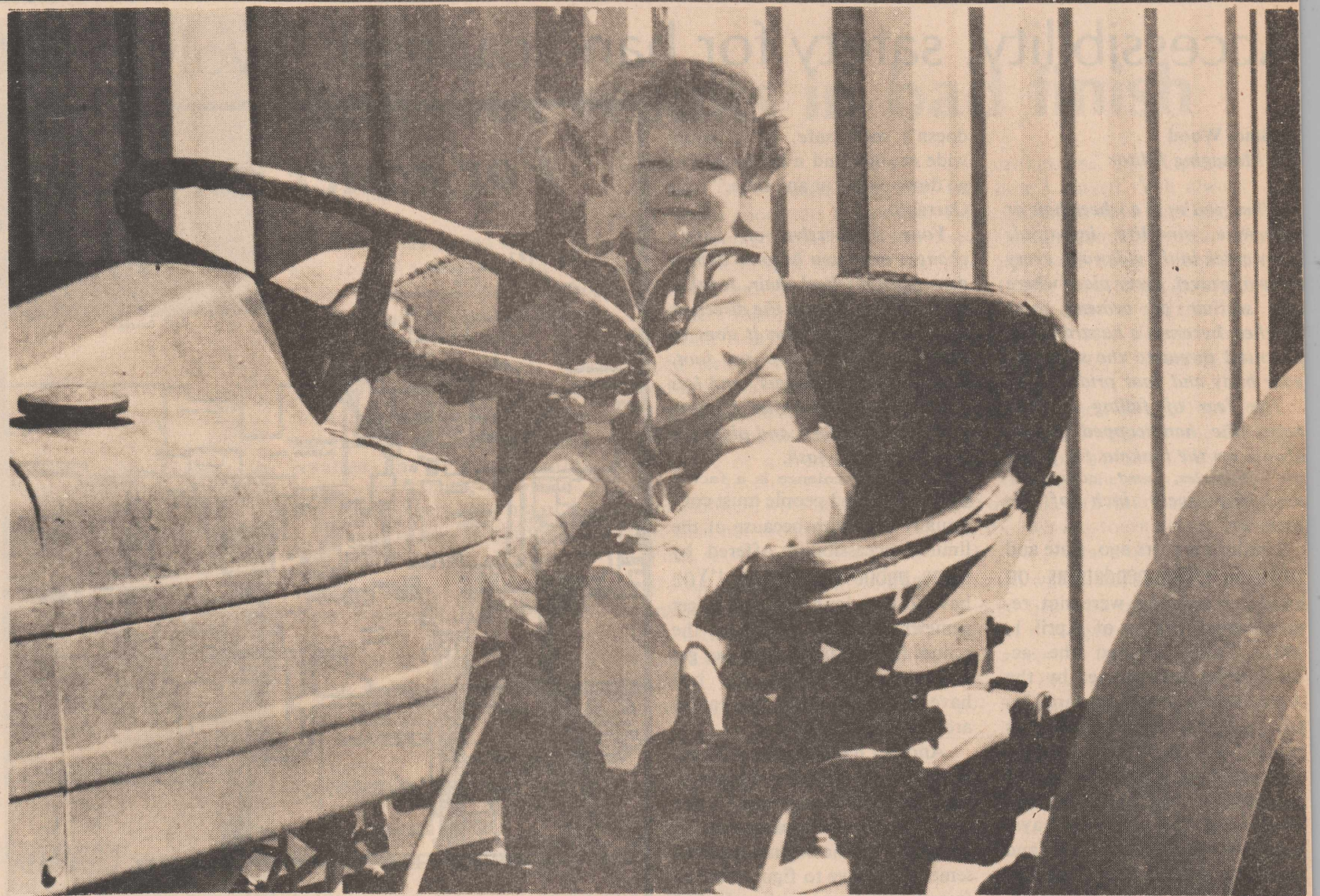
Fagin serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado River Municipal Water District and a petroleum engineering consultant. Fagin is a former mayor of Snyder.

Houston is employed by farming and ranching and is a Scurry County native.

The candidates will appear on the ballot as follows: Place 5, Ball, O'Day and Fagin. Place 6, Houston and Patton. Place 7, Gayle.

Places on the ballot was determined by a random drawing March 23 during the Board meeting.

There are seven board members with six year terms.



