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Combs attends contest; competes against 154

By Cyndi Trujillo

Drama major Jeff Combs, of Muleshoe, auditioned at Scott Theatre in Fort Worth in January in competition for a \$10,000 "Irene Ryan" scholarship.

Combs was one of 154 students auditioning. The "Irene Ryan Acting Auditions" nominates students to audition based on their participation in shows. Ryan began the endowment fund for young actors. She portrayed the character "Granny" on the TV show "Beverly Hillbillies."

Combs competed with actors from five states. Of the 154 actors, the first cut left only 54. Combs was one of the 54.

Auditions required students to present two dramatic pieces, one a duet. He presented a piece from "Two Gentlemen of Verona" by Shakespeare and "The Blood Knot" by Athol Fugard, his duet. Aaron Knight, Big Lake native, assisted Combs in the duet.

"I think Jeff did a good job considering the competition he faced," Jim Rambo, associate professor of drama and speech,

said. "I'm proud he made it to the quarter finals."

Combs will travel to Texas Christian University in Arlington Feb. 16 to audition for the Nordan Scholarship, an endowed scholarship for \$3,500. Lori Grandclaire, former WTC drama major, was recipient of the scholarship last year. Nordan is a fine arts scholarship given for the best newcomer in drama.

Combs is considering SMU and several conservatories for further study. One in New York holds auditions in Dallas.

Combs was nominated in November when the WTC drama department attended the American College Theatre Festival in El Paso. The department presented a musical revue "Tintypes" in competition with several junior colleges and universities.

Two other WTC students, Rene King of Lubbock and Jeff Milburn of Brownfield, were nominated for the Irene Ryan scholarship audition, but were unable to attend.

'Cupid's Corner' coming

By Cyndi Trujillo

WTC's Press Club is conducting a fund raiser entitled "Cupid's Corner." The fund raiser will provide students and personnel with an opportunity to relay messages to their sweethearts or someone special, telling them how much they care. Messages will appear in a special section of *The Western Texan's* Valentine issue Feb. 14.

The messages will be sold at \$1 for 15 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Proceeds will go to defer expenses for the club's spring competition meet in Abilene.

Messages, letters, poems and anonymous material will be ac-

cepted as long as they are within the boundaries of good taste and conform to the staff's editorial policy.

"Nobody has attempted this in the past," Steve Cullen, Press Club president, said. "With our low rates, we are hoping to receive a great deal of participation from students as well as personnel."

Ads will be sold beginning today and will continue through Feb. 12.

Payment is due in advance and purchases can be made by contacting Cullen, Cyndi Trujillo or Lucy Herrera. For more information, call Press Club headquarters, ext. 273.

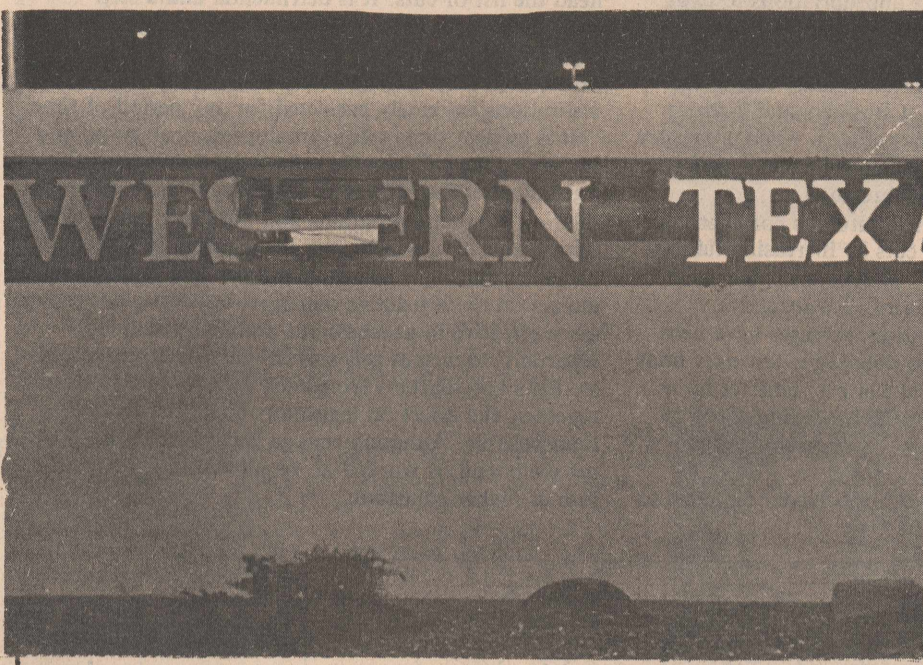
Staff regrets omission

In the Dec. 6 issue of *The Western Texan* one student was omitted by error from the list of those named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Alvin (Bubba) Selmon, Jr. of Snyder was one of 26

Western Texas College students named to the Who's Who list. Selmon graduated from Snyder High School and majors in Health-Physical Education at WTC.

The *Western Texan* staff apologizes for the omission.



VANDALISM — Partying vandals brought destruction Sunday night to the Western Texas College westside entrance sign by throwing a beer bottle and shattering the fluorescent letters. — Photo by Kathy Stout

Discrimination discourages women

By Cyndi Trujillo

College women today are being faced with discrimination both in and outside classrooms, according to recent studies by major colleges.

One study, "Classroom Climate: A Chilly One for Women" by Bernice R. Sandler, showed faculty members often inadvertently discourage women in the college classroom. For example, women may be interrupted more often than men in classroom discussions. Women are not looked upon as intelligent; therefore, they often become discouraged in class participation. Women form an inferior opinion of themselves and psychologically feel they are invading male territory, the study claims.

Another study, "Out of the Classroom: A Chilly Campus Climate for Women?" by Sandler and Roberta M. Hall also shows women are discriminated against outside the classroom as well. Women are more likely to be singled out in conferences, lab work, campus employment, extracurricular activities and various other settings. Academic advisers and counselors subtly and overtly discourage women from pursuing fields and majors which are male-dominated.

Sandler and Hall's research revealed women were not looked upon as co-learners by male lab or field work partners. Rather, women were viewed as note-takers or potential dates. Men are also considered more knowledgeable and career-minded according to the study.

Comments from male and female students from WTC and

from a university stated she was discriminated against because of her career choice. "My instructor didn't like me and I could tell," she said. "I was the only girl in the class."

She stayed with the course and passed it. "It was hard on me," she said. "I didn't lose faith in myself though. The more my instructor pressured me, the harder



"I was the only girl in my class...It was hard on me."

other universities were obtained pertaining to specific discrimination experiences.

One student spoke of a situation in which she was applying for a work-study job along with a few other students, who were males. She felt she would not be hired because of her sex, but as it turned out, she got the job.

A female architectural major

I applied myself."

The discrimination of sex bias can also be reversed, with men seeking careers in predominantly female areas.

A former WTC male nursing student said, "Men are finally perforating the female-dominated boundaries of nursing. More and more men are seeking careers in nursing."

Legislature considers higher education fund cuts

By Tonya Neblett

Before the 69th legislature can carry out the traditional lawmaking agenda, they must first tackle the problem of a \$1 billion short budget. Consequently, cuts in higher education will be one of the first of many budget-trimming operations.

The declining price of oil and court-ordered improvements of elementary and secondary education, along with the improvements of prisons and health services, have been cited as the causes of the most serious budget crisis in 50 years. It is estimated that for every \$1-a-barrel drop in the price of oil, the state loses \$40 million in revenue from severance taxes.

The Legislative Budget Board met in December to begin their work on a general appropriations

bill which will provide a 26 percent cut in higher education below current levels of spending. Two of Texas' major universities will experience significant losses of funding with the University of Texas at Austin losing 31 percent and Texas A&M, 20 percent. One of the hardest hit institutions will be the University of Houston with a 44 percent loss of state funds.

