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IT'S A GREASY JOB, BUT... — (Above) Scott Groat, Russell Smith and Frank Moreno contribute their efforts to knocking out old cam bearings in a motor in automechanics class, to be replaced by new bearings. (Right) Russell Smith grinds valves to reseal them. Automechanics is one of the vocational education classes offered at WTC observing Vocational Education Week proclaimed by Governor Mark White.

— Photos by Jerry Snelling



Vocational programs observe statewide week

By Tonya Neblett

In conjunction with Vocational Education Week, the public is invited today and tomorrow to visit the vocational programs offered by Western Texas College.

A special proclamation by Governor Mark White designated the week of Feb. 10-16 as a chance to recognize vocational programs. WTC, along with other educational institutions statewide, is taking part. White urges citizens to acquaint themselves with the programs and opportunities available.

According to Bettie McQueen, director of WTC's occupational-technical programs, 35 percent of the total courses offered at WTC are vocational courses.

"The trend toward vocational education has declined in recent

years. This year, however, it's on an upswing," McQueen said.

White's proclamation stated, in part:

"We are entering a new age of innovation and enterprise which is taking Texas to the forefront of new industry and technological progress.

"Industrial and economic changes have dramatically impacted the workplace, jobs and the education required to fill current and projected job openings, resulting in a renewed commitment to quality education.

"There is strong agreement that all students must have a solid foundation in basic skills, possessing the ability to read, write, compute and communicate to secure a job in today's labor market or for entrance into col-

lege.

"Together with the need for basic competencies, the majority of job opportunities, also place a high premium on the need for workers with job-specific skills.

"Vocational education, as offered by secondary and postsecondary schools, is a vital link between the development of a strong economy and viable work force."

On the basis of enrollment, the three largest occupational-technical programs offered at WTC are licensed vocational nursing, cosmetology and golf course and landscape technology. Other programs offered by WTC are automobile mechanics, construction technology, diesel mechanics, engineering technology with options in computer

electronics, petroleum engineering or electronics engineering, law enforcement, management, welding, real estate and office careers with specializations in stenographic and general business.

"I decided on golf course/landscape technology because I've always enjoyed working on the course. I worked on one for 5 years. I came here because WTC is one of a few schools in the country with this kind of program," said Matt Childe, Iowa City, Iowa.

"Vocational education is important because society is becoming much more technically oriented," said McQueen. "Vocational education also offers a student training in a relatively short period of time.

This gives them a means of making a living and supporting a family. It also offers retraining for people already knowledgeable in a field," she added.

Lorena Mendoza, Seminole, Texas, chose law enforcement because "I have a job back home in a probation office. I'm very interested in people and why they do what they do. I like to think I take part in helping their attitudes."

McQueen also said that WTC participates in contracted instruction with area high schools. These programs include welding, automobile mechanics and construction technology.

Information pertaining to vocational technical programs may be obtained by contacting McQueen or through the college catalogue.

Board discusses arena lease, pool removal, meters, bids

A lease increase by the Scurry County Rodeo Association for the use of the local arena by college rodeo team members was the main topic of discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

According to Bob Doty, agricultural instructor and rodeo coach, SCRA is seeking a lease increase from the current \$300 to \$3,000 annual fee. The current budget allows only for the present \$300 fee.

Doty confronted members about the increase. WTC is cur-

rently in its eighth year of contract with SCRA. According to Doty, it is understood the college would keep up the grounds in addition to the fee. Approximate cost spent by WTC for maintaining the arena was \$1,200.

Trustees felt that while the proposed fee was too excessive, the present fee was insufficient. They asked Doty to meet with SCRA members in order to try to reach a consensus on the price matter.

Also brought forth for discussion was the elimination of the indoor pool in the president's

home. The pool aroused problems of excessive moisture and leakage as well as high heating costs when filled.

Plans for renovation of the pool area are to be made. Trustees agreed an architect should be hired in order to pursue the best possible route in eliminating the pool.