### Starting early

Kelly Murray, Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Murray, tries her hand at tractor driving. Kelly came to the GLT department for an Easter egg hunt that was cancelled. Her father is a GLT student.

(Photo by Howard Bigham)

# Student perception and knowledge contributes to subject avoidance

By Melinda Thomas  
WT Page Editor

At the WTC campus there are approximately 13.4 percent of the students enrolled in the science field out of 1112 students.

There are many reasons for students to try to avoid taking science classes. This dismal attitude stems from either lack of interest or a weak background of science skills. Dr. Mary Hood, Director of Counseling said, "Students tend to take what they believe is fun." Hood added "Science doesn't fit into this category very well."

Joe Carter, Professor of Science, said he feels that students are afraid of science courses because they appear to be too hard. "The student sometimes has a typical image of science students as 'nerd' type people with a boring aspect," said Carter.

According to College Press Service, U.S. students trail their

foreign counterparts in science knowledge, placing almost last in achievement tests given in 17 nations, according to a major new study.

Another report released last week determined that most young kids -- regardless of country -- believe the earth is flat.

The Second International Science Study (ISS) found American students in the fifth, ninth and 12th grades performed poorly compared to students in other countries. U.S. students, the ISS found, finished last or almost last in biology, physics, chemistry and other sciences.

In fact, many U.S. students performed no better than if they had guessed the answers.

"I'm not surprised," said Dr. Michael McCormick, the biology department chairman at Montclair State College (N.J.). "The United States is ignorant in many areas compared to other nations."

"The data paint a dismal pic-

ture of science education in the United States today," said Bassam Shakhshiri of the National Science Foundation.

The study, conducted by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, ranked U.S. fifth-graders eighth among 15 countries in overall science knowledge. Ninth-graders finished 15th out

## "The student sometimes has a typical image of science students as 'nerd' type people with a boring aspect."

of 17 nations, while American high school seniors enrolled in advanced science classes finished last in tests administered to more than 200,000 students in 7,500 schools worldwide between 1983 and 1986.

Children from Japan, Korea, Holland, Hungary, England and Singapore generally recorded the best scores.

Although American educators agree U.S. students are not receiving the science education other nations provide, they're wary of the study itself.

"I'd like to see how it was conducted," said Vincent Sindt, the director of the University of Wyoming Science and Math Teaching Center. "If the test just measured the quick recall of

facts, let 'em have it. If it was a measure of how students think or reason, then I'd be worried."

"There are a lot of statistical problems," said McCormick. Education in the United States, he said, is mandatory, while other nations don't require all children to attend school.

Consequently, all U.S. test-takers were competing against

only the most academically talented students in foreign countries.

Still, there are those who say American attitudes about education have a lot to be desired. "In some countries, education is a special treat, a privilege that's respected," said McCormick.

Sindt cited low teacher salaries and even selfish parents as reasons.

"Some parents are more willing to spend money on a new color television than help provide for their children's education."

U.S. students, particularly at the college level, see education as a means towards a high-paying career, without value of its own, McCormick said. "The desire to get an education is limited in this country. People get educated to get money, not knowledge, and so they're not getting that broad education other students do."

Almost 50 percent of the U.S. and Israeli 4th-grade children in

the Smithsonian study, which appeared in the latest issue of "Science and Children" magazine, still believed in a flat earth.

The reason, study authors Alan Lightman and Philip Sadler theorized, had less to do with bad schools than with the way children develop.

Children, they wrote, often can't reconcile "what they are told about their world and what they see with their own eyes."

After 4th grade, children seem to have much less trouble grasping the concept of a round earth, they added.

Carter said that he tries to make this biology class more enjoyable by relating materials to humans and to everyday things the students see and do.

This semester Carter is doing this by studying more local plants instead of plants in other countries which students don't relate to as easily.

# Genes predict addiction



## Counselor's Corner

By Dan Osborn

One out of 10 persons who drink becomes an alcoholic. Alcohol controls when, where and how much too drink. For some, becoming dependent is very easy. These persons have an inherited tendency to become addicted because of chemical and/or neurological conditions present at birth. Their bodies process alcohol differently than others.

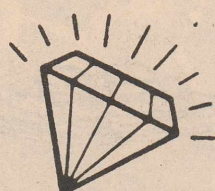
The following signs are often

present in high risk persons:

1. Alcohol is a problem for another family member. (The genetic tendency runs heavily through male lineage).
2. Drinking begins early, often around 12 years of age.
3. Drinker does not become intoxicated easily.
4. Blackouts, memory loss occur.

