



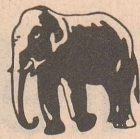
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Farabee initiates discussion...

Farabee addresses students

Texas Senator Ray Farabee delivered a speech on WTC's campus last week. Highlighting Farabee's speech were the appropriation of funds throughout the state.

According to Farabee, states are in competition with each other in higher technology. In order for Texas to compete, more resources for funding public education will be needed. Twenty-five percent of the Texas budget comes from the states oil and gas production. Sales tax is the largest producer. With oil prices fluctuating, appropriation of funds for public education is becoming a difficult task.

"Though no one likes new taxes," Farabee said, "I think we should consider our public educa-

tion." The recent tax implemented on alcoholic beverages will help fund public education.

Four junior colleges are located in Farabee's district. Solutions to future funding were discussed with the budget board. New taxes, increased tuition and deciding where to cut the budget were brought forth.

Currently, the budget will proceed on an "as is" basis until additional sources of revenue can be obtained. Eventhough objection to a tax and tuition increase was opposed, the problem of how to go about paying for a quality education still remains.

Tuition fees in Texas are one of the lowest in the country, according to Farabee. "I feel a community college education is the

best buy in Texas," Farabee said. "However, we can't have the best education system with the lowest rates."

Funding highways was also discussed. Texas has good highways with the lowest gas tax in the United States. It is becoming difficult to care for highways. The recent gas tax increase was to enable Texas to keep its highways in good condition. Surprisingly, little or no criticism of the taxes was shown.

Also being considered in the distribution of funds are state hospitals, abused shelters, water conservation and prison reforms. According to Farabee, when the dedication of taxes occur, the most economic methods will be viewed. Many programs are wanted yet means for funding them are not available.

The drafting of the 1986-87 budget is in the process. An increase in major resources is not foreseen at this time.

Farabee asked those who wish to resolve issues to approach them in a positive manner, obtain accurate information, have some kind of an organization such as a school group or teacher's group, to be willing to work with staff members and most importantly to become politically involved.

"I was pleased when I saw the campus politically involved," Farabee said. "Hopefully students realize the political process is available to everybody in this country."

In the past, Farabee has authored 159 Senate bills and has been the Senate sponsor of 87 House bills, all of which have become laws. Farabee has been a Texas Senator since 1975 and is currently a practicing attorney in Wichita Falls.

Dance captures spirit

Ghosts and goblins danced the night away until midnight last night. Dr. Toons made his first time appearance at WTC providing a variety of music which seemed to suit everyone.

Highlighting the dance was the masquerade contest sponsored by the Senate's dance committee. Winning in the best male category was Bill McElvaine. McElvaine came as a lady hooker, high heels and all. Best female was Shelly White, a smurfette. Posing as Raggedy

Ann and Andy, Kelly Pledger and Nancy Scudder were named judges favorite. The Odd Couple Bunnies, Malcolm Rainwater and Kimberly Wilkinson, were chosen as best couple. Prizes for best male, female and judges favorite are \$10 and best couple receives \$15.

"The dance proved to be a great success," Cyndi Trujillo, chairman, said. "We've heard many compliments and will seriously consider hiring Dr. Toons for our next dance."

Instructors direct sessions to aid study

By Wendy Hodge

If you find yourself cramming the night before your history test, consider attending a study session. Study sessions are few at WTC, but they never occur at most colleges.

Approximately 25 students attended a study session directed by Dr. Franklin Pruitt before a history test. Joe Carter also planned a study session before a biology test, but due to a schedule conflict, it was cancelled.

Pruitt said that he conducts study sessions occasionally to give the students extra help on things they might be having problems with and to drill them over review questions.

Men's basketball Coach Phil Spradling is very complimentary of the sessions. He keeps close tabs on each player's grades and discusses any problems with the instructors approximately once a week. When he hears of a study

session, he requires his players to attend. "I think it's a great thing for the kids that will help them in the long run, and it also benefits the teachers to have more students passing their classes," Spradling said.

Alvin Hicks, a basketball player who attended the session, definitely gained a lot from it. His grade on a recent test was significantly higher than his grade on the first test, he said. During the session, Pruitt pointed out specifics to study from the review sheet, and he also tried to impress important study habits upon the students.

Pruitt said he plans on having other study sessions if it will "help a number of students to improve their grades and help them to learn to study better." He emphasized that the sessions were not just for improving grades on one test, but also to acquire better studying habits.



...answers questions.

Heart Association sponsors project

By Lynn Quiros

The annual Turkeywalk and Fun Run, a fundraising project sponsored by the Scurry County Division of the American Heart Association, is scheduled for Nov. 3.

All donations go to research and coronary heart disease, one of the biggest killers in the world. The walk is based on the pledges that people donate.

All prizes are based on the amount of pledges that are turned in, so the more sponsors a participant in the walk has the better chance he/she will have to win. Top winner will compete for the state prize of a four day, three night vacation for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. First prize winner will receive a bicycle. Second prize is a portable 'carry around' stereo. The third prize winner receives a walkman portable radio and a cabbage patch pet donated by The Shack will be given to the fourth prize winner. Other prizes include Turkey t-shirts for all elementary, junior high, and high school participants with pledges of \$50 or more, food certificates and sports equipment.

Bobby Beard, project chairman, said he is expecting a big turnout. He has had a lot of interest from individuals, surrounding schools, and churches. "We will be glad to have anybody that feels like they can walk, even if they can walk as little as a mile," he said. Beard said it is generally

up to the walker to get their sponsors. A person doesn't have to walk 10 miles. Participants have the option of walking as far as they want to walk.

Lee Burke, division chairman of health and physical education, who will be a team leader for the project, said he wanted to encourage everyone associated with the college to either donate or participate in the 1984 Turkeywalk and Fun Run. "I have asked the entire personnel on campus— faculty, professional staff, and others—to participate." Burke said that anybody who can come out that day to help should do so. "If they can't participate, I would ask them to please donate," he said.

In the beginning, the length of

added.

the course was 20 miles, and has since been shortened to the 10 mile route. Rod Waller, route chairman of the local AHA, has planned for the participants to walk from the Snyder Jr. High, through Towle Park. People participating will begin north from the junior high, down Houston Avenue. From there they will continue to walk to the new soccer field, around the farm league field, to the east entrance of Towle Park. Runners will circle through the park two to three laps.

People who would like to donate even though they may not be participating may mail a check to the West Texas State Bank in care of Bobby Beard.