In the president's report, Dr. Don Newbury commented on the meters purchased as part of an energy plan. The meters have arrived and are being installed. They will allow the college to determine the amount of energy

being used and the cost and or savings. The project will go to bid later in the month with bids due by Feb. 21.

Trustees also accepted three bids. A bid for \$2,179.95 from Charley's Trykes and Bikes of Plainview was recommended and accepted for one three-wheel utility vehicle. The vehicle will be used on campus grounds.

A bid for six tons of fertilizer was accepted from Chemical and Turf Specialty Co. of Garland for \$1,485.

Also accepted was a table setting bid for the Senior Center

from Angelo Refrigeration and Restaurant Supply of San Angelo at \$8,406.16. The tableware will be paid by private contributions.

In other college business members approved the small class report. Jim Rambo, associate professor of drama and speech, was recognized for being named as Educator of the Year by the Texas Educational Theatre Association.

Members present were Roy Baze, Bill Jones, Howard Sterling, Bob Hargrove, Edwin Parks, R.C. Patton and Bill Wilson.

Three-part dorm series

Dorm occupancy hits lowest in years; Hood cites several reasons

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a three-part series concerning the WTC dormitories. This article focuses on the occupancy rate.

By Cyndi Trujillo, Tonya Neblett

Despite the second highest enrollment figures in Western Texas College's history, dormitory occupancy is at its lowest in the past five or six years. While the overall enrollment increased by 20 students, dorm enrollment dropped by 30.

According to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, it is not unusual for the total enrollment to increase in the spring with dormitory occupancy decreasing. One reason that could account for the lower dorm

occupancy is that some transfer students are native residents; therefore, they are not candidates for the dorms.

The dorm facilities are currently 78 percent full, with 150 students out of a possible 192 being housed this spring. The campus apartments, housing 31 out of 44 possible students, are 75 percent full. On the average, campus housing facilities are 76½ percent full.

Figures, however, may vary slightly due to the addition of cosmetology and nursing students at intervals of three and six months, respectively.

"Eighty percent is a reasonable figure for any college in the spring semester," Hood said. "We've always been able to be

right at 90 percent, so for us it's a decrease. Many schools would be very happy with our figures," he added.

Hood cited several reasons for the enrollment drop in the dorms. Eleven students received degrees, 10 left the school because of personal relationships, seven sought housing elsewhere, and four moved back home. Another eight students were unable to return this semester because of academic or financial problems and 11 did not come back for various other reasons.

"We're not significantly hurt by the enrollment decrease in terms of dorm operations," Hood said. "The severe damage occurs in the loss of contact-hour state appropriations from addi-

tional students."

The largest portion of a student's living expense is the cost of meals. One concern the college must consider is the rising costs of preparing meals should the dorm enrollment fall below 150. In this case, the college would be responsible for covering the additional cost because students are guaranteed a set price.

However, the cost is offset somewhat by non-dorm students with meal tickets.

Income loss, according to Hood, is not significantly hurting the school. "If you took just a literal amount, say 30 students at \$315 a student, per room, that would total a loss of \$9,450 and that's not enough to cripple us," Hood said. "We guarantee

ourselves some portion of that in return because of those who don't tell us that they're not coming back or that they are contracting for only one semester when we send forms out. These students forfeit their deposit."

Deposit forfeits are transferred into student scholarship funds used to attract new students.

Considerations were made on limiting the number of single occupancies. "We decided against this from the standpoint of student moral," Hood said. "We thought moving the students would cause problems so we tried rewarding a few students with their own room. In this way, we made it a positive rather than a negative thing."

When the college was propos-

Campus Briefs

Teams prepare

The WTC rodeo and golf teams are preparing to begin their 1985 season.

The rodeo team will be in Fort Stockton competing in the Sul Ross rodeo tonight through February 17.

The golf team will begin its spring schedule Feb. 27 at the Elkins Lake Invitational in Huntsville, Tx.

DPO project

Members of Delta Psi Omega, are accepting donations for 50, 30 and 20 gallons of gasoline to be given away to three recipients.