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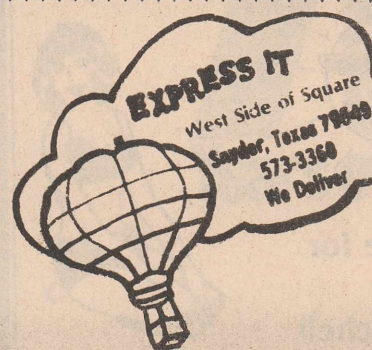
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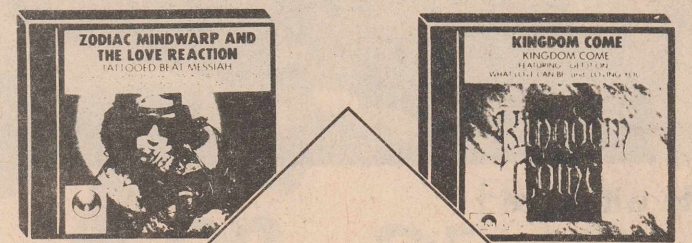
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## Accessibility, safety for handicapped involves extra time, planning, effort

By Staci Wood  
WT Managing Editor

*When you're in a wheelchair or otherwise mobility impaired, every crack in the sidewalk, every piece of gravel, every place where one section of cement joins another, becomes a hazard and a potential threat to the safety of your body and your pride.*

*The fear of falling is what keeps the handicapped person always on the lookout for possible obstacles, and constantly analyzing every inch of his pathway.*

Until eight years ago, state and national recommendations on handicap facilities were not requirements; but as of April 1, 1981, Texas adopted the accessibility standards set by the American National Standards Institute, and these standards became law for public buildings.

These rules involve pages of measurement and angle specifications for ramps, doorways, stairs, elevators, handrails and parking spaces, but because WTC was built before the regulations were adopted, the institution is not lawfully bound to comply with these.

The facilities such as the ramps at WTC, however are within inches of the state requirements, and therefore should be safe. But handicapped student Ralph Carrasco, who uses an electric wheelchair, questions the safety factor. The ramp leading on-campus from the east lot to the occupational-technical building, for example, slopes onto an angle with a short distance to compensate for the turn. "For me it

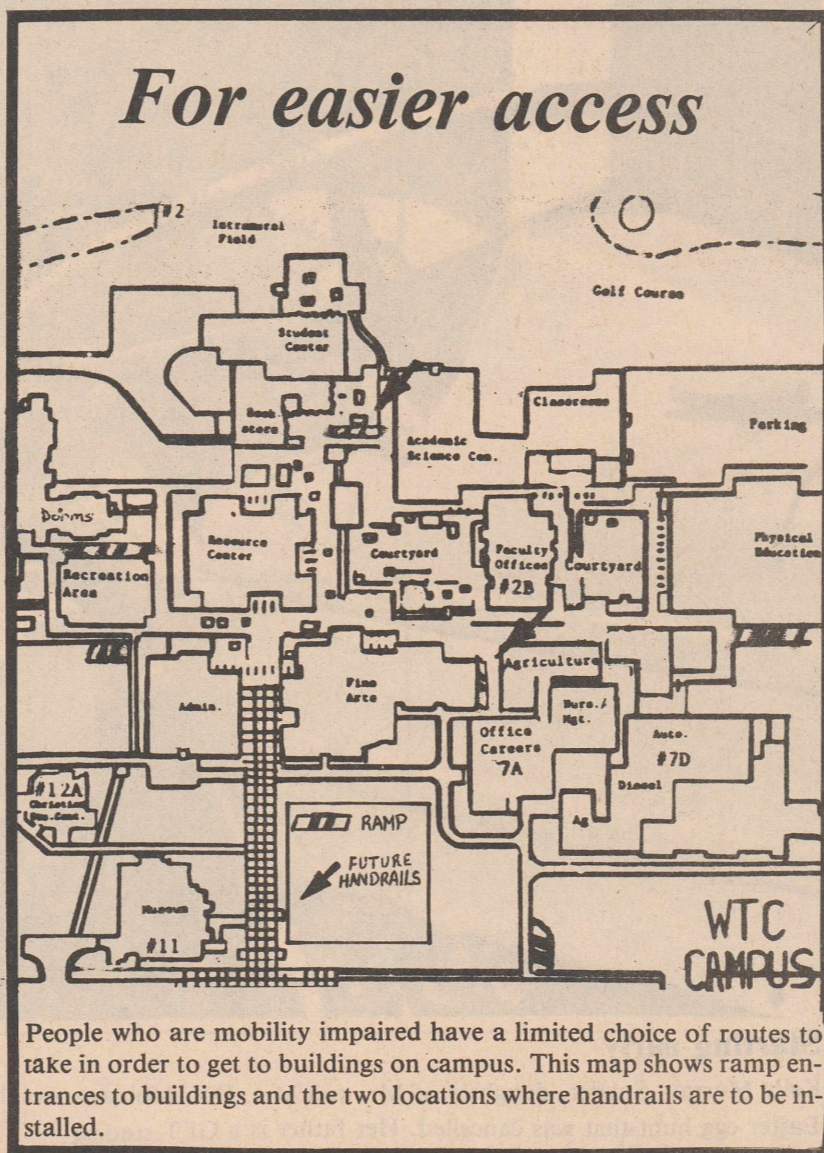
doesn't seem safe. It is barely wide enough and a little steep to go down safely at any time," says Carrasco.