As for public community junior colleges, funding will be reduced about 10.4 percent per year for the next two fiscal years. It is estimated that some two-year college districts will suffer a 25 percent below current funding loss. In addition to these cuts, each school will have to find a way to absorb inflation costs.

It would be impossible to determine the extreme of each

school's losses since state appropriations are based on student contact hours. However, smaller campuses and those experiencing decreasing enrollment are expected to be among the hardest hit. Elimination of programs and positions are expected to accompany the cuts in appropriations. Token pay raises will ultimately be out of the question. Campuses statewide are already planning ways to combat the cuts in spending. Plans to enlarge classes and unofficial hiring freezes have been adopted by some institutions, while one college is looking at ways to eliminate 100 campus-related jobs by 1985. According to Gay Hickman, vice president for Business and Finance, Western Texas College will take closer looks at positions as they become vacant and possibly

eliminate them.

In order to make up for the hole in the budget, legislators hope to redeem some funds through an increase in college tuition. Collection of additional ad valorem taxes will be executed only as a last resort since most districts have already raised taxes to some extent.

Two proposals have been submitted to the legislature regarding tuition increases. Wilhelmina Delco, a representative from Austin, has prepared a plan that would increase tuition two dollars per year until 1994 when tuition would be \$24 per semester hour. Out-of-state students will pay \$192 per hour, as compared to the current charge of \$40 per hour.

Tuition presently accounts for only three percent of each stu-

dent's total schooling cost.

Abilene Christian University's Gary Thompson has proposed an increase of two percent per year until tuition pays 15 percent of the total cost. After this 15 percent goal is reached, tuition will then be "indexed" to continue at this pace. The legislature would then no longer be directly in control of tuition.

Governor Mark White said that he is opposed to a tuition increase and that he would like to exhaust every other alternative before resorting to an increase.

Texas' college tuition ranks among the 10 lowest in the nation, so the financial situation of the state makes a tuition increase appear likely. And, with \$630 million reduction in higher education spending, increases in tuition will likely be just a start.

Campus Briefs

Valentine's dance

WTC's Senate dance committee is holding a Valentine's dance, Feb. 12 from 8:30-12 p.m.

Dr. Toon's will provide the music.

Mr. and Miss Valentine Sweethearts will also be selected. Couples only will be able to submit their names into a container. Drawings will be held on the dance floor at 10:30 p.m. The winning couple will be picked by random drawing. If the contestants are not present, a second couple will be selected.

A prize will be given to the winning couple.

BSU events

The Baptist Student Center has extended an invitation to all interested students to attend the Texas BSU Leadership Training Conference Feb. 8-10 at Baylor University.

The conference features rallies with recognized speakers, music presented by various student groups and growth seminars in areas such as personal growth and discipleship, puppets, drama, social concerns, sharing Christian faith and others. Contact the BSU director for details on schedule, cost and scholarship arrangements.

BSU also sponsors several weekly events for interested persons. On Wednesdays all students and faculty are invited to "Lunchencounter" at 11:20 a.m. and 12 noon. Area churches serve homecooked meals. Various programs include speakers, music and other special-interest presentations. Tuesday at 9 p.m. is Family Time. The BSU "family" assembles for a devotional study, music and fellowship. Following Family Time on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. a DIG (Disciples In Growth) group led by the BSU director is held at the center.

Museum exhibit

Mrs. Shirley Leftwich is the new director of the Scurry County Museum located on the campus of WTC.

Currently on exhibit is Women and Their Work display. Leftwich said that there will be a Valentine's exhibit containing such nostalgic items as music boxes and perfume bottles.

As the new director, Leftwich does not have any concrete plans yet, but does have some in mind.

"We are always interested in having students volunteer," she said. She also noted that the museum will go along with the college in observing Texas Wildflower Week in April.

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Perspectives

Editorial...

Colleges fall victim to cuts

The 69th Texas Legislature convened Jan. 8 to begin trimming the 1985-87 budget which falls short by more than \$1 billion. Unfortunately, a higher education appropriation cut tops the list of priorities and the Legislative Budget Board is busy at work drastically cutting spending to aid these institutions.

Legislators hold only bad and worse news in regards to cuts in public community junior colleges. The bad news is that reductions in state appropriations to two-year college districts may possibly exceed 25 percent below current spending, ultimately eliminating programs, positions, and even token salary increases. Gay Hickman, vice president of Business and Finance, said that as a result of such budget cuts, when a vacancy occurs in an existing position, the position's importance will be evaluated and possibly eliminated.

The worse news is that the legislature is considering offsetting state appropriation cuts by increasing tuition and the collection of local ad valorem taxes; the latter only as a last resort. Neither seem very attractive.

Two proposals regarding tuition increases have been flooded. One raises tuition two dollars per semester hour until 1994, making tuition total \$24 per semester hour. The other would raise tuition until it accounted for 15 percent of total cost per student. Tuition presently accounts for three percent.

Luckily, community junior colleges have been cited to

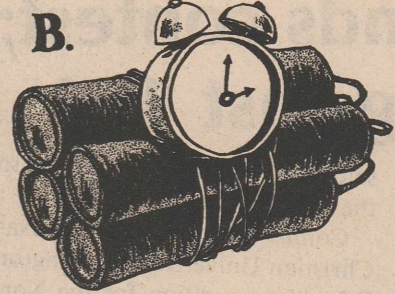
maintain current minimum tuition. But, for those who are looking ahead to four-year degrees, high tuition is inevitable. It seems that obtaining a college degree is becoming more important, and yet, more difficult.

Clearly, cuts in higher education are being used as a compensation for increases in secondary education spending — a step in the wrong direction. "It's evident that the legislature is looking at higher education to head the list of cuts. It is detrimental and a step backward to cut college funding after trying to improve high school education," Hickman said. For students' sakes, hopefully the legislature will not leave higher institutions extremely neglected for any period of time.

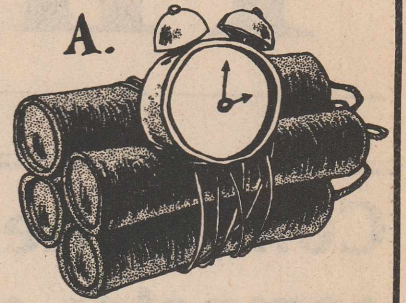
It is evident that college employees, professors, and students alike will be affected by the outcome of this legislative session. If passed, legislation that will freeze salaries, eliminate programs and positions, and increase tuition and fees, will be especially potent in affecting our lives. But, it is definitely not too late to make an impact on the legislative outcome. Lobbying has proven quite effective in past sessions and college students especially do well at this sort of activity. If groups of students and teachers from each college were to band together, the effect on legislators could hardly be less than positive. Although change is inevitable, the extremity can, if worked at, be altered in favor of the fate of higher education.