Campus Briefs

Luceon planned

The Baptist Student Union will host a pot-luck dinner in place of its usual Lunchencounter Nov. 21. Meat will be provided, but everyone is asked to bring something.

Also, Nov. 21 will be the last day for the "World vision-world hunger love-loaf offering."

Vacancies filled

Four students have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Student Senate.

sophomore from Rotan, Skip Robbins, Snyder freshman, Aaron Knight, Big Lake sophomore, and Laura Preston, freshman from Sonora have been selected to serve on the Student Senate.

Because of a shortage of senators after the September election, additional members for the student senate were needed. When more seats are available than the number of people running, the vice-president has the authority to appoint senators. The executive board has to make this decision. Interviews were held Oct. 16 to select the senators for the coming year.

Knight and Preston are involved with the entertainment committee. Robbins will serve on the dance committee and Smith on the special effects committee.

Tourney results

The recreation committee of the Student Senate sponsored a pool and ping-pong tournament Monday night in the game room of the Student Center.

Mark Cypert took first place in the men's ping-pong tourney with Bo Kay coming in second. Tony Roden took third. In women's ping-pong, Lorena Mendoza won, and Cathy Caddell took second.

The results of the men's pool tournament have Eddie Wendlick on top followed by Greg Murdock and Jeff Merket. Lyndy French won the women's division pool tourney with Cathy Caddell second and Lorena Mendoza third.

Campus elections

Several activities are being planned for students by the Senate's entertainment committee. Conducting campus elections has been scheduled for Nov. 5. Elections will be held in the Student Center.

"We feel it's a good idea for us to have a presidential election of our own to see how our student body will vote," Irma Sanchez, committee chairman, said. "There is so much interest in politics at this time."

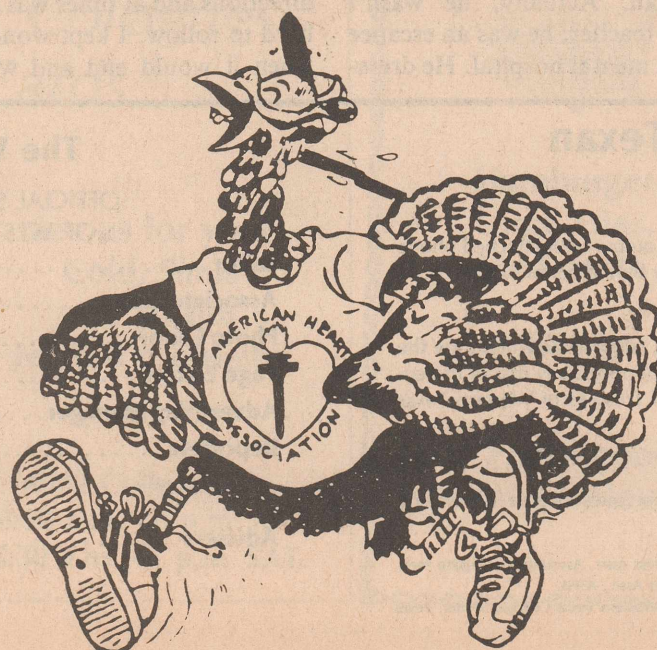
A table will be set up for students to cast their ballots. Everyone is urged to participate in order to make this event a success.

Committee members are Sanchez, Angela Ammons, Lydia DeLeon, Laura Preston, Aaron Knight, Andrea Owens and Brent Simpson.

Calendar of events

Nov. 11-17 Texas Community College Week
Scheduled events for both community and student involvement.
Nov. 12 — Break Dancing Exhibition
Nov. 13 — Reception in Student Center at 11:10 with entertainment provided by WTC students.
Nov. 14 — WTC students participate in extramural competition at South Plains College.

Nov. 15 — 11:10 a.m. Student Center, Knowledge Bowl sponsored by Press Club.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Fall Drama Production begins 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater, "Tin-types." Rodeo Team goes to Texas Tech (NIRA rodeo). Dusters compete in Amarillo.
Friday, Saturday — WTC Classic hosted by Westerners at Scurry County Coliseum.



Perspectives

Students abuse privileges

Attending college can be a great experience but there are always those students who abuse their privileges. Dorm students do not seem to respect the rules even though they are stated clearly in the Rules and Regulations Handbook. All one has to do is read the book to find out what one is and is not allowed to do. Students often fail to do so and must suffer the consequences of violating the rules.

Visitation violations seem to be the most tempting to break. Those breaking the rules seldom stop to realize the consequences of getting caught. Visitation hours are posted. Violation of this rule will result in removal from the dormitory. This information is clearly stated at the desk when one goes to sign in, however, several students fail to read and/or follow the rule.

The dorm director tries to respect students who in turn need to respect him. How can he respect students' privileges if they are being abused? Many colleges don't even allow dorm visitation.

Alcoholic beverages are banned from the entire campus. However, students manage to sneak it into their rooms in hopes of not being caught. They think it's funny and sneaky until they are caught. When caught they make up excuses and rebel against the punishment or fine. If you can't live up to your end of the bargain, then don't do it!

Fighting often results while someone is under the influence of alcohol. The person drinking often loses self control and can become destructive. There is no excuse for tearing down fences, breaking down doors and putting holes in the wall just because one is mad.

These actions reveal immaturity and lack of self control. As a common saying goes, either shape up or ship out.

Constant violations of rules can result in the removal of all privileges. If students were smart, they would start obeying the rules.

Mischiefous pranks around the dormitory can also result in punishment. Pranks can be funny the first couple of times, but after a while they become irritating.

Many students find some kind of fascination out of making late night mysterious phone calls. Nothing is more annoying than to answer the phone in the middle of the night to have somebody hang up or say something ridiculous. Some people like to get a decent night's sleep. Not only is this disrespectful, it is very childish. Next time the urge hits to make prank phone calls, consider how the person on the other end of the line will react. Sometimes it's not too pleasing.

Shoe polishing vehicles in the parking lot with numbers and messages is very common. Students like to keep their vehicles clean and looking nice. Having shoe polish all over their windows so they can't even see in front of them can make the owners angry. Taking shoe polish off windows is like having melted ice cream smeared on them. Besides, shoe polishing cars was a high school gig. Remember, this is college and it's time to leave the pranks behind. If one isn't willing to clean up the mess, then the shoe polish shouldn't be used!

Attending college is a once in a lifetime thing. Why not get the best out of it? Let's make this year at WTC a fun one, yet conduct ourselves as mature, young adults so we can be treated as such.