The \$1 donations will be accepted through Feb. 26, and recipients will be recognized during activity period Feb. 28.

Proceeds from the club's project will be used for their various activities including their spring banquet, said Aaron Knight, president.

For more information, call the drama department, ext. 233.

Trailhand nominees

Phi Theta Kappa announced nominees for Mr. and Miss Trailhand for 1984-85.

Nominees for Miss Trailhand are Renvy Evans, Midland; Tina Gordon, Lubbock; Lorena Mendoza, Seminole; and Tana Whatley and Kim Byrom, both from Snyder.

Mr. Trailhand nominees are Chris Carpenter, Charlotte, North Carolina; Jack Fallin, Granbury; Russell Smith, Rotan; Mack Taplin, Agua Dulce; and Mark Wuensche, Wilson.

Students can vote for the nominees of their choice on a penny-a-vote basis. Jars will be set up in the cafeteria during the day, in the dorm lobby at night. Mr. and Miss Trailhand winners will be announced at the Westerner-Midland College game here Feb. 25.

Next issue: living off campus.

Perspectives



Smokeless tobacco...

Dipping habit proves hazardous

For the past few years, Americans have shown a deep concern with health and physical fitness. Unfortunately, staying healthy includes giving up bad habits other than overeating. A habit commonly referred to as "a pinch between your cheek and gum" has recently joined the category of cancer-causing items.

Within the near future, smokeless tobacco containers will display the Surgeon General's warning similar to that found on cigarette packages. This order from the Federal Trade Commission stems from an extensive research project concerning the question of a link between smokeless tobacco and the 500 cancer deaths a year of its users.

The study indicated that this form of tobacco not only causes mouth cancer, but severe neck and throat cancer as well. An early symptom of cancers is the

development of sores in the mouth and on the tongue which do not heal. Many users develop loss of feeling in the part of the cheek where the smokeless tobacco sits, and some even notice a loss of skin in that area. In any case, users should have regular check-ups, especially now that it has been proven to cause cancer.

Commercials advertising such brands as Skoal and Copenhagen flash the screens with beautiful ladies to sports idols. The latter gives viewers the idea that smokeless tobacco can actually improve athletic performance, thus resulting in a high sales rate to young athletes.

Whether or not smokeless tobacco is an athletic enhancer has yet to be proven. But, although the final choice is up to the dipper, it seems life and health would come before a "buzz."

Forshee praises writer

To the Editor:

Tonya Neblett's recent article and editorial were insightful and perspicuous. Both showed a great deal of work and thought. The WTC paper is excellent and Tonya's work is a credit to it and to the college.

At this time Rep. Delco is the only legislator who has filed a bill to increase tuition at state-supported schools. Her bill leaves tuition increases at 2-year colleges to the discretion of each board of regents. It exempts students enrolled in a four-year when the tuition increased take affect. Only those students who enter a four-year college for the first time or those who transfer to colleges would be affected by the tuition increase.

During the past few days, Lt. Governor Hobby has announced

his plans for tuition increases. Under the Hobby proposal, tuition would double to \$8/semester hour for fall 1985 and increase to \$12/semester hour for fall 1986. These proposals have not been put into the form of a bill and introduced into the legislature. No one knows the effects of this proposal on two-year colleges or what exemptions, if any, the lieutenant governor has in mind. As Tonya noted, Texas has a "financial crisis." The best question is not if tuition will be increased, but by how much will tuition increase.

Again, my compliments to Miss Neblett. I hope she continues to report on these issues.

John Forshee
Assistant Professor of Government



Speculation

Wendy Hodge

Writer views abortion unjustified in most cases

With the recent bombings of abortion clinics in Florida and in our nation's capitol and the decisions being made on whether or not abortion should be legal, women are concerned with the future of their right to decide whether or not pregnancy should be terminated.