*Your perspective on safety changes once you become dependent upon a wheelchair. It takes more time to change the direction of a wheelchair than it does to turn around or stop on foot. Reaction time is longer, and less precise. You learn that it takes added time, effort, and planning in almost every task.*

This inconvenience is a factor all handicapped people must continually deal with because of the limited accessibility offered by many public institutions. "You have to go a long way just to get somewhere. After you learn the school in your mind, you can get around pretty easily, you just have to know where the ramps are," says Carrasco.

Another handicapped student, Bobby Dyer, explains the planning it takes to compensate for the long distances between ramps on campus. "At the beginning of the semester, I have to figure out the fastest way to go with only five minutes between classes. And from the courtyard, there's only two ways to go. I told the teacher I would probably be a few minutes late because I had to go so far out of the way."

According to Maintenance Director, Leon Pettitt, plans are being made to improve accessibility at WTC. Handrails have been ordered and will be installed in about six weeks, or at the end of the semester, to two ramps on campus; the ramp leading to the student center, and the main walkway between the



People who are mobility impaired have a limited choice of routes to take in order to get to buildings on campus. This map shows ramp entrances to buildings and the two locations where handrails are to be installed.

fine arts building and the '7-series' buildings.

"We're doing this as a service, to make all areas more accessible to students. It is not 'necessary', but we feel it is more advantageous to our students, and we plan to do more as money permits," says Pettitt. Although no funds are specifically allocated for these improvements, Pettitt

feels that the funds may increase as the economy in general improves. "The board and administration are very aware of the needs of the handicapped, and every effort is being pursued (to improve.," said Pettitt.

But for handicapped students here, this promise has been the same since they began here. Dyer, who says he has requested the

handrails as early as two years ago, is surprised that it has taken this long to implement the rails. "(Improvements) won't come into being while I'm here, I would just like to see things done to make this campus safe for those with any disability who come after I graduate (in May.)"

*The degree to which something is considered safe is different for a handicapped person than for someone who is not. The steepness of a ramp is magnified when you get in a chair with wheels. You find yourself at the mercy of the chair and gravity; even elements such as the wind make a difference in the safety factor. No matter how long you practice, you cannot gain full control of the chair, as you would your own muscles.*

Handicapped students know that although buildings may be technically accessible, other obstacles may surface. Besides time and distance, ground surface itself can provide unforeseen dangers. Unlevel surfaces, such as the brick-paved courtyard, mean an uncomfortable ride, in addition to the danger of the wheels hitting a groove and throwing the occupant.

*Handicapped people, because of weakened body condition or lack of muscle control or bone strength, frequently sustain more severe injuries from a fall than would someone without a handicapping condition. And depending on the extent of injury and the particular handicap, they may have a longer healing process.*

For people who are mobility impaired, (do not have full use or strength of the legs,) ground surfaces are an everyday considera-

tion, not just at the college. "It comes up anywhere you go, so you have to deal with it or not go. It's just a part of life for me. You have to take the good with the bad," says Carrasco.

The 'good' facilities seem to be increasing, along with public awareness, according to Carrasco. "Most (public facilities) have improved. Many are being more aware of handicapped and either putting stores on the ground level or putting in ramps," he says. This may also be the case at WTC. "They try to find ways for us to get to buildings. They may not find the best ways, but they do try. I have to give them credit for that," says Carrasco.