Reply triggers letter with different view point

Dear Editor:

A reply made by a young man in the "What do you think?" column (Oct. 18) triggered me to send this to you. I thought you might find it interesting.

"Impotent woman belief: There's nothing I can do..."

"Famous Male Putdowns and Sure-Fire Replies taken from Thompson & Wood

"That's not a female job! Oh? Since when do jobs have sex?"

"Women just aren't any good in jobs like that! You know how they can be... Yes, about 50 pounds lighter than the average man in the same job."

"Here, let me help you. You need a man's input. No, thanks. Last time I had a man's input, I had an unexpected output."

"You're really something! You sure don't look like a senior manager! Strange, I shaved this morning."

"It's really unusual to find a woman as beautiful as you who is as bright as you are! I feel the same way about men. I've yet to find one who is really handsome and smart to boot!"

"Forgive me if my language isn't quite appropriate for a lady, but... That's all right. I assume you wouldn't talk like that in

front of men either, if it bothers you so much.

"I'll get my girls to work on the project right away. Aren't you afraid of child labor laws?"

"Wow! You've sure got all the beauties in your department! Oh, so you've met Jim and Clarence?"

"Women are so damned emotional! Calm yourself!"

"Who will take care of the children if they get sick? I have a full-time houseboy."

"Does your husband mind if you travel? We have an agreement: I don't mind him, he doesn't mind me — whether we're traveling or not."

"How come you're so cute? Thanks. I wish you'd notice how smart I am, too."

"Young lady... Thanks, I wish I felt young."

"You're so gorgeous, how come you're not married? Thanks — just can't find a man who'll marry me and be my wife, or That's interesting — how come I never thought of it?"

"You think just like a man! A dumb one or a smart one?"

I think it's terrible that one so young has such a narrow point of view.

Margie Shawn



Review

David Stewart

'The school was unbelievably wild...it was all pretty far out.'

'Teachers' doesn't live up to expectations

"Teachers" is set in John F. Kennedy High School, a highly unsuitable name for this institution. All of the students and most of the teachers should be locked up for what goes on in this school.

Basically, the plot involves an ex-student suing the school because he wasn't taught how to read. A young lawyer, played by JoBeth Williams, takes the case. She is also an ex-JFK student.

Nick Nolte stars as a tough, unmotivated teacher. He had won "Teacher of the Year" 10 years earlier, but now he doesn't really care anymore.

Ralph Macchio plays the part of a student in need of counseling. Nolte puts him in his class

and tries to help him out. They become good friends and Nolte starts to get excited about teaching again as he realizes what his job means to the students.

The other teachers didn't even try to do their job. One teacher slept quietly behind his newspaper all day while his class did their assignment. When he died in class, nobody noticed!

Another teacher had absolutely no control over his class. They even stole his car and his desk.

The only one who taught his class anything was the history teacher played by Richard Mulligan. Actually, he wasn't even a teacher; he was an escapee from a mental hospital. He dress-

ed the parts, while his class acted out the history book. The students listened to him and learned more in his class than in any other.

All of the teachers had to be questioned by the lawyer to complete the case. The teachers got together and planned their answers so the school wouldn't get bad publicity. Whoever went against the majority would be fired. That is the main conflict of the movie. Matters weren't helped much when Nolte became involved with Williams.

The story went in all different directions and at times was a little hard to follow. I kept wondering when it would end and when it

did, nothing was really resolved. The school was unbelievably wild. A student was stabbed in class and had to sit in the office bleeding because none of the teachers cared. A cold-blooded killing of a student in the hall by the police was shunned off, as if it had never occurred. Williams stripped while running down the school hall. It was all pretty far out.

The show was not as good as I had expected. The plot dragged and was a bit boring at times. It's too bad because I think this could have been a great show. The story is there, but it is never fully developed. Still it is an above-average movie and worth a look if you don't have anything better to do.



Speculation

Wendy Hodge

American loyalties jumbled

By Wendy Hodge

Where are the loyalties of the American people? Apparently with football rather than the leadership of our country.

It is rumored that the presidential inauguration has been postponed due to the Super Bowl. If this is true, the American priorities are mangled.

The same principle applies to people getting up and leaving church in the middle of a sermon so they can watch the noon kickoff of the National Football League's Sunday edition.

We seem to be a society rotating around football. To many people, this sport comes before God and their government. It's difficult to predict what will come next, but here are some things which sound unlikely, but could easily become a reality: church services will be moved to Wednesday only when there are no sporting events. All retail stores and places of

business will be closed during football games. Colleges may stop letting students go home on the weekends they have home games.

These situations do seem quite unrealistic, but one never knows what football-crazed people will do. It doesn't apply just to football; practically anything can rule the mind. It's just that football seems to get into the hearts of many.

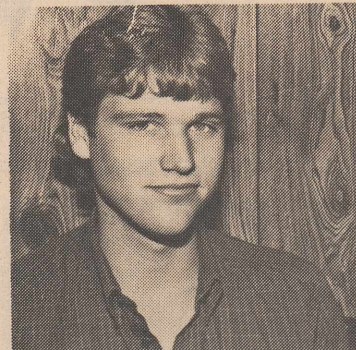
The president holds the future of our nation in his hands, yet we let a sporting event take precedence over his inauguration. There's no higher being than God, but people have been known to walk out of church services to go home and watch football games.

An interest in sports is okay, but to let it take over, as it may well already have, would be a drastic mistake. Perhaps our greater faith should be in God, our government second, then our sports events.

What do YOU think?

What do you think about college students voting to stockpile cyanide pills to take in case of a full-scale nuclear war?

-LaDonna Way



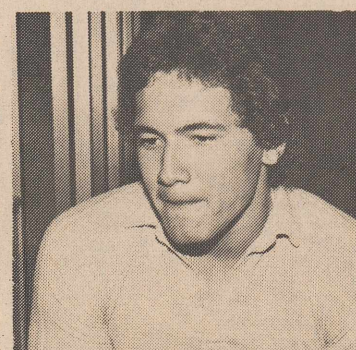
"I wouldn't commit suicide when there is always the chance that we would survive a nuclear war."

Mark Wuensche
Wilson, TX



"God gave us life, it is not our right to take it away. As for me, I wouldn't do it."

Tricia Gregory
Snyder, TX



"It should be left up to the individual as to whether he wants to take the pill or suffer from a nuclear blast. As for me, I wouldn't take the pill."