Abortion has been called murder since many people believe the child in the mother's womb has been alive since conception. Whether the child is alive or not at such an early stage is really irrelevant. The child should have the right to live in this world. He shouldn't fall victim to careless women and men who only care about themselves.

A child is a precious thing, and we shouldn't have one until we're ready, but we need to be willing to accept the consequences of unprotected sex. If a person really doesn't want a child, she should think of that before sex, not after she is carrying a child. Abortion should not become a method of birth control. Right now, abortion is legal, and any consenting adult can terminate her pregnancy for whatever reason. This leniency in the law may be denying a wonderful person life.

In some cases, women plan

pregnancy, but are told of the risks of labor after they are pregnant. Being frightened that she may die in childbirth, the woman immediately has an abortion. She'll never know whether or not her child would have been a great success. People like this do not understand that anything can happen at any time to take their life. The woman may have been young and healthy and still die in childbirth. There is no 100 percent guarantee in this game.

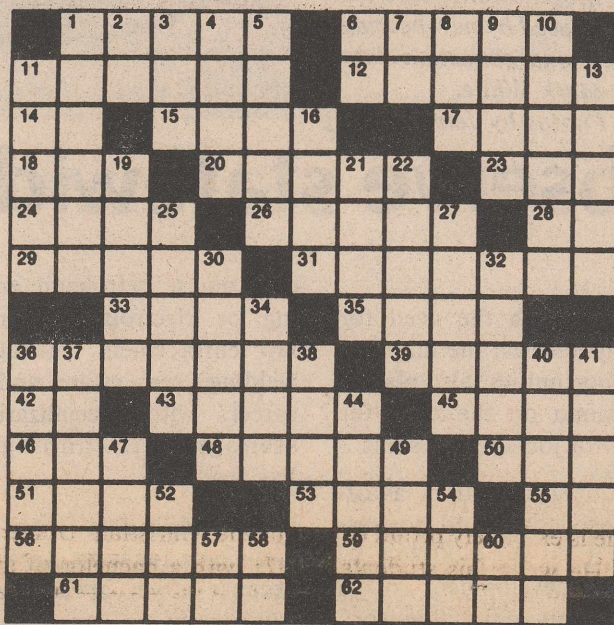
I believe that there is only one case in which an abortion should be legal. If a woman has been raped or incestually abused, she should not have to carry around a reminder of the terror she faced. If she did carry the child, she certainly wouldn't want to keep it, and chances for adoption would be slim under the circumstances.

Adoption is the positive alternative to raising an unwanted child. Have the child and give it to parents who are eager to love it and take care of it. Adoption and abortion may be spelled similarly, but there is no relationship between the two. Giving a child up for adoption is a true act of love, but aborting the child that you conceived is a selfish and unreasonable act.

Editor's note: In response to a student's request for a crossword puzzle, we are including one in this issue. If you would like to see the puzzle in subsequent issues, please write a letter to the editor. If we do not receive sufficient feedback, the puzzle will be discontinued.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1 Frighten
- 6 Saber
- 11 Refrained from using
- 12 Weirder
- 14 Agave plant
- 15 The sweetsop
- 17 Drink heavily
- 18 Individual
- 20 Besmirch
- 23 Playing card
- 24 Saucy
- 26 Home-run king
- 28 Symbol for niton
- 29 Cubic meter
- 31 Shows respect for
- 33 Young horse
- 35 Withered

DOWN

- 36 Sofas
- 39 Raises
- 42 Teutonic deity
- 43 Weighting device
- 45 Barracuda
- 46 Cover
- 48 Barter
- 50 Health resort
- 51 Poems
- 53 Small amount
- 55 Three-toed sloth
- 56 Tidier
- 59 Dormant
- 61 Monuments: abbr.
- 62 Scoff

DOWN

- 1 Kind of piano
- 2 Symbol for calcium
- 3 Macaw
- 4 Soaks
- 5 Dropsy
- 6 Compass point
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Morsel
- 9 Disturbance
- 10 Rely on
- 11 Halts
- 13 Leases
- 16 Scorch
- 19 Build
- 21 War god
- 22 Pirate flag
- 25 Jogs
- 27 The nostrils
- 30 Choose
- 32 Harvests
- 34 Rip
- 36 Surgical thread
- 37 Wears away
- 38 Bridge term
- 40 Mend
- 41 Sedate
- 44 Prepares for print
- 47 Fuel
- 49 Short jacket
- 52 Music: as written
- 54 Before
- 57 Latin conjunction
- 58 Rupees: abbr.
- 60 Hebrew letter

(See page 6 for puzzle answers.)