*Sometimes people want to help, they just don't know how. And unless they know what to do, their efforts are usually more hindrance than help.*

Both Dyer and Carrasco agree that students at WTC are generally willing to help open doors, and usually do not park in the handicapped spaces. If a student wants to aid a handicapped person, he should ask what he might do to help, instead of simply acting. A handicapped person will be able to instruct someone on what will be helpful better than that person could anticipate it.

The addition of handrails on campus may go unnoticed by some, or be regarded as just part of a building to those who may not be conscious of the aid they provide, but for handicapped students, improvements such as these make moving around campus easier, faster, and in many cases, safer.

## Student displays pottery art

Deidre Gantt  
WT Reporter

Barbara Jones selects an unfinished ceramic bowl and gently carves an ancient Indian symbol on its side.

She moves the knife in careful, sure strokes as she develops the design. It will take weeks of attention to finish the bowl, but the result will be an artistic creation which blends a Texan's imagination with Southwestern Indian style.

Barbara hand builds most of her pottery, winding soft clay into a cylinder shape, then smoothing it into a solid wall. When the clay is leather hard, (pliable yet hardened,) she burnishes the piece with a knife. This technique shines and polishes the piece, and the carving is added later.

The pottery of Barbara Jones has been noted for its natural elegance and unique appearance,

and she has received recognition from instructors, peers and gallery owners. Mike Thornton, WTC ceramics instructor, has arranged an exhibit for Barbara at the Scurry County Museum. "The strength and quality of her work would look good in a show," he said.

The tentative date for the Jones exhibit is Aug. 7 and will last through the month of August. Hand built items will be on display and for sale.

Barbara says she is excited about the exhibit because this is the first step toward her goal of merchandising her pottery. She and her husband, Monty, became interested in selling pottery at their store, Sweetwater Paint and Decorator Center, but they couldn't get the kind of pottery they wanted.

When a dealer showed her how pottery was made, she decided to try it herself. Barbara and Monty began taking pottery classes at

WTC in the spring of 1987. She has experimented with many different techniques, but prefers hand-building. "I like the hand-building better, because you can control it more. You know what it's going to be when you start, rather than just taking what come out. It never comes out like it is supposed to on the wheel," she said.

Barbara also added that hand-building has another advantage. "I like hand-building because I can take it home at night and sit down and relax or work when I've got a few minutes," she said.

This will be Barbara's last semester at WTC, because she has her own kiln and wheel in Sweetwater.

She plans to continue creating her own style of pottery and sell it in their store, or work for commissions. She also said a new gallery in Sweetwater is interested in displaying her work when it opens.



Handle with care

Barbara Jones, Sweetwater, shows pieces of the pottery art she will display in the Scurry County Museum Aug. 7. (Photo by Kim Koening).

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## Rodeo men win first at Canyon