Paul Morales
Jayton, TX



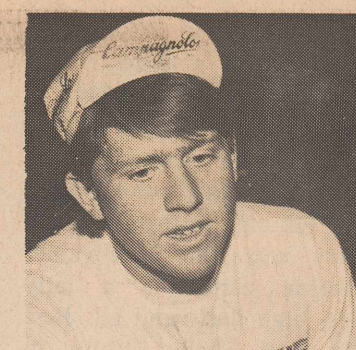
"I think it should be each person's own choice. I wouldn't take the pill myself. I just really think it is stupid."

Rebecca Schuler
Clyde, TX



"I don't think cyanide pills should be stockpiled. It would be too easy for someone to get a hold of them and use them for the wrong reasons. As far as suicide is concerned, that is up to the individual, but I wouldn't use suicide as a way out."

Jamie Howell
Colorado City, TX



"I don't think there would be much suffering. If there is a nuclear war, most everybody will die instantly. I don't like the idea myself; I think it is a big cop-out; it's dumb."

Scott Arthur
Sweetwater, TX

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On Campus



DRESSING UP - Winners of the annual Cosmetology contest were Shelley White, Originality winner as a Smurf; Jana Hillis, Humor winner as a human marshmallow, and Kathryn Mann, All-Around winner as a cat. -Photo by Jerry Snelling

Knowledge Bowl Press club presents challenge

The Press club is issuing a challenge to all other clubs and teams in the form of a Knowledge Bowl. The contest will be held Nov. 15, beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Faculty members will provide the questions which will be general knowledge questions, much like trivia. Dr. Ed Barkowsky will serve as moderator.

Each team may have up to six members participating, with a five dollar entry fee per participant. Last year, the bowl was held like a tournament, in different rounds. One round will consist of seven questions, and

the first team to answer four questions correctly will be the winner of the round.

The Knowledge Bowl is held each year as a fund raiser for the Press Club. "I think it will get more people involved in fund raisers and fun activities on campus," Press Club president Steve Cullen said. He added, "I also think it will be interesting to see how knowledgeable WTC students are in various academic areas."

The winner will get to keep the Knowledge Bowl traveling plaque until the next contest. First and second place winners will also receive ribbons.



SLURP - Rodney Wilson from Detroit, Mich., teaches Texans a classy way to eat Jello! -Photo by Jerry Snelling

Wilson consumes most Jello

The first annual Jello-eating contest at WTC took place Tuesday night in the cafeteria. Mike Grace, cafeteria manager, sponsored the event.

Grace has coordinated the event in previous years at other locations in conjunction with Halloween. "It gives the kids an

opportunity to have some fun," he said.

Contestants had to eat one pound of orange Jello in any way possible without using their hands, except to hold the bowl. The winner had to consume the elusive gelatin in the fastest time and whistle to signal he/she was through.

Rod Wilson captured first place and received a \$15 cash prize. Second place and a \$10 gift certificate from the WTC snack bar went to Greg Ehlers.

Other participants in the contest were Mark Wuensche, Tina Gordon, David Ehlers, Freddie Villa, Marcus Cane, and Cyndi Trujillo.



BLOCKER INTRIGUES CROWD - Pianist Robert Blocker gives a stirring performance in the WTC Fine Arts Theater. -Photo by Jerry Snelling

Chamber presents first fall concert

The Cultural Affairs Council of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce presented their first major event of the season at the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College Sunday afternoon.

A musical performance was presented by Cody Garner, bass-baritonist and Robert Blocker, pianist.

The duo captivated the audience with various types of music. The harmonious sound of the pianist was complimented by the vibrating voice of the singer.

Garner's performance received the intense attention of the audience. Blocker played several solos for the audience. His moving renditions resulted in a standing ovation.

"It's a pleasure to be here," said Blocker, a former Snyderite and former WTC music instructor. "It really amazes me how much influence this town has had

on my life and the life of others," he added.

Blocker, Dean of the School of Music at Baylor University, has enjoyed a career as administrator, artist/teacher, and professional musician.

Prior to his Baylor appointment, Dr. Blocker held positions at Brevard College, Stephen F. Austin State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and eleven years ago at WTC.

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during the spring semester. Some darkroom experience required. Possible compensation.

Contact: Lucy Herrera, Room 105, Student Center, 573-8511, ext. 273

Knowledge Bowl Challenge

The Press Club challenges all WTC Clubs to enter the Second Annual Knowledge Bowl.

\$5 per contestant

Nov. 15 Student Center 11:15 a.m.

PTK holds induction ceremony

Thirteen new members were installed during Phi Theta Kappa's fall induction.

The following students were inducted in afternoon ceremonies during PTK's regular meeting: Judy Wiseman, Sudan; Terry Hendon, Lanna Reeves, Patsy Beaty, Vicki Soper and Bobby Bentle, Sweetwater; Carla Banks

and Greg Oliver, Loraine; and Sue Dickey, David Dolliver, Julia Sowell, Joan Holder and Deana Phillips, Snyder.

PTK members are required to have 12 semester hours and a 3.2 gpa. Students eligible for membership received an invitation to join the honor club. Those responding to the invitations

comprised 50 per cent of the total invited.

National PTK President Danny Hunter, ex-WTC student, was the speaker. Brent Simpson, WTC chapter president, and Lorena Mendoza, vice-president, conducted the induction ceremonies. Another induction ceremony is planned for the spring semester.

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Features

Halloween dance attracts night creatures



OPEN ARMS-Jeff May welcomes the Halloween celebration with extended arms at last night's dance.

photos by Jerry Snelling

Halloween legends abound

By Frank Casas

A lot of people celebrate Halloween, but do you know why?

Every year, Halloween has come and gone with the usual activities. Older people have masquerade parties and dances. Young children have a choice of "trick or treating" for goodies or mustering all their bravery to enter the dreaded "spook house." This might be how Americans celebrate Halloween today, but it hasn't always been this way.

Halloween derived its name from hallowed or holy evening because it happens the day before All Saints' Day. This festival originated in the early 700s, in Europe. Present day use of witches, ghosts and cats in Halloween festivals comes from Druidic beliefs. Druids were an order of priests in ancient Gaul and Britain who believed ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches and elves came out on this night to harm people. They thought cats were sacred creatures that were once human but were transformed as punishment for evil deeds. The custom of using pumpkins, leaves and cornstalks for Halloween decorations comes from the Druid autumn festival called Samhain or summer's end.

England and Scotland held customary games they called "Hallowe'en Fires." These games consisted of apple bobbing in bowls of water, heating stones in fire, and the most unique was dropping eggs into a bowl of water to determine how many

children each family member was going to have. Ireland had a more serious perspective about Halloween. They believed the night of Oct. 31 was very evil.