MORALITY QUIZ

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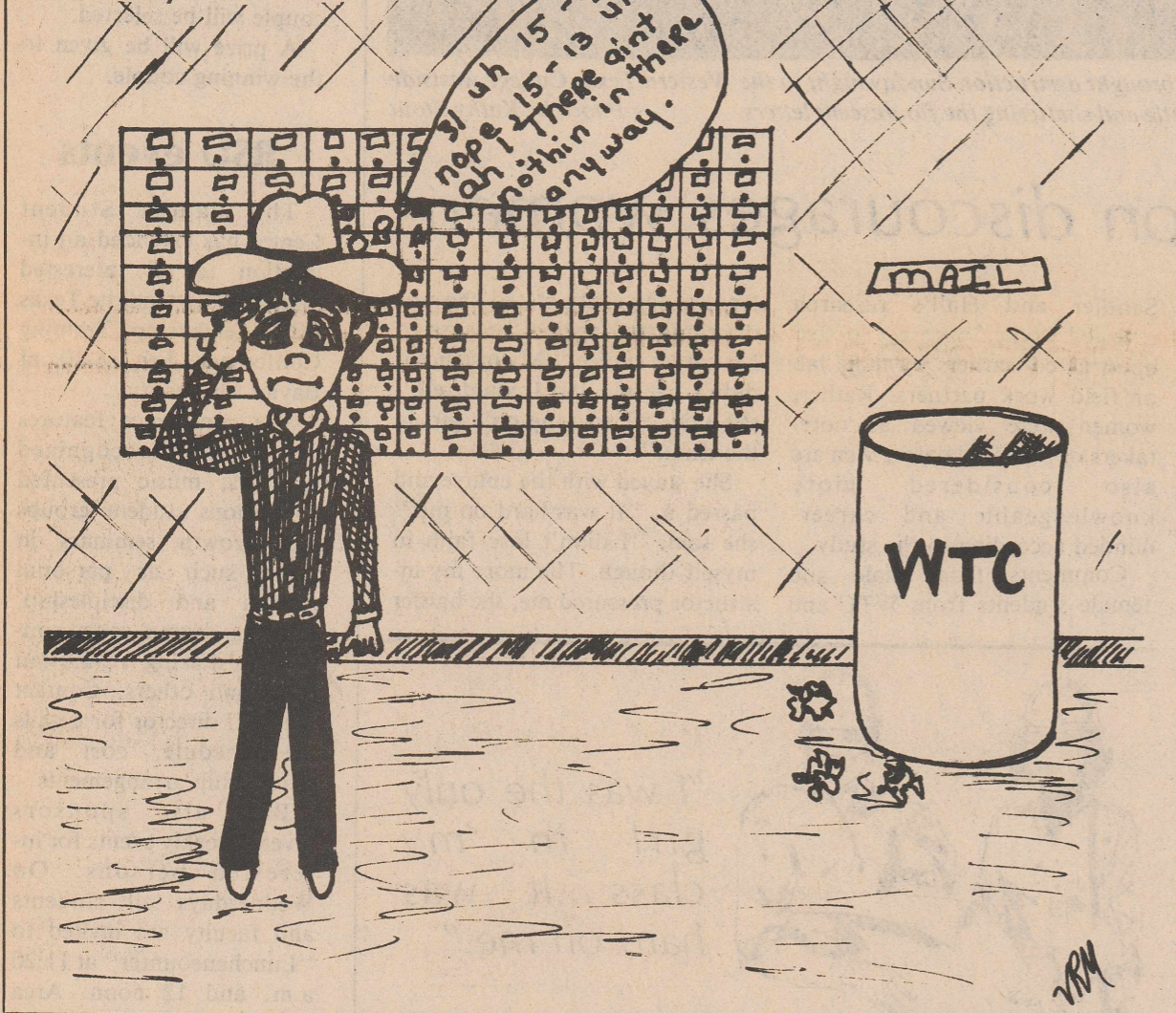
THE OTHER IS USED BY GOD-FEARING CITIZENS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR BELIEF IN THE SANCTITY OF LIFE BY BLOWING UP ABORTION CLINICS.

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Letter...

Publisher commends WT staff

Dear Editor,

I have intended for several weeks to congratulate you and your staff on the much improved college newspaper. The many things you are doing are evident and I'm sure your readers appreciate it.

As the printer of your newspaper, we are proud of the quality that you are giving us and we appreciate the efficient manner in which you meet your deadlines. The change is really appreciated.

The professionalism exhibited by you and your staff is a credit both to you and to the college. We are honored to be associated with you as your printer and we appreciate the business.

If we can ever be of assistance please feel free to call.

Sincerely,
Roy McQueen
Publisher,

The Snyder Daily News



Reflections

Cyndi Trujillo

Phone company wants student's 'life savings'

Have you ever stopped and considered how many things are taken for granted today? Moving into an apartment has made me aware of one major element. Many "assume" everybody that's anybody has — a telephone. Yes, the good ole telephone.

Well, I never realized what a hassle it is to have one installed. I recently moved into an apartment and my roomy and I decided to have a phone installed. No problem, or so we thought. Have you ever tried to find a co-signer in a town where you hardly know a soul, except for students? It's either find a co-signer or give up your life savings to Ma Bell!

Maybe the term "life savings" is a tiny bit exaggerated, but for a college student paying his/her way through school, every cent counts.

So what do you tell friends when they ask you for your

number? Well, we've tried blaming it on not being able to get "in touch" with the company or just simply not getting around to making the necessary arrangements. "Well, we're in the process of getting one" is a common excuse. Whoever came up with the phrase, "it pays to have connections" really knew what they were talking about.

Anyway, while going through registration, every form I filled out asked for a phone number. Needless to say, all my forms had one empty blank.

This isn't a sob story, but an attempt to get people to realize how dependent we've become on telephones. Many of us never realize how good we've had things until we have to do without. For all those who have a phone, take a few seconds to give thanks for it. Better yet, try going without a phone for a day or two, even a week. Then take the time out to give thanks!

Canadian musicians add flair to rock

By Kathy Stout

Triumph, a trio from Canada, has been rocking the world for a while and judging from their latest record release, "Thunder Seven," they will be around for a long time to come.

Triumph's line-up includes Rik Emmett, vocals and guitars; Mike Levine, bass, keyboards and synthesizers; and Gil Moore, vocals, percussion and drums.

The long-awaited album features tracks such as "Rock

Out, Roll On" and "Follow Your Heart" that appeal to any rock-n-roll lover. The guitar riffs of "Time Goes By" have a surprising superiority and Moore's drum work is some of the best in the business.

Triumph combines a conventional approach to rock music with their own flair to produce an album that should bring the three Canadian musicians the recognition they have deserved for so long.

Weak-hearted fans should avoid album

By Tony Nobles, Hayden Merket

"W.A.S.P.," the debut album from a Los Angeles quartet, ranks in the top four releases of 1984.

Blacky Lawless, lead singer, provides an almost flawless vocal

performance while the band pours out raunchy, hard-driven, well-written rock. The band has obvious KISS influences with massive arrays of power chords predominant throughout the album.

An impressive part of their album seems to be their versatility to go from subtleties like "Sleeping in the Fire" to heavy metal onslaughts such as "The Flame" and "The Torture Never Stops."

W.A.S.P. is trying to avoid the

current stereotypical rock syndrome by keeping their musical production very heavy. This album should be avoided by the faint at heart while it is a necessity for the true rock fan. It is definitely not an album for the weak-hearted.

Official resolution drop date today

Today is the last day of January, traditionally remembered as the final drop date for New Year's resolutions.

Jan. 2 finds everyone on a diet. After three nights of tuna fish and apples for supper (the apples make it sweet), enough is enough. We start to sneak in a twinkie while no one's looking around the middle of the month. Next, it's alright to eat regular meals with the proper nutritional value so long as we do so moderately. Alright, so nobody mentioned we should only eat three times.

If it's not dieting or exercising, it's both. Experts say everyone should get plenty of exercise, especially dieters. Enthusiasm rages for one day. The next morning we're all too sore to rage

about anything except pain. If we live past "the morning after," we're doing alright. The aches taper off, and it is a unanimous decision that exercise can be fun — a lot more fun than tuna and apples!

Quitting smoking is a popular resolution, too, but if you're dieting, this is an absolute terror. If you can't smoke, you want to eat and if you can't eat, you want to smoke. Many people substitute lollipops or chewing gum for cigarettes. It really depends on which you consider the lesser of the two evils.

Resolutions will come and go, but when it comes right down to it, we'll never really change until we make up our mind to work at it.



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Wendy Hodge

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On Campus



BOOT-SCOOTING — Chris Carpenter of Charlotte, N.C., and Judy Cox of Comanche, Okla., were two of many students who showed up to take part in the Howdy Dance Jan. 15.

— Photo by Lawrence McCown

Financial aid Director urges early completion of forms

By Tonya Neblett

Those students planning to apply for financial aid during the 1985-86 school year are urged to complete and return the necessary forms to the school of their choice's financial aid office as soon as possible. "It is very important that those planning on financial assistance send their completed forms early," said newly appointed Director of Financial Aid, Dr. James Tully.