By Missy Trull  
WT Page Editor

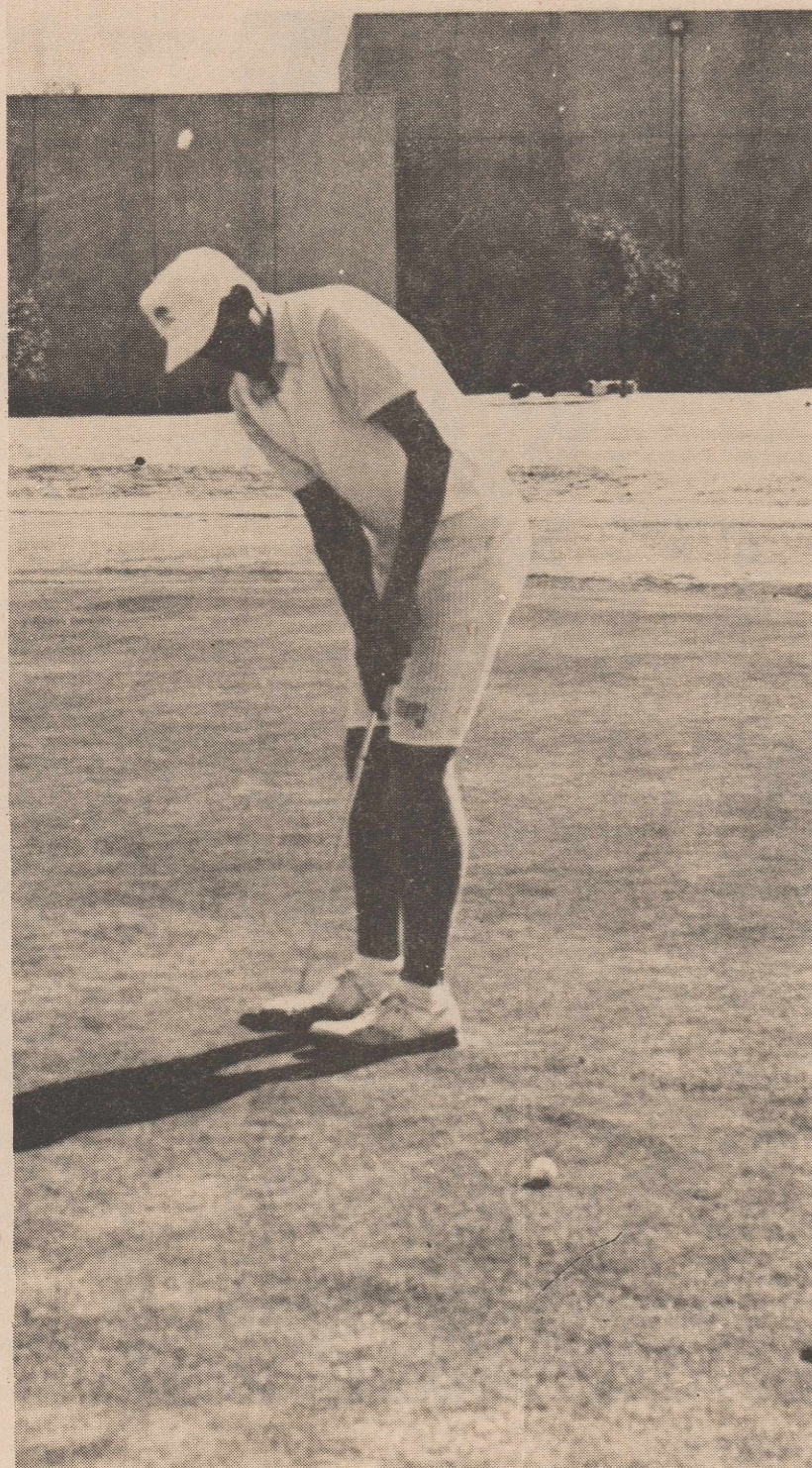
The WTC rodeo team started their spring season with a first place win by the men's team. They captured their victory at the West Texas State University NIRA Rodeo in Canyon.

The win moves the men up to fourth place after their fifth place standing last fall. Odessa College leads the competition; Sul Ross is second.

Playing a major role in the WTC win was Adam Brewster of Snyder. He earned second in the all-around competition. He won the long-go in the bareback and was fourth after the finals. In addition, Brewster was third in the average in bull riding.

Michael Gaffney of Tularosa, NM, who led in the bull riding coming into the rodeo, continued to lead in the long-go but was bucked off in the finals. In the saddle bronc finals. Both Wesley Henderson, Winston, NM and Jim Blain Kenny, Pecos, tied with another competition for first. The roping team of Clyde Himes, Beulah, Colorado and Barry Byrd, Snyder, captured second in the finals. Himes also reached the final in the steer wrestling.

"Our women's team had some bad luck this week," said Coach Bob Doty. The women saw only one team member advance to the finals. They were fourth going into the rodeo.



Careful putt

Mark Burgen of Andrews drops a putt on the WTC course.  
(Photo by Kim Koenig)

## WTC Golf

# Rain out results in bad finish

By Staci Wood  
WT Managing Editor

A rain delay stifled the WTC golf team's strong start at the Chase Oaks Texas State Junior Championship conducted in Dallas March 27-29.

A one and a half hour rain delay after the first 18 holes of the tournament and a complete rain-out of the last days play resulted in a disappointing seventh place finish for WTC.

Team members came out of the first round of play in third place, with Mark Burgen of Andrews posting a score of 77, followed by Gary Schoen of Hamilton with an 82. Jeff Beal of Andrews scored an 86, Todd Neal of La Costa, Calif., scored an 88 and Kevin Galespie of Stanton scored

an 89.