An interesting note about Halloween is the beliefs people have on the probable existence of ghosts and witches. When asked if they believed in ghosts and witches, two WTC students had answers. Mike Boring said, "Witches and ghosts are possibly real because of all the proof there is on possessed people and animals."

Another student, who wanted to remain anonymous, said, "I believe in ghosts and witches. According to 'Ghostbusters,' paranormal behavior does exist and is often reported by highly educated individuals."

Superstitions fit in perfectly with the concept of this holiday. In America some of the usual bad luck superstitions are black cats crossing your path, walking under ladders and breaking a mirror that will bring seven years bad luck. In Europe, superstitions are different.

Wales, England people believe that if the wind, blowing over a corpse's feet, bears sighs to the houses of those about to die within a year. In the Highlands of Scotland, if a person takes a three-legged stool and sits at the crossroads while the church clock strikes twelve on Halloween, you will hear proclaimed aloud the names of church parishioners doomed to die within the next 12 months.

Legends are passed on from

one generation to another without too much consideration of their probability. But during Halloween night these legends become more real to the people who hear them.

Coach Kent Williams commented on a few he heard while living in Hobbs, N.M. "Hangman's Shadow" involves a janitor who hung himself in a Hobbs junior high school. Different people have reported actually seeing a hanging figure or shadow with a noose around the neck. Another legend involves several people claiming to have been chased at Green Meadows Lake, outside Hobbs, by the top-half of a man carrying some kind of object. The "Glowing Grave" legend involves a man who was murdered and his grave can be seen glowing at night from the highway.

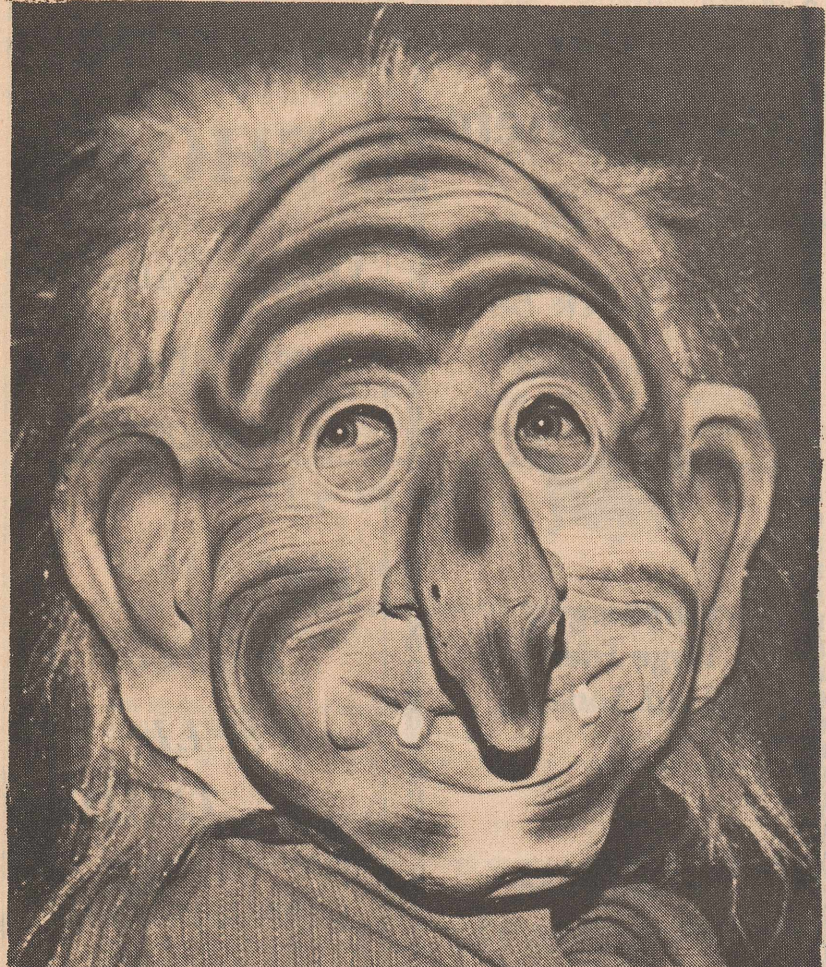
Some legends from the surrounding area of Snyder include the legend of the Snyder cemetery. A woman's statue at the cemetery can be seen at night with tears rolling down her cheeks.

Caroline Alvarado said, "There's a legend in Jayton where an old man wrecked at a bridge and died. The old man now haunts the bridge after midnight and won't let people cross."

For any of you non-believers who are still not convinced, why not take a ride some night around Sweetwater Lake? But before you do that, you better ask somebody about their "Hatchet Man" legend.



CELEBRATION-Contest winners (L-R) Malcolm Rainwater, Shelly White and Kimberly Wilkinson hug each other joyously after the results were announced.

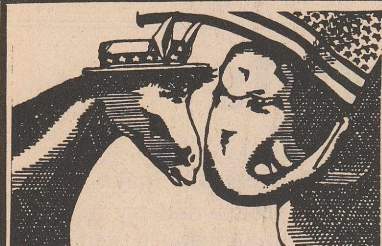


BOO!-Mark Mavdin displays a face only a mother could love.



HAPPINESS-Sidney Lloyd seems overwhelmed to be dancing with Barry Fletcher, a Boy George imposter.

News



As election day nears, many people, especially students, are still undecided for whom they will vote. A major reason for this is that many of them are unclear on the issues. The candidates, President Ronald Reagan, Republican, and Walter Mondale, Democrat, have had two debates, and it seems that the race became closer with each one. Earlier surveys had Reagan far ahead, but Mondale is slowly evening things out. Concerning certain issues, the following shows how the candidates line up.