Tully also advises applicants to keep a copy of their parents' and their 1984 income tax returns and when filling out their applications for aid, transfer the figures exactly. "It is to the student's benefit that he copy tax return figures exactly. If he fails to do this the financial aid office will have to send the forms back which could take up to four to six weeks to

correct the mistakes," said Tully.

Work-study programs are among the most popular forms of financial aid and a prime example of the necessity of early application. According to Tully, the work-study program functions on a first-come, first-serve basis and those early applicants get first choice of jobs.

Tully also added that if a student feels he is eligible for the work-study program, he may check at the financial aid office as early as Monday, Feb. 4 for a list of descriptions.

The financial aid office has copies of work-study applications as well as other financial aid forms available. Students with sisters or brothers graduating from high school this year are asked to inform them the importance of applying early, also.

LRC provides useful IRS resources, material to assist public

By Cyndi Trujillo

WTC's Learning Resource Center has resources available to assist students and the public in filling out federal income tax forms. The material is prepared and provided by the IRS in cooperation with the nation's libraries.

Commonly used tax forms and

schedules can be photocopied in the LRC.

Several IRS publications are available for reference.

Publication 17 can help taxpayers prepare their individual tax returns.

Publication 334 contains federal tax laws which apply to businesses and farmers.

Publication 1194 is a set of the

IRS's most requested publications and a helpful reference guide. It is designed especially for libraries.

Publication 910 contains useful year-round tips on how to obtain tax information.

Also available are Publication 915 on social security benefits and Publication 15, an employer's tax guide.

Merit, President's, Dean's

Lists name 139 outstanding students

Names of 139 students qualifying for the Western Texas College Merit List, the President's List and the Dean's List in the fall semester were announced by Dr. Ben Brock, executive vice president recently.

A total of 17 students qualified for the Merit List. To be eligible for the Merit List, students must be enrolled for at least eight hours but fewer than 12 hours of college credit work and must have a grade point of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the list were Michael Arnett, Patricia Pace and Sandra Kay Schaffer of Colorado City; James Stribling of Fluvanna; Sandra Henderson and John David Richardson of Hermleigh; Donna Springer of Rotan; Natalie Dennington, James Hanks, Cherie Loveless, Lillith Smith, John Stephens, Martha Teague, Omega Vargas and Stephen Vaughan of Snyder and Michael Boring and Glenn McDowell of Sweetwater.

Twenty-two students were named to the President's List. The President's List is composed of students who have a grade point average of 4.0 (A), the highest which can be attained, while carrying at least 15 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education.

Students listed are Frank Moreno of Big Lake; Magdalena Rico of Colorado City; Timothy Blanchard of Gatesville; Carla Banks of Loraine; Renvy Evans of Midland; Regina Stewart of Roby; Russell Smith of Rotan; Patricia Hayes of Seminole, Fla.;

Michele Chiang and Janet Lee of Singapore; Jerry Don Byrd, Debby Cawthron, James Eisele, James Johnson, Ernest Lambert, Françoise Pointeau, Kimberly Ray and Linda Kaye Stutts of Snyder; Tony Hecksher of Stephenville, Cathy Caddell of Sundown; Roxie Eugenie Herron of Sylvester and Thiagarajah Surendran of Welleswate, Sri Lanka.

One hundred students qualified for the Dean's List. The Dean's List is made up of students enrolled for at least 12 hours of college credit work exclusive of physical education who made a grade point of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the list were Sarah Miller of Abernathy; Patrick Fitzpatrick of Austin; Lyndy French and Jenna Roberts of Big Spring; Ty Rickman of Brady; Heidi Matteson and Jeff Milburn of Brownfield; David Kruse of Chadron, Neb.; Canita Cass of Clint; Gregory Murdoch and Rebecca Shuler of Clyde and Jay Ingram of Coahoma.

Others are Donna Dunn, Rosa Gonzalez, Kari Mann, Amy Beth Moore, Loretta Morris, Jardy Powell, Yardy Powell, Stacey Tarter and Robyn Turner of Colorado City; Sandra Evans and Roger Miller of Fluvanna; Terry Hunter of Garland; Kathryn Willis of Hamlin; Rinette Vincent of Haskell; Jeff Humphrey of Hobbs, N.M., and Russell Hamman and Mary Nieman of Huron, S.D.

Also Vernon Groat and Jo Nell Kesner of Ira; Donald Ferguson

of Lockney; Jerry Munoz and Gregory Oliver of Loraine; Rhonda Chisum of Lubbock; Cody Foster of Memphis; Rhonda Hoelting and Renee Ramaekers of Nazareth; Steven Holder and Ronnie Thomas of Post; Todd Betts of Quanah; Frank Anguiano III of Ralls; Frank Casas, Mark Mauldin and David Stewart of Roby; Royce Petty of Roscoe; Susan Schwartz and Kevin Young of San Angelo; Carla Rangel of San Antonio; Carol Mahler of Seagraves and Doug Browne of Sealy.

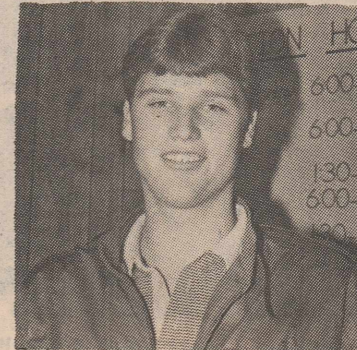
Snyder students on the list are Twilah Alexander, Cyndra Banta, Bobby Bentle, Charles Bethel, Darrell Callahan, Hermilo Castillo, LaJoyce Cook, David Dolliver, Robin Downing, Darren Fletcher, Allen Fox, Suzanne Ham, Cathy Hancock, James Hargrove, Wendy Hodge, Cheri Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Cecile Kerley, Amy Lancaster, David Martinez, Timothy Metzger, Susan Musgrave, Tonya Neblett, Thomas Seaborn, Julia Sowell, Kathy Stout, Gerald Talkington, Charles Walker, Karen Walton and Marsha Williams.

Also listed are Kevin Bass of Spur; Ruben Gonzales, Gregory Rhodes and Teresa Venable of Stamford; Nicole Moist of Star, Idaho; Judy Wiseman of Sudan; Patsy Beaty, Mike Dominguez, Ronny Edwards, Lanna Haney, Terry Hendon, Kimberly Klos, Kelley Miller, Vicki Soper and Kathi Spaulding of Sweetwater; Cloyd Michael Herron of Sylvester; Patricia Green of Tahoka; Ronald Nedry of Temple and Paul Schwertner of Wilson.

What do YOU think?

What do you think about legalized abortion vs. rights to life?

— Kathy Stout



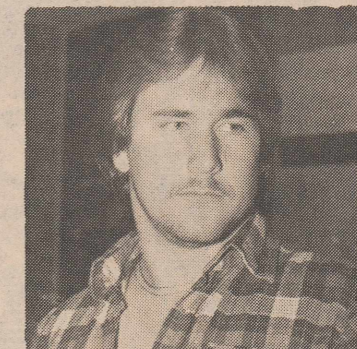
"After conception, the fetus is a human being. It has rights to live just like you and I."

Mark Wuensche
Wilson, TX



"I do not think I could draw a line either way. I don't think you can be completely pro or completely con."

Jo Kesner
Ira, TX



"Personally, I'm for abortion. There are a lot of young kids who are having children and putting them up for adoption. This makes the child grow up through life wondering who their parents are. It's also a result of suicide."

Shannon Mitchell
Hamlin, TX



"I feel they should stop it. Because to me that is murder and that child has a right to live because it didn't ask to be born. But there is an exception if the mother is in danger and really has to have an abortion."