Coach defends Johnson

Mr. Stewart,

I would like to make a few well-chosen remarks toward your so-called article on Magic Johnson.

True it is that upon Magic Johnson's entrance into the NBA, he was touted as a player with extreme talents. Magic had and still exhibits tremendous basketball abilities. Few players handle the ball as well as he; fewer make passes equal to his; hardly any can drive to the baskets with his tenacity. But NONE displays the leadership and winning attitude of one Magic Johnson.

In three straight years, Magic led his high school team to their state championship, his college team to the national championship, and his pro team to the world championship! In addition, I don't think anyone has as much fun or displays this passion for the game anymore.

And in regard to your statements about his inability to win crucial games, one play does not a game make! Comprehend? If that were the case, James Worthy would be to blame for the entire series last year for throwing two passes away when the Lakers had certain victories. And I guess we can say the same about "the Doctor," first for missing two crucial freethrows and then two easy bank shots in their loss to New Jersey. Now, is "the Doc-

tor" a superstar?

You might need to check your facts about Magic being benched by Paul Westhead. The problem was between Magic and Norm Nixon on the court. I would say that very few people say Magic is overrated or at least anyone who knows anything about basketball probably wouldn't.

And finally, there is an extreme difference between Magic and your superstars Gervin, King, Dantley, English or Erving. You see, Magic is a player, an ALL-AROUND player, not just a scorer or a shooter or someone who just excites people because he can jump. I guess you could use this year's all-star game as an example. True, Gervin and Sampson had great offensive performances, but I believe much of the credit goes to Magic Johnson for his ability to push the ball up the court so quickly and create an advantage for those shooters. Twenty-one points and 16 assists is not too shabby! Mr. Stewart, if you would, next time think a little instead of just relying on your own feelings as a fan before stepping out on such a shakey limb. I can tell you didn't listen to your mother when she told you not to say anything about somebody unless you could say something good!

Kent Williams
Assistant basketball coach

Westy's Wit



Reflections

Cyndi Trujillo

Students must prepare for graduation

Time really does fly when you're having fun. It's hard to believe that in a couple of months some of us will be graduating from WTC and moving on to bigger and better things. As I recall, I had this same feeling prior to my high school graduation. It's time for those of us who

haven't decided where to transfer to (or maybe even come back to WTC) to buckle down and get our act together. If you're having difficulty deciding which institution to attend, why not send off inquiries to several? It can't hurt. Keep in mind — procrastination gets one nowhere!

It's also time to begin applying for those precious scholarships. Many schools have scholarships available, but only for the asking. We can't expect everything to be handed to us.

With the legislature's plan to decrease funds for higher education 26 percent below the current levels, every cent counts. Tuition hikes can also be expected in an attempt to offset the cuts.

Financial aid applicants need to fill out their forms and send them off as early as possible. Don't forget, you'll need a copy of your parents 1984 income tax return. Also, make sure the infor-

mation is correct. Last year my form had an error on it and it took five weeks to correct the one mistake!

Early completion of the forms is especially wise for those eligible for the work-study program. According to Dr. James Tully, financial aid director, work-study programs function on a first-come, first-serve basis. In other words, the early bird gets the job!

Housing facilities should also be taken into consideration. Whether you plan to live on campus or in town, why not get an early start on looking and applying? Housing goes fast at a university. I have a friend who was on a waiting list for a dorm room. She was number 255 on the list!