Coach Dave Foster says the team had a good start before the rain interrupted play half-way through the 27-hole round. "We played well into the first 18 holes. Then there was a one and a half hour rain delay. After that we played terribly. We didn't respond after the delay," he said.

Foster attributes the lack of resilience to the immaturity or inexperience of a freshman team saying, "Inconsistency is our main problem, we'll play well one day, then not the next."

Final results of the one-and-a-half-round championship tournament placed Burgen in a tied for 10th, with a 27 hole score of 117; within two strokes of the all-state team.

"I thought I should have had a

few strokes less. I was pleased with how I played. You always think you could have done better and I thought I could have moved back up," said Burgen. He added, "It was hard to get psyched up after the delay. It was the first time we had ever delayed that long. I think it's a learning experience."

The Westerners also suffered a loss two weeks before at the UT San Antonio Dominion Classic in San Antonio. The team finished last overall, with final a score 655 for the two-day tournament.

Lance Jones of Andrews finished with a score of 162; and Burgen tied with medalist Mark Bartlett of Logan Junior College with a score of 164.

Other final scores were Neal, 169; Schoen, 172 and Beal, 173.

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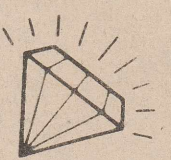
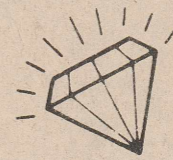


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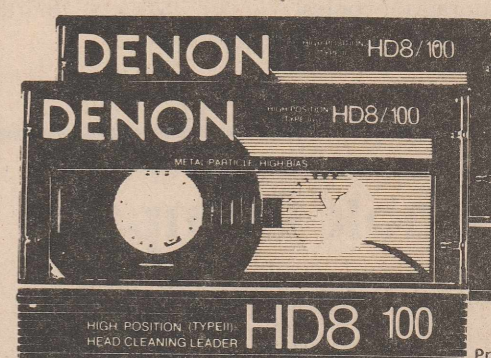
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## National convention

### PTK travels to Washington, D.C.

By Bridget Pallarez  
WT Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa recently attended their national convention in Washington D. C. March 24-26.

Those attending were, Julie Jones, Amy Wilson, Allison Adams and Cecelia Meek all of Snyder, Dannielle Tice of Hamlin and Dr. Mary Hood, PTK sponsor.

Speakers for the convention

were Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum who spoke on the United States Constitution and Jeane Kirkpatrick who addressed the 1988-89 Honors study topic, "The Character and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers."

Danny Hunter, ex-WTC student who now works for Congressman Grandy, took the members on a tour of the capitol and into the gallery while the senate was in session. They also

took a trolley tour of the city and went to the White House, National Cathedral, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, Jefferson Memorial the Vietnam Memorial and many other places.

Hood commented about the trip. "What can you say about Washington D.C., there's so much there. Danny says it's the center of the world."

PTK will serve at the Senior Citizen's banquet April 14.



### Temptation

Employees of the Student Center line up to buy baked goods from members of Image. The woman's group sponsored the bake sale to raise money for CED test fees for members. —(Photo by Howard Bigham)

## Briefs

### Date changed

The deadline for the Wildflower day photo contest has been extended to April 11.

### Spring concert

A Spring concert will be presented tonight at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. Admission is free.