Robin Huntsman
Snyder, TX



"To me, it would all depend on how it happened. If a person was raped or a victim of molestation, then abortion should be considered. On the other hand, a conceived child of what girls and boys have done for fun should have a right to be a human being and that right shouldn't be taken away from them."

Laura Preston
Sonora, TX



"I think it should be legal in some cases. If a girl is expecting due to rape, I don't feel she should have to have that child."

Criss Johnston
Austin, TX

Enrollment decreases in spring

Enrollment figures for the 1985 spring semester were released yesterday. According to Dan Deaver, registrar, 1,339 students are enrolled. The number is down from the fall semester.

Compared to the 1984 spring semester, figures are higher. Last spring 1,314 students were enrolled.

Mid-winter session figures were also released. Seventy-seven students were enrolled. According to Deaver, the figures were slightly higher than last mid-winter.

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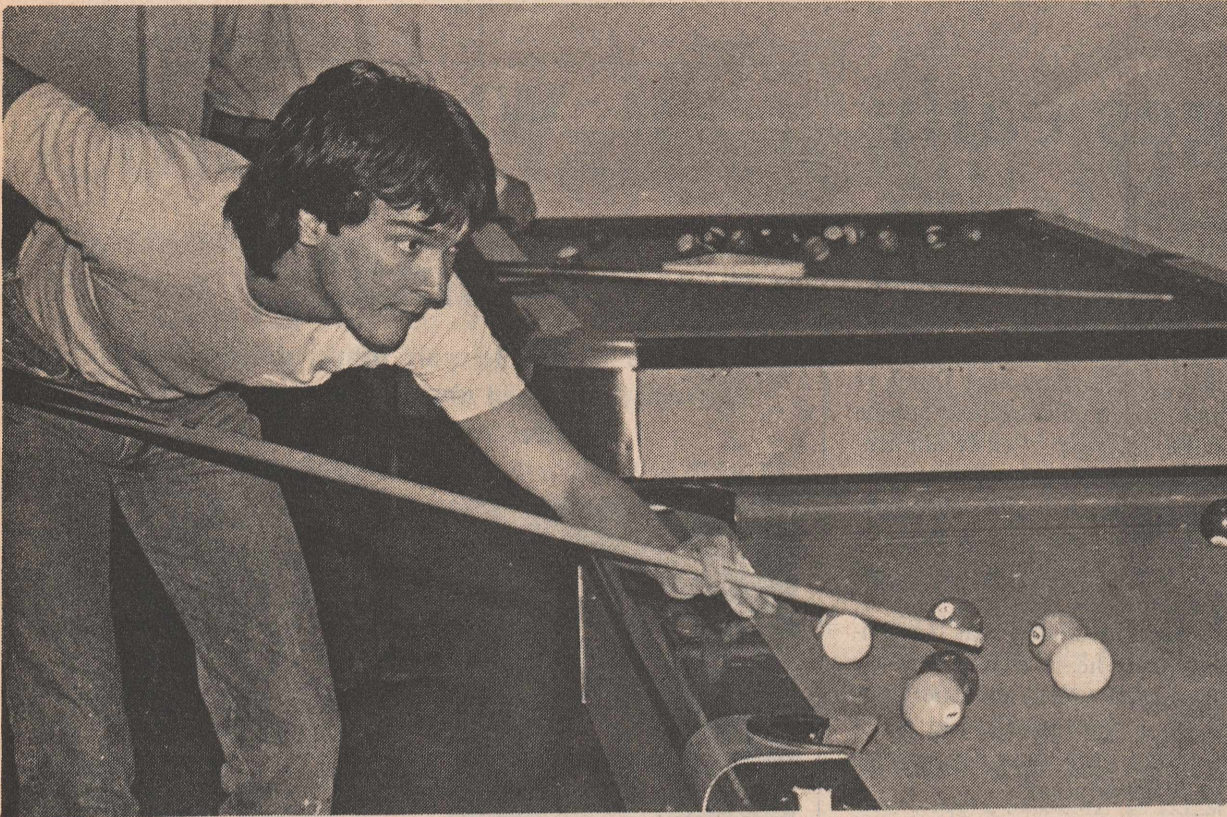
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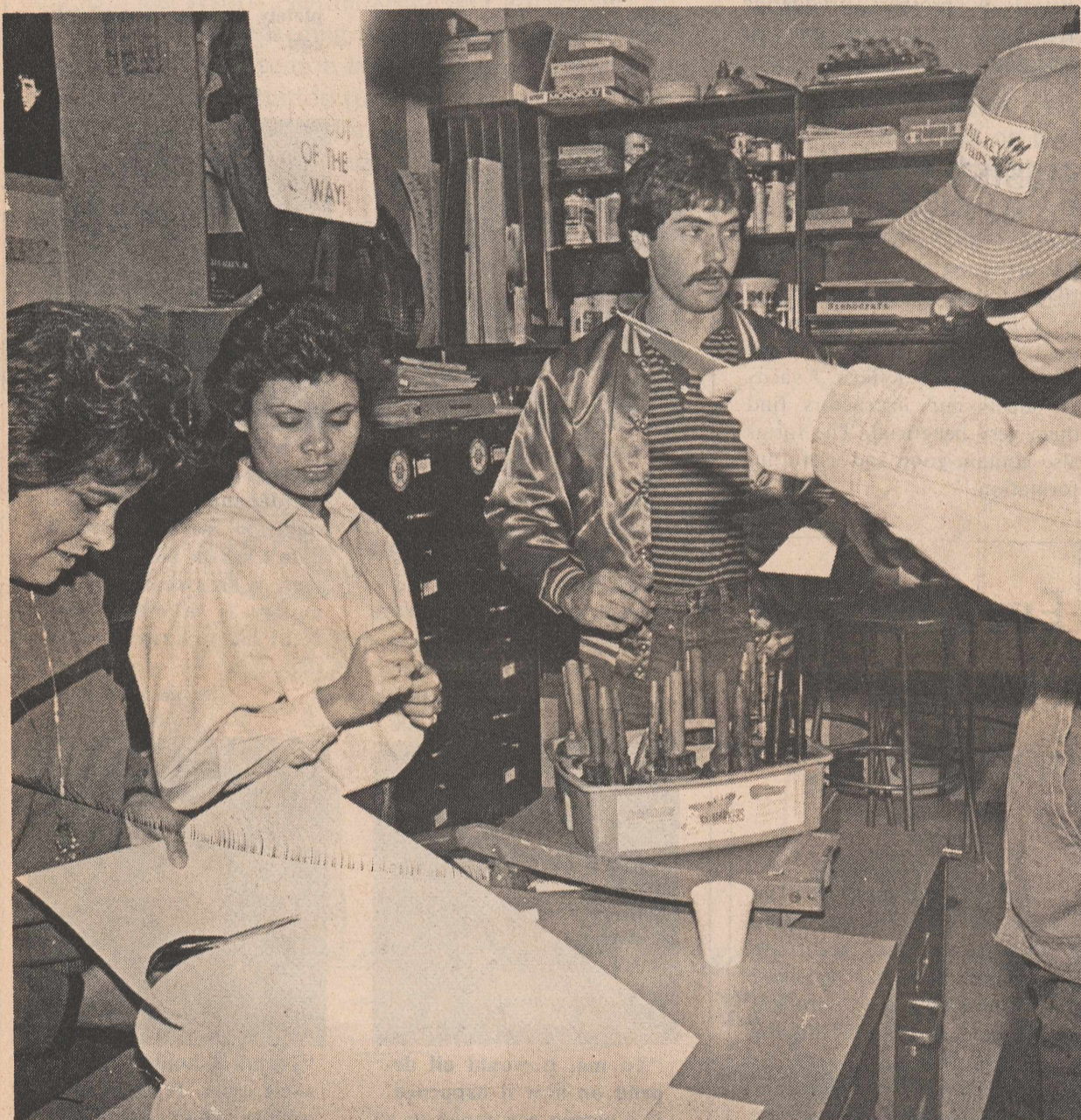
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News



TAKE AIM — Mike Carillo, of Kingsville takes a break from school work with a quick game of pool in the Student Center Monday afternoon. — Photo by Kathy Stout



GOOD JOB! It takes time to put together a successful dance. Decorating for the Valentine dance and volunteering their time are Vera Lopez, Vickie Lopez, Skip Robbins and Darren Greenway, all of Snyder. The dance will be held Feb. 12 from 8:30-12 p.m. in the Student Center. Mr. and Miss Valentine sweethearts will be selected. Couples will be able to submit their names and a drawing will be held on the dance floor at 10:30 p.m. The winning couple will be picked by random drawing and will receive a prize. — Photo by Lawrence McCown

PTK schedules activities

Phi Theta Kappa members will begin a busy month with the week of Feb. 4-8. During this week, they will be accepting nominees for Mr. and Miss Trailhand.