Arms Control

Nuclear freeze
"Star Wars" program
MX missile
B1 bomber
Increase in defense spending

Mondale

Yes
No
No
No
3-4 per cent

Reagan

No
Yes
Yes
Yes
7.5 per cent

Central America

U.S. aid to Nicaraguan rebels
U.S. aid to El Salvador
"Contadora process" for negotiated settlement
U.S. military in Central America
Mining of Nicaraguan harbors

No
Tie to human rights
Yes
Remove all foreign forces
No

Yes
Yes
Wavering
Yes in Honduras
Yes

The Economy

How to cut federal deficits
Balanced Budget Amendment
Jobs for youth
"Right to Work" legislation

Tax reform, cut military spending increases
No
Targetted training programs
No

Strong economic recovery for increased revenue, cut spending
Yes
Supports subminimum wage
Yes

Civil Rights

Equal Rights Amendment
Equal pay for work of comparable worth
Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion
Affirmative Action

Voting Rights Act of 1981
Busing to integrate schools
Voluntary prayer in public schools amendment
Gay rights legislation to declare homosexuals a minority group

Yes
Yes
No
Calls for "verifiable measurements"
Supported
Yes
No
Yes

No
No
Yes
Opposes quotas

Signed after initial opposition
No
Yes
No

The Environment

Pollution controls to reduce acid rain
Increase funding for hazardous waste Superfund
Compensate toxic exposure victims
Tax hazardous waste generators

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

No
No position
No position
No position

Higher Education

Federal student loans, grants, other aid
Abolish Department of Education

Will strengthen
No

Cut in 1981
Yes

Sources: Congressional Quarterly, 1984 Democratic National Platform, 1984 Republican National Platform, The Washington Post, National Student Campaign for Voter Registration, 37 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111, (617) 357-9016.

'In the event of...'

Students vote in favor of stockpiling cyanide pills

PROVIDENCE, RI - Attempts by students at Brown University and more recently at the University of Colorado to stock cyanide pills for use after a nuclear war may be doing the fading campus freeze movement more harm than good, some activists warn.

Last week — in the largest student vote turnout in six years — Brown students voted 1,044 to 687 in favor of a measure asking college officials "to stockpile suicide pills for optional student use exclusively in the event of a nuclear war."

At the same time, Colorado student leaders voted to hold a similar referendum on that campus the last of October.

Officials at both schools point out that the student referenda are not binding and steadfastly refuse to consider stocking the lethal pills.

One Brown administrator declared the referendum would be enforced "over my dead body."

The students, of course, admit they're after headlines as much as they are an easy-out from doomsday.

"Our motivation is purely educational," says CU student Kyra Grossman, co-director of Students for a Sane Nuclear Policy, the group which drafted the student referendum.

"Even if people say, 'This must be a joke,' then at least they're talking about (nuclear war) and that's what we're trying to accomplish," she said.

Brown students, too, were trying to convey "the feeling of fear" of nuclear war, said Jason Salzman, a junior who originally got 700 students to sign a petition calling for the suicide pills.

"There's been a tremendous increase in discussions on disarmament," Salzman said. "People have been able to personalize the issue by thinking about their options."

But thinking about suicide could foster a defeatist attitude and actually drive students away from the campus freeze movement, warned Sanford Gottlieb, executive director of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM).

"I think (stockpiling suicide pills) is a very poor idea because it doesn't offer hope," Gottlieb said.

Instead, he argues, students should work to educate each other about the horrors of a nuclear confrontation and "discuss solutions to the arms buildup."

While the Brown students "were sincere in wanting to raise consciousness" of the imminent dangers of nuclear war, he said, "they miscalculated what effect it would have: it makes people feel more hopeless."

"But nuclear war is suicide," said Brown's Salzman. "If I'm not dead, I want to be able to kill myself. Life after nuclear war is a fate less than death."

Besides, Salzman added, "I'm more optimistic about the future now just by seeing everyone's growing concern and awareness" since the referendum was introduced.

"We're trying to use the momentum we've started to get other campuses involved," he said. "We're sending out information to campuses to hold rallies on Nov. 2 against nuclear war. It's coming up fast, but we want it to be before the (Nov. 6 presidential) election."

Battles to merge religion, school continue on college campuses

(CPS) — A series of incidents in recent weeks have turned college campuses into "a battleground" for forces seeking to separate — or merge — religion and public education.

University of Colorado regents will vote next month whether to allow prayers at next spring's graduation ceremonies, a practice dropped years ago to shorten the ceremonies and avoid religious entanglements.

At Memphis State, football Coach Ray Dempsey is in hot water with parents and students over charges he forces players to attend mandatory prayer meetings, imposes his religious beliefs on students and staff, and attempts to cure players' injuries through faith healing.

Southern Baptist-controlled Baylor recently threatened to revoke the charters of all non-Baptist campus religious groups, including a campus-wide nondenominational fellowship group, after an unnamed religious "fringe group" applied for recognition there.

And perhaps to duck the religious conflicts altogether, University of Florida student government officials temporarily have halted funding for all student religious groups.

"Religion and education form a continuing dilemma in American church-state relations," said James Wood, a specialist in the study of church and state at Baylor.

Wood said campus religious conflicts have increased dramatically in the last several years since the rise of the "New Right" in 1980.

Indeed, even parochial colleges are struggling with questions of just how much religion and

education should be mixed.

At Wood's own Baylor, for instance, officials recently backed down from their threat to revoke the charters of all non-Baptist student religious groups, and now say the policy will be applied only in issuing new charters.

"When people try to impose their religion on others, through the government (or through government-supported activities), it's a threat to society," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is using that argument to try to stop Memphis State's Coach Dempsey from forcing his religious preferences on football players there, noted ACLU attorney Bruce Kramer.

School officials, however, are reluctant to get involved in the conflict "until we have concrete evidence" Dempsey is violating the law, said spokesman Charles Holmes.