Time is running out, folks, and May will be here before you know it. Today is as good a day as any to begin those preparations. Good luck!

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On Campus

Phi Theta Kappa inducts 36

By Tonya Neblett

The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held their annual induction ceremony Sunday, Feb. 10 in the Fine Arts Theater. Thirty-six spring inductees, along with 13 from last fall, were sworn in as members.

Brent Simpson, chapter president, opened the ceremony with a welcoming speech. Reporter Pat Blakely followed with a presentation of national history and key symbolism. The state history was then presented by state Secretary Cathy Caddell. Vice President Lorena Mendoza, Secretary Aaron Knight, Co-Historians Rosario Peralez and Russell Smith, Simpson and Caddell participated in a slide presentation offering inductees an overall view of PTK.

National President Danny Hunter was keynote speaker. He urged members to never pass up opportunities. Mendoza then proceeded to present new members and Simpson recited the pledge.

Sponsor Dr. Mary Hood welcomed all new members and Simpson made the closing remarks.

Fall inductees included Carla D'Ann Banks, Loraine; Patsy Beaty, Terry Hendon, Lanna D. Reeves and Vicki Soper, all of Sweetwater; Bobby J. Bentle, Sue Dickey, David Dolliver, Joan Morris Holder, Deana Kay Phillips, and Julia Sickler Sowell, all of Snyder; Gregory Oliver Loraine; and Judy Lynn Wiseman, Sudan.

Spring inductees included Michele Chiang, Singapore, Rita E. De La Rosa, Ozona; Linda Karen Causey Devitt, Plains; Sandra Evans, Fluvanna; Terry Hunter, Kermit and Jo Nell Kesner and Georgia Richards, both of Ira.

Other spring inductees were Janet Lee, Singapore, Sarah Olean Miller, Abernathy; Ronald Craig Nedry, Temple; Jeffrey David Reynolds, Hudson Falls, N.Y.; Robyn Turner, Colorado City; Teresa Venable, Stamford; and Sophie West, Hermleigh.

More were Anne Leake, Post, Eric Lundering, Clovis, N.M.; Michael Boring, Leticia Martinez, and Robin McDowell, all of Sweetwater.

Snyder spring inductees in-

clude Twilah Alexander, Louise Ball, Roger Cook, Valery Cook, Susan Euvonne Cowen, Melinda S. Drum, Darren Fletcher, Allen Dan Fox, James C. Hanks, Wendy Hodge, Amy Lancaster, Cherie Loveless, Tim Metzger, Tonya Neblett, Kathy J. Rhodes, Karen Adelle Walton and John Michael Stephens.

PTK is the only national honor organization of junior colleges. Sponsors are Drs. Mary and Duane Hood.

That night, members and inductees met at the Hoods' house for an international dinner. Dishes ranged from Polish Mozurkas to Chinese Egg Rolls. Other countries represented were Germany, Greece, Mexico, Italy, Sweden and Sri Lanka.



Jim Rambo

Rambo receives TETA recognition

By Wendy Hodge

Jim Rambo, associate professor of speech and drama, was chosen Educator of the Year in the junior college division at the annual convention of the Texas Educational Theatre Association Feb. 2 in San Antonio.

Rambo is the first recipient of the junior college award, although it was authorized by the association several years ago.

This award pays tribute to the excellence in instruction in the classroom, but also in productions and in work with colleagues.

Freshman accounting major and drama student Terry Hunter said that he is extremely proud of Rambo. "He wants his students to learn. He makes people feel like more than just students, and he always appreciates the work that people do for him," Hunter said.

Nominations are made by

theatre teachers in the state. An educator who has been an active member of TETA for seven years is eligible for the nomination. The nominee must also demonstrate excellence in theatre productions and excel as an instructor in the classroom.

After being nominated, the nominee must submit a resume and at least three letters of support. The TETA board, comprised of secondary, junior college and university instructors, then review the nominations and vote to accept or reject nominees for that particular year.

Rambo graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1971 with a bachelor of arts. He received his