Sunday, Feb. 10, new members will be inducted; an international party will also be held. Feb. 14, Psi Zeta will meet at 11:10. Members are asked to attend the

workathon Feb. 15 and 16; the workathon will be for work on the scrapbook.

The Mr. and Miss Trailhand contest will be held Feb. 25. Then on the 26th, Dr. Mary Hood will mail the annual chapter report to the national office.

The PTK state convention will be held in Laredo Feb. 28.

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Senate vacancies

Student body President Cathy Caddell has announced four or five vacancies must be filled on the Senate.

Being a senator involves leadership, reliability, interest and willingness to devote time. Requirements include having a 2.00 GPA, having activity period free and being in good standing with the college.

Applicants will be interviewed by the executive committee Feb. 5, during activity period in the Student Activities office located in the Student Center. Those interested must pick up a packet in the SC and return it by Feb. 4.

"Anyone interested is invited to come by for an interview," Caddell said. "We have several projects planned for the semester and we're looking forward to a good year."

'Mural basketball

The five on five and Schick three-on-three intramural basketball will begin Tuesday night, Feb. 6.

All basketball teams interested in playing should have entries turned in to Coach Kent Williams before Tues. 5.

Basketball teams can be co-ed, all boys or all girls. Games will be played in the gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The Schick Corp. is sponsoring a three on three Schick Superhoops Tournament. First place and runner-up teams will receive two free tickets to a Dallas Mavericks basketball game.

Coach Williams stated the faculty members are the early favorites to win intramural basketball.

Volleyball registration begins Feb. 6. Teams can also be co-ed, all boys or girls. All volleyball team entries should be turned in to Coach Williams or Mickey Baird.

Students thanked

Four students donated their time and services to assist SCOOP (Scurry County Opportunity Options for People) in the George Strait concert held in the Scurry County Coliseum Jan. 17.

Appreciation has been expressed for their work.

Students recognized were David Brim, Jeff Combs, Terry Hunter and Aaron Knight.

Band adds zest to local games

By Cyndi Trujillo

Spectators at hometown Westerner-Duster basketball games will get their first taste of something new tonight as WTC band students, combined with local volunteers, will add zest to the courtside.

Brent Hardegree, band instructor, said, "It's something that has been needed and I hope to begin a tradition at WTC for the years to come."

Hardegree feels having a band play at games will be a

healthy addition.

Music, similar to that played at football games, will be played.

"It'll be an experience," Hardegree said. "All the members are showing a great amount of enthusiasm and excitement."

The group does not yet have a name or uniform. Suggestions can be made to Hardegree concerning both.

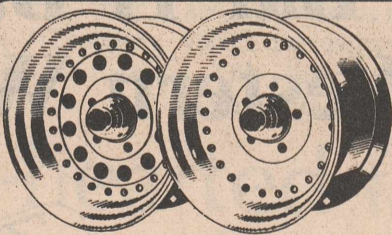
Performances will be at all home town games with the exception of Feb. 7.



ONE, TWO, READY GO — WTC band students, combined with local volunteers, will play at home basketball games. Dale Williams, of Snyder, practices for tonight's first performance. — Photo by Kathy Stout

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ADN program awards degrees

By Cyndi Trujillo

Capping ceremonies awarded five students associate degrees in WTC's nursing program Jan. 18 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The program is held in cooperation with Howard College of Big Spring and Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Bob Mehan, vice president of Howard College, gave welcoming comments. He said, "I am very pleased to see family and friends come see these nurses receive their caps. I wish all of them continued success."

Cyrus Miller, administrator of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, introduced guest speaker Yvette Sickler. Sickler spoke of the meaning and responsibilities nurses must face in their future. She also emphasized a study which showed the majority of nurses go into the field because of desire or interest, not for the dollars involved.

Ruth Penner then presented nursing testaments. The Bibles were white, symbolizing the

nurse's uniform, with gold trim, symbolizing the book's preciousness. Gideons International, the organization responsible for placing Bibles in hotels, motels, institutions, schools and armed forces, along with churches, paid for the Bibles.

Penner stated the nurses would be put on their prayer list for one month.

Presentation of caps was administered by Margaret Lary, freshman Associate Degree of Nursing instructor. Students capped were Chris Burns, Freda Rayvon and LaRhonda Kelton of Snyder, Nelta Lamb, Clyde and Anne Vanderslice of Colorado City. Kelton was unable to attend.

The freshly capped group then recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

Jacqueline Bailey, sophomore ADN instructor, gave the closing comments. Thanks were given to the Cogdell auxiliary for general scholarships they gave to several students. Appreciation was also

expressed to WTC's administration, and to Howard College and Cogdell for their cooperation in making the program a success.

Also recognized were Aaron Knight, light technician, and Betty Watts, pianist.

"I think the nurses are fantastic!" Bailey said. "They're dedicated and really enthusiastic about nursing. Nursing is really harder than most of the public realizes. I have confidence they will be very successful."

"I love nursing," Rayvon said. "To me nursing is a challenge and I feel this program will help further the education of nursing in Snyder."

Vanderslice said, "I think the program gives everybody an opportunity in the nursing field and I appreciate the opportunity that it has given all of us."

A reception, sponsored by the Cogdell auxiliary, was held after the ceremonies.

The program was administered last year with 13 students receiving degrees.



DEGREE RECIPIENTS — Four students were awarded their associate degrees in capping ceremonies Jan. 18. The four were presented Bibles from the Cogdell Memorial Hospital auxiliary. Margary Lary, left, nursing instructor, presented the caps to Anne Vanderslice, Freda Rayvon, Nelta Lamb and Chris Burns. Not present to accept her degree was LaRhonda Kelton. — Photo by Cyndi Trujillo

SCA accepting assistant applications

The Student Conservation Association, Inc. (SCA) has announced that it is accepting requests for applications for the 1985 Park, Forest and Resource Assistants Program (PFRA) which will place 900 volunteers in land management positions in 225 national parks, forests, resource management areas and private conservation areas throughout the United States.

These positions will enable selected individuals to get worthwhile first-hand outdoor educational experience in natural resource management which often improves their chances of obtaining paid positions in this field.

Positions are offered on a competitive basis for men and women 18 years of age or older. Interest in serving in the program is, in most cases, the only other prerequisite for eligibility. Positions are currently available for next spring, summer and fall.

In the PFRA, men and women must spend between 10 and 12 weeks performing projects similar to those of professional resource management personnel. Assignments range from giving interpretive programs for park

visitors to conducting field research to backcountry patrols to performing cultural resource surveys. The SCA provides each PFRA participant with a travel agent and a stipend to cover food and living expenses. Free housing is also provided by the area.

Interested people should send a postcard requesting a "1985 PFRA Program List" and an application from the Student Conservation Association, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Dept. CPR, Charlestown, NH 03603. The telephone number is (603) 826-5206.

The deadline for receipt of applications for Summer Park, Forest and Resource Assistants Program is March 1.

The association urges interested persons to apply as far in advance of these dates as possible.