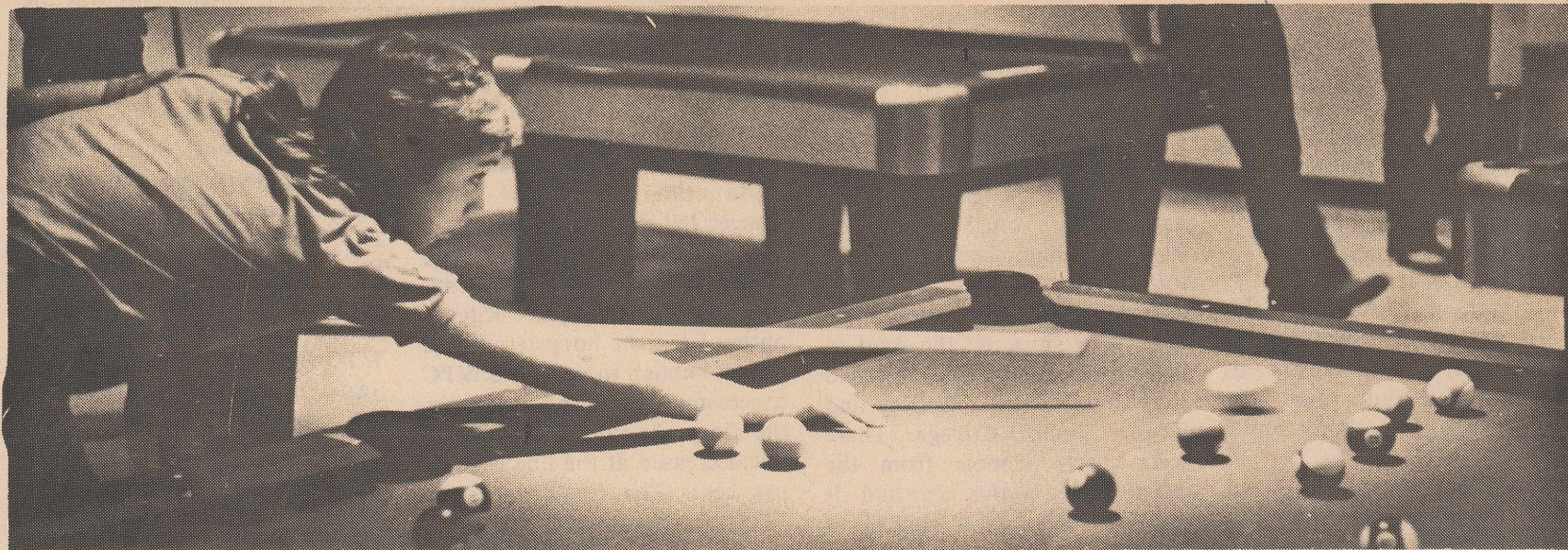
But at Florida, no one's waiting for proof.

"This year alone hundreds of students have complained about funding religious clubs," reported student treasurer Brian Ballard, who has frozen all funding for campus religious organizations.

Of 160 student groups funded by the student government, Ballard said, 30 have religious affiliations.

Student officials will withhold funds for them until the officials decide if they're promoting religious views with state money.

Whatever happens at Florida or elsewhere, noted Baylor's Wood, battles over religion and schools will likely continue until new Supreme Court decisions are handed down.



ON CUE - Lyndy French of Big Spring demonstrates the technique that won her the championship in Tuesday's Pool/Ping Pong Tourney. -Photo by Jerry Snelling

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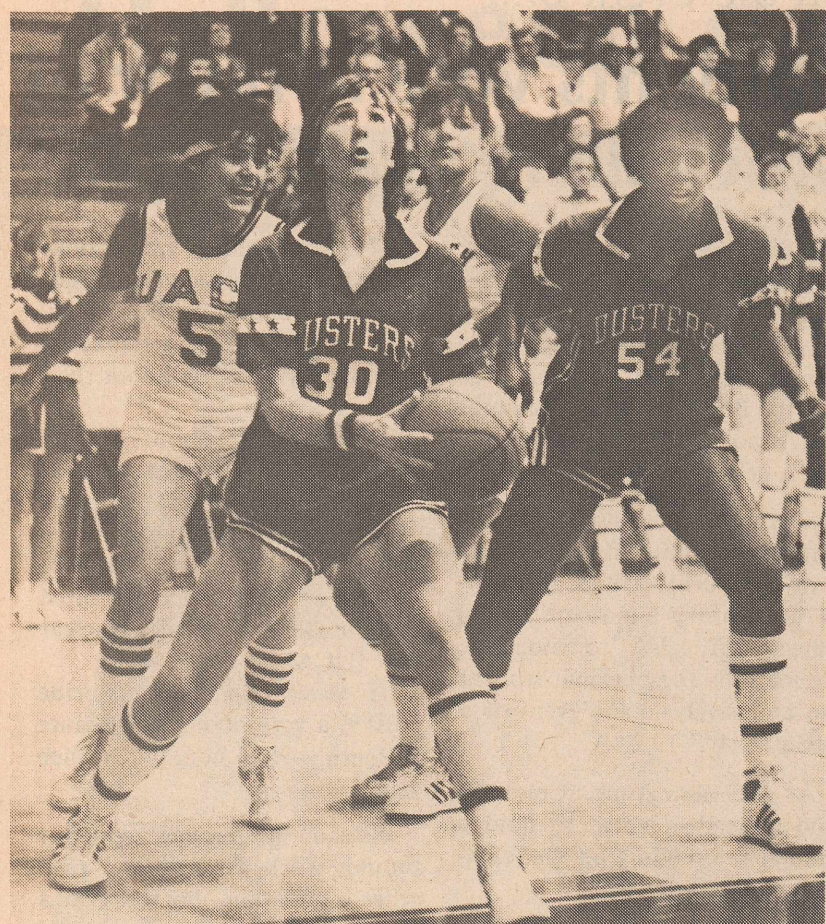
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Sports



MAKING THE MOVE - With a look of determination Renvy Evans (30) makes her move past University of Chihuahua's Blanca Jordan (5) and Margie Reyes (13), while Clara Campbell (54) looks on.

-Photo by Jerry Snelling

In scrimmage...

Dusters chalk up victory, defeats

The Dusters opened their regular season play Friday night against Chihuahua, Mexico, in a very high scoring game.

At halftime, the score was 47-38, in favor of the Dusters.

Clara "Speed" Campbell hit 10 of 11 shots in the game. The team shot 39 of 78 from the field.

Patti Hayes played an important role in the game as she shot five for six from the field and 10 for 10 from the line.

The cagers ended up scoring 98 points and 20 of them came from the free throw line.

Leading scorers for the Dusters

were Campbell with 24, Hayes with 20, Renvy Evans and Rhonda Hoelting scored 12 points each. Evans led the rebounding effort with 13.

The final score was Dusters 98, Chihuahua 83. Leading Chihuahua was Magdalena Contreras with 31 points.

The Dusters scrimmaged Odessa last week. They shot 43 per cent from the field and 62 per cent from the line.

"Our defense was fair, the post defense was good, but the outside people didn't put enough pressure on the ball," Coach Joe Cushing said.

Westerners finish exhibitions, season starts

The Westerners defeated McMurry in their third scrimmage. One reason for the victory might be that the Westerners shot an even 50 per cent from the field. McMurry started out with a big line, but that made no difference to the running and pressing cagers from WTC.

"I think what helped us was the full court press which enabled us to come up with key steals which converted into key points," guard Anthony Smith said.

The hoopsters also hit 11 out of 19 free throws, gaining them 65 per cent from the line.

The final score out of 60 minutes of play was 113-102, in

favor of the Westerners.