### Staff leaves

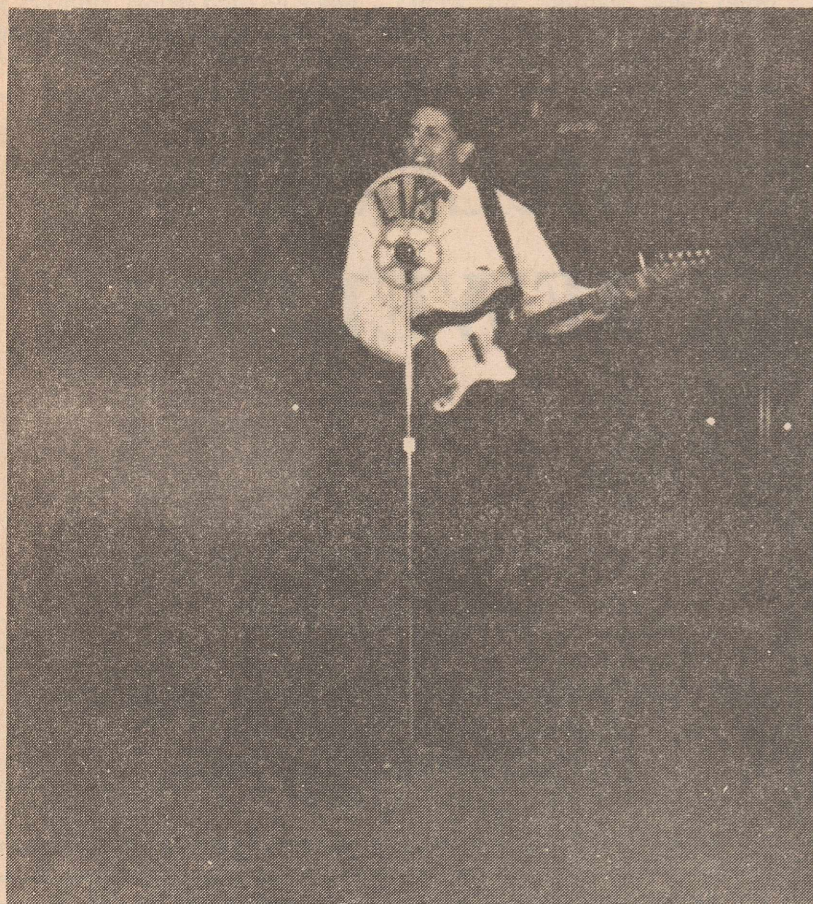
The *Western Texan* staff will compete in live competition in San Marcos April 6-9. Staff members attending are Howard Bigham, Deidre Gantt, Suzette Harris, Bridget Pallarez and Billy Summerlin. Lucy Herrera, adviser, will also attend.

### Rodeo Queen

Deadline for entering the Rodeo Queen contest is today. Sign up in the Student Activities Office.

### Spring formal

Spring formal will take place April 28 in the cafeteria. This year's theme is "Cheers!"



### Stardom

Anthony Lopez of El Dorado does his version of Ritchie Valens' song from the movie 'La Bamba' during Puttin' on the Lips event Tuesday night.

—(Photo by Howard Bigham)

### Lopez takes lipsinc prize

By Howard Bigham  
WT Page Editor

Students had a chance to become their favorite stars March 29 in the "Puttin' on the Lips" concert.

Five performances were listed and only one showed up and performed his favorite song.

Anthony Lopez of Eldorado won the first prize of \$25 perform-

ing his version of Los Lobos' "La Bamba".

The contest is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Student Senate.

Brandy Hickman, Snyder, who is the entertainment committee chairman served as master of ceremonies. "He did a fine job of organizing and announcing for the contest," said Mickey Baird, SAO director.



Sometimes students don't like the teachers, and sometimes students have too full a (course) load, or sometimes a class is too hard.

Holly Tarter  
Colorado City



Students wait to the last minute and decide to drop so they won't have a failing grade.

Zelma Irons  
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## What do you think?

What reason do students give for dropping classes?



Students find themselves behind, and not able to catch up. They find they are unable to bring their grades up.

Dan Osborn  
Counselor



They miss for a good reason - then for a not-so-good reason. They lose their commitment. Their priorities get confused concerning jobs, school and other responsibilities.

Dr. Mary Hood  
Counselor



They don't have enough time to devote to the class for suitable grade.

Deborah Baremore  
Counseling Secretary

## WTC sponsors high schools in contest

By Kay Carrizales  
WT Reporter

More than 250 high school students from 72 teams competed in the land and livestock judging competition at the Scurry County Coliseum Ag Annex March 22.

The contest was sponsored by Western Texas College and the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservator District.

Official scoring in the livestock judging was done by Jim Judah, WTC ag instructor and Bob Doty, also an ag instructor, scored the lamb judging competition. Grading of cards was done by members of Phi Theta Kappa, an honors fraternity on campus.

In the livestock judging competition, the team winner was Robert Lee and the overall high individual was Raymond Burditt of White Deer.

Land judging winners were Lamesa in the team event with John Paul Huber of Anson winning high individual.

Ira was second in the livestock judging team competition and Janna Burrow of Ira was fourth high individual. Ira was also first in sheep judging.

This year marked the fifth annual competition.

Small problems grow into large ones by feeding on procrastination.

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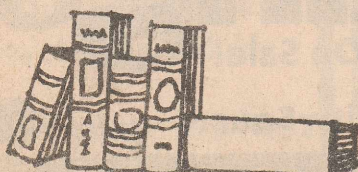
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