The SCA is a non-profit, tax-exempt, educational, 501(c)3 organization and is an equal opportunity program. All qualified applicants will be considered for placement without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

The SCA was begun in 1957. Over 8,000 persons have served in the program since its inception.

Participants are recruited from

all geographic areas of the United States and represent a broad cross-section of people from varied socio-economic backgrounds.

Applicants not only have a wide selection of areas from which to choose, but may consider programs offered at different times of the year. Positions are offered in the program on a year-round basis.

Assistants do not receive a salary, although they do get free housing, a grant to cover travel expenses to and from the area, and a grant to cover their food and living costs.

The association manages the Student Conservation Program and carries out its programs in cooperation with the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and private conservation agencies such as the Nature Conservancy and the Merck Forest Foundations, Inc. The programs are financed on a cost-sharing basis with these agencies. The association raises its share of the funds from foundations and corporations and from donations.

Writer offers workshop

Midland, TX — P.M. Fielding, internationally known teacher and writer, will return to Midland during the spring and summer of 1985 to teach at the Professional Writers Workshop.

Feb. 9-10 she will teach "How to Write the Romance Novel." One of Fielding's romance writing students five years ago was Debby Camp, who at the time was a newspaper reporter for the *Tulsa World*. Camp, the author of 20 romance novels, no longer works as a reporter. Several other Fielding students have also followed the romance path to success.

"Writers should write what

they enjoy reading," Field said. "If you have no respect for the genre it will show in your work. It would be hard to make romance romantic if you think it is junk and can't stand to read it. You have to be familiar with the work and the field in which you write."

"A good writer can write anything," Fielding said. "But many writers have favorite categories and tend to stay with what they do best. Romances are a popular genre. I've seen many of my starting students break into print through the romance."

"How to Write the Romance Novel" is an intensive two-day

weekend workshop in which the student will not only learn how to write the romance novel, but will also learn how and where to sell it.

Fielding will also teach "How to Write Non-Fiction Book," "How to Write the Juvenile or Young Adult Book," "How to Write the Short Story," and "How to Write the Magazine Article," as well as "How to Write a Novel" classes during the spring and summer.

For more information contact Ginger Rawlins at the Professional Writers Workshop, (915) 685-3568.

Presidents believe colleges doing 'very good' job despite long odds

(CPS) — Most college presidents believe their schools are doing a good job in spite of long odds, a newly-released "report card" reveals.

Most public college presidents assert colleges are doing a "very good" job of educating students, but say funding deficiencies, obsolete equipment, poorly-prepared freshmen, underpaid faculty, and a dwindling pool of high school graduates from which to draw new students are endangering their campuses, the survey found.

A vast majority of the presidents, moreover, feel the Reagan administration has done more harm than good to the nation's higher education system, according to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities study.

The study was done to determine how effectively America's public colleges are performing, said Clifton Wharton, chancellor of the 64-campus State University of New York (SUNY) system and

director of the study.

And because public colleges "are responsible for educating about 80 percent of America's college students," he explained, "it was time that public higher education did a report card on itself to identify our strengths and weaknesses and our general concerns."

Of the some 200 presidents surveyed, 58 percent said American colleges' performance was "very good," while 31 percent rated it as "adequate," seven percent labeled it "ex-

cellent," and four percent admonished it as "poor."

Asked to rate the three most pressing problems facing higher education, 64 percent of the presidents cited funding deficiencies as the most serious problem, followed by equipment replacement (22 percent) and poorly prepared freshmen (20 percent).

Also high on the list were inadequate faculty salaries (19 percent), the declining pool of high school graduates (15 percent), overemphasis on career preparation (13 percent), and declining academic standards (12 percent).

The Reagan administration's education policies, evidently, aren't making their jobs any easier.

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A whopping 48 percent of the presidents surveyed rated Reagan's higher ed programs as "disappointing," while an additional 25 percent labeled them "poor."

Only 25 percent called Reagan's programs "adequate," while five percent gave them a "very good" rating.

"The presidents' view of Reagan isn't anything terribly surprising," however, said T.M. Freeman, one of the SUNY researchers who worked on the study.

The higher education community in general, he pointed out, seems to feel Reagan's higher education programs are inadequate, particularly in the area of student aid funding.

"What is surprising, though, is the contradiction between the presidents' sense that they're doing a very good job, despite what they perceive as a serious funding and resource problem," Freeman noted.

Federal financial aid, in particular, seemed to worry the presidents, with only six percent rating it "very good." Seventy-nine percent want more money for student aid, the study found.

At the same time, the presidents said state legislatures, governors, and other regional agencies affect their jobs more than the federal government. The media, faculty, alumni and student organizations also influence presidential decisions, the study found.

But other studies have shown the state government plays a much more prominent role in the colleges' daily operations than does the federal government, noted Nancy Axelrod, vice president for programming and public policy at the Association of Governing Boards.

"Inadequate funding from both the state and federal governments is a repeated, recurring criticism among college presi-

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Sports

Sports spotlight

Dave Stewart



Magic Johnson overrated; has potential

Who is the best player in the NBA? Many fans will say Larry Bird, Bernard King, Julius Erving, or maybe Moses Malone. But those who listen to the media would probably say Magic Johnson.

When Magic came into the league out of Michigan St. he was already being called one of the best players ever. He was lucky enough to play for the star-studded Los Angeles Lakers. In the eyes of the media Magic Johnson could do no wrong. When Magic stepped in for an injured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in

the championship series and scored 42 points, the Lakers defeated Philadelphia for the title. A superstar was born.

However, last season Magic made crucial mistakes during the championship against the Boston Celtics. Most people believe Magic Johnson cost the Lakers three games in the series. That wasn't his only big mistake, either. In the 1981 playoffs, Magic's airball from 3 feet away knocked the Lakers from the playoffs against Houston. Also, when Magic was benched he played a major role in getting

former Laker coach Paul Westhead fired. Pat Riley had better be careful and do what Magic says. Now many spectators agree that Magic is overrated. If he would settle down in the final seconds of close games and not go for the glory, the Lakers would be better off. Fortunately for Magic, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar usually carries the Lakers to an easy victory.

The next time you watch an NBA game and the Lakers are playing, listen to the announcers. Any routine play suddenly becomes incredible when Magic

does it. Everything Magic does is praised, while other superstars like George Gervin, Adrian Dantley, or Alex English are ignored. The announcers should take a look at the other players, too. Some of them are pretty good!

Magic Johnson has the talent and could be one of the best ever. It's just that fans expect too much of Magic and he tries to do everything. Without all the media attention Magic would probably settle down and become a more consistent ballplayer and not feel that he has to be the hero.



TIGHT ON DEFENSE — Rhonda Hoelting of Nazareth strives to prevent an unidentified Clarendon player from advancing towards the basket while Lyndy French of Big Spring watches her defender.

— Staff photo

Dusters go up against 'tough' South Plains team

By Frank Casas

The Western Texas College Dusters, currently in second place in conference play will be facing a "tough South Plains College team" according to Dusters Coach Joe Cushing.

"We're at a point in the season where we have to play well every game," he added. "We can't take SPC lightly, we need to maintain our position in the conference so we can advance to the Regional Tournament."

The Dusters are holding an impressive season record of 23-4

and conference record of 6-1.

Lyndy French said, "They're not supposed to be a real tough team but we can't take them for granted." She added, "We'll just have to respect them and play our best."

The lady hoopsters breezed by Frank Phillips Prairie Dolls with a score of 88-58 on Jan. 24.

Team center Clara "Speed" Campbell led the team to victory with 18 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Rhonda Hoelting scored 12

and French, Rhonda Chisum, Renvy Evans, Renee Ramaekers, Leslie Rose, and Jill Rippentrop all contributed eight points each.

WTC controlled the rebounding category with 48 over Frank Phillips 32. Evans grabbed 10 and Lenetta Richardson pulled down seven.