Then the cagers traveled to Plainview to take on Wayland Baptist. They shot 43 per cent from the field and 60 per cent from the line. "I think this scrimmage showed the team what they had to work on," said Coach Phil Spradling. The Westerners lost 105-90.

And finally the Westerners took their show on the road to Hardin-Simmons University to play Ranger Junior College and Kilgore Junior College. There were many schools from the Westerners' conference and it gave the coaches a chance to scout the different teams.

The hoopsters started off with Ranger and moved the ball well

By David Stewart

The Dallas Cowboys have finally come to their senses and put Danny White back in at quarterback. Still, this team has a long way to go before they can be considered Super Bowl contenders.

The Houston Oilers are improving. Now they make a small effort at the start of the game, before losing.

The NFL is now past the halfway mark and the Miami Dolphins have been the dominant team in the AFC, while San Francisco seems to be the class of the NFC. The best game I've seen so far has been the Monday night game a while back between Denver and Green Bay played in a snowstorm. That's football

weather. These guys today are getting soft playing in the perfect conditions of the various domed stadiums around the league.

When will college football adopt a play-off system? Every year there is controversy about who really is No. 1. I think the bowl games should be kept the same, but the four major bowl winners should meet in a two-week tournament. It wouldn't make the season too long, and college football would have a real champion.

Akeem Olajuwon's debut with the Houston Rockets was a success. He scored 22 of his 24 points in the second half as the Rockets cruised past the Dallas Mavericks.

A lot of people expect the Los Angeles Lakers to win the NBA

title this year, but they started the season with two losses in Texas. The San Antonio Spurs beat Los Angeles to open the season and the Dallas Mavericks whipped them the next night.

Another rookie got off to a good start, Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls. He is being called the next Dr. J. Let him get a few more games under his belt before he is deserving of that title. I can't underwhy why so many writers keep putting down the NBA. The games are exciting, the teams are great and these are the best athletes in the world.

Well, it's off season for baseball again. Time for the

Texas Rangers to make some more bad trades and try to convince the public that it will help the team. Maybe the Rangers and Oiles should trade rosters. Neither seems to be able to play their own sport very well.

Vandeweghe and Sam Bowie should take them to the championship. No team repeats in the NBA, so don't count on the Celtics to win again.

bably blow it in the play-offs. In the NBA, look for the Portland Trailblazers to win it all. The addition of Kiki Vandeghwe and Sam Bowie should take them to the championship. No team repeats in the NBA, so don't count on the Celtics to win again.



RETURN SERVE - Working on her racquetball skills, Crystal Keith from Aspermont strives to hit the ball as Michelle Prewit from Stamford, Greg Oliver from Loraine and Pete Cantu from Abernathy looks on.

-Photo by Jerry Snelling

Golf team ends schedule, gets wet

By Frank Casas

The Western Texas College golf team ended their fall schedule play on a rainy, soaking wet Del Lago Country Club golf course Oct. 25-28. This was the second annual Texas State Junior Championship tournament held at Conroe.

Following are the college team results after four rounds on the par 284-1136 course: (1) McLennan Community College, 290-286-288-295-1159; (2) Odessa 305-292-289-296-1182; (3) Paris 307-297-307-307-1220; (4) Temple 310-305-318-292-1225; (5) WTC 306-311-313-306-1236; (6) San Jacinto College 315 - 306 - 305 - 314 - 1240; (7) South Plains College 306 - 305 - 318 - 316 - 1245; (8) Grayson Community College 319 - 308 - 307 - 324 - 1258; (9) Jacksonville College 324 - 321 - 319 - 305 - 1269; (10) Weatherford Junior College 328 - 311 - 317 - 320 - 1276; (11)

Lon Morris 326 - 323 - 338 - 318 - 1305; (12) Richland 324-334-328-327-1313; (13) Eastfield 349-325-338-332-1344; (14) Galveston 366-354-377-365-1462.

There was a three-way tie for medalist honors between Roger Salazon and Marty Board of McLennan and Mike Ketchum of Odessa, with 290. Board won medalist on the first hole of a sudden-death play-off.

Coach Dave Foster said, "Although the course was drenched in water, WTC played well except for the front nine. We had a 42 average for four days on the front nine and a 36 average on the back."

The WTC players' individual scores on the par 71-284 were Ron Nedry 76-78-79-305; Ryan Heller 74-81-75-309; Pat Fitzpatrick 78-78-79-312; Bob Stangby 78-80-80-78-316; and Jim Batjer 86-75-84-82-327.

The golf team also spent four days at Acapulco, Mexico com-

peting in the Acapulco Invitational Golf Tournament Oct. 13-16.

Team results for this tournament were (1) University of Arkansas 283-281-574; (2) Rice University 291-306-597; (3) Sam Houston State University 299-299-598; a fourth place tie between WTC and Northeast Louisiana, 311-313-624; (6) Midland College 318-309-627; (7) New Mexico Military Institute 319-309-628; and South Plains College came in last with a 323-310-633 on the par 280 golf course.

This tournament held a College Pro-Am. This is where a college player plays with an amateur participant. The team of Heller and Alton Patterson finished second in the Am with a low score of 61.

The WTC players' individual scores on the 72 par course were Fitzpatrick 78-77-155; Heller 76-83-159; Jack Fallin 78-81-159; Stangby 79-79-158; and Bo Kay 85-76-161.

Rodeo team prepares for Tech

The WTC rodeo team is getting ready to participate in the NIRA Rodeo Nov. 15-17 at Texas Tech University.

Two weeks ago WTC was in action at Wichita Falls in the Midwestern University College rodeo.

The WTC cowboys scored 42 points to place seventh. Sul Ross collected 358 points to take first place. Eastern New Mexico was second with 284.5 points;

Tarleton had 115; while Hardin-Simmons and Odessa tied with 87 each for fourth. Vernon Regional College was next with 42 points, followed by WTC.

The Westerner girls took fifth place with 75 points. Sul Ross again won first with 159 points. Tarleton was second with 144, followed by Eastern New Mexico with 120 points; Hardin-Simmons with 87 and WTC with 75.

Individually Judy Cox of WTC led the way with 48 points. She was fifth in breakout roping with a time of 4.1. She was seventh in goat tying with a time of 11.8. Niki Moist was fifth in the barrels with a time of 18.20. Jo Jo King of Tarleton was all-around cowgirl with 144 points.

For the guys, Donnie Yorks of WTC placed fifth in steer wrestling with a time of 5.3. Bliss Mayhan of WTC was sixth in bareback with a score of 62.

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