The lady cagers blasted the Amarillo Lady Badgers with a final score of 78-57, Jan. 21.

Campbell led all scorers with 15 points. Evans popped in 14 and French followed with 12. This win improved the Dusters season record to 22-4 and 5-1 in conference play.

The Dusters nipped by New Mexico Junior College 73-72, Jan. 17 on a last second shot by

Hoelting.

Patti Hayes scored 19 points to lead the team. Campbell followed with 16, Evans had 13 and Hoelting swished in 12. Campbell grasped 12 rebounds and blocked three shots.

The lady hoopsters glided by the Clarendon Bulldogs 83-62, Jan. 14 to advance their season record to 20-4.

Campbell dominated the inside game with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Evans contributed 19 points and Hayes added 16. The Dusters controlled the boards with 54 and Clarendon had 31.

The roundballers squeezed by Blinn Junior College 52-51, Jan. 10.

Campbell shot 17 points and

grabbed 15 rebounds to lead all scorers. French and Evans each contributed 9 points.

The lady cagers travelled to Oklahoma Jan. 3-5 to compete in the Tonkawa Tournament. The Dusters opened the tournament with a 68-54 victory over Hutchinson, Kan.

Campbell shot in 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. French swished in 16 and added five assists. WTC's defensive game held Hutchinson to just 18 of 62 field goals.

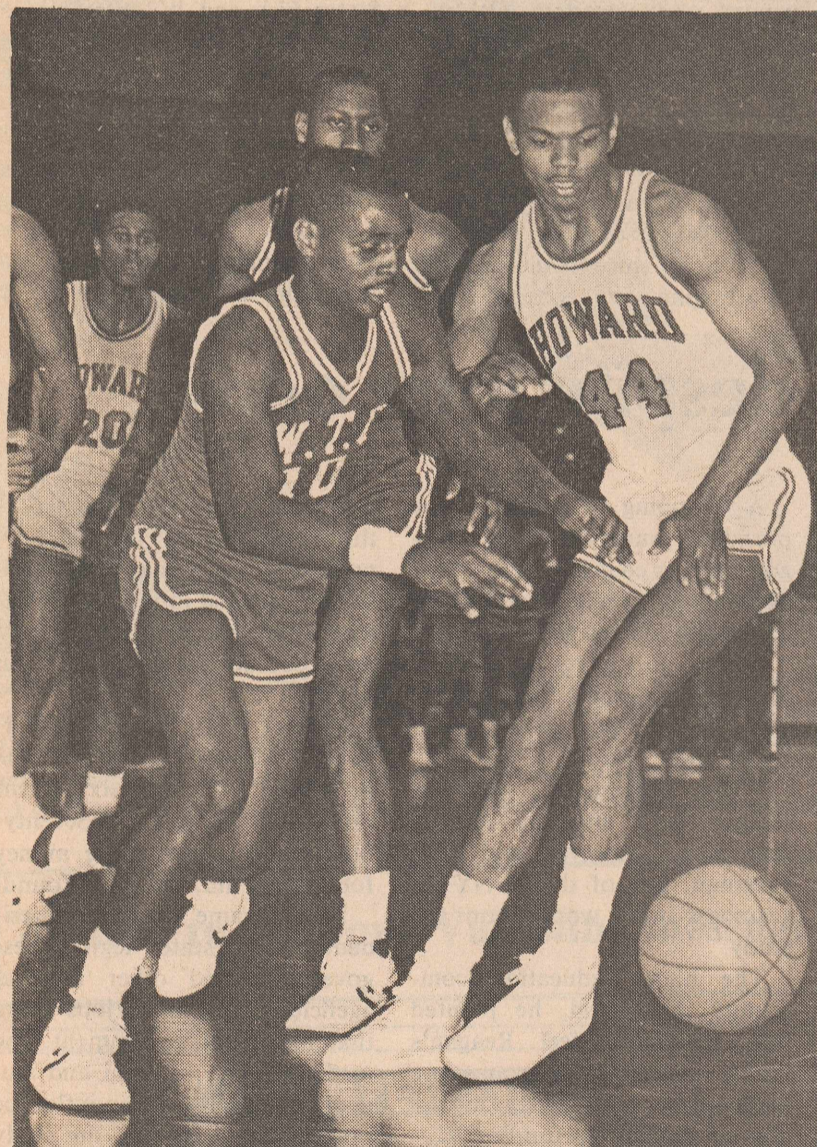
The hoopsters gained revenge Jan. 5 when they walloped the

nation's No. 2 ranked Tyler, 68-52.

Judy Wiseman was hot with 14 points to lead the Duster team. Campbell popped in 13 and grabbed 14 rebounds, French added 10 points. This victory advanced WTC into the Tournament of Champions finals against Crowder, Mo.

The cagers were crushed in the finals by Crowder 80-63, Jan. 6.

Campbell dominated the Duster team with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Hayes scored 11 and grabbed 10 boards. French also added 11 points.



Westerners looking for win to end month

By David Stewart

The Westerners will try to end a bad month on a good note tonight as they host South Plains College at the Scurry County Coliseum at 8 p.m. The Westerners go into the contest with a 4-5 conference record, 14-8 for the season and South Plains comes in with a 0-9 conference record.

January was a tough month for the Westerners. Coach Phil Spradling's team struggled, winning only two of seven games for the month. WTC began the month playing in the Tyler Classic, Jan. 4-5. In the first game Kilgore Junior College downed the Westerners 84-75 by hitting 24 of 29 free throws. Victor Spencer, 6'1" sophomore from Lamesa, led the Westerners with 25. Alvin Hicks, 6'5" freshman from Richmond, VA added 16. Kilgore's Joe Paddio led all scorers with 27 points.

The second game of the classic

was a tough 109-97 overtime loss to Tyler. Floyd Singleton, 6'1" sophomore from Detroit, MI, led WTC with a 25 point performance, while Hicks and James Dawn, 6'5" freshman from Amarillo, each added 21. Darryl Derryberry led all scorers with 27.

Conference play resumed Jan. 14 as the Westerners hosted Clarendon. WTC struggled early before Dawn got going. He scored 17 of his team-leading 24 points in the second half to ignite the Westerners. Hicks chipped in 16 points, which included eight of 10 free throws. The hoopsters traveled to Hobbs, N.M. Jan. 17 to face New Mexico Junior College. As a team the Westerners shot 59 percent from the field and

made 25 of 35 foul shots on their way to a 95-91 victory over NMJC. Dawn scored 21 points and Spencer basketed 19 to lead a balanced attack.

Amarillo College arrived in the Scurry County Coliseum Jan. 21 and escaped with a hard-fought 70-68 win over the Westerners. It was a case of too little, too late as WTC made comebacks at the end of the first and second halves, but never took the lead. The Westerners only hit 10 of 20 free throws in the contest to add to their problems. Hicks scored 19 points and Floyd Singleton hit for 12 to lead the Westerners. Amarillo had strong performances from Andrew Kennedy and Steve Dailey, who scored 29 and 22 points respectively.

Borger was the scene Jan. 24 as the Westerners took on the Frank Phillips Plainsmen. The Plainsmen won the game, 96-84, as the Westerners could only manage to hit 24 of 47 free throws. Dawn scored 20 points and Spencer added 15 for the Westerners. Lonnie Sivils' 20 points led five Plainsmen in double figures.

Last Monday, the Westerners suffered another defeat at the hands of Midland College by a score of 96-87. Midland's win improved their season record to 8-1 and 17-3 for the season. Hicks scored 21 points, Spencer added 19, and Dawn 15 for WTC. Tevin Bins, 6'9" sophomore and the conference's leading scorer, led the Chaparrals with 37 points, including nine of 12 free throws.

WORKING HARD —

A determined Alvin Hicks from Richmond, Va., and an unidentified Howard player hustle after a loose ball while teammate Vince Turner of Gary, Ind., stands by to assist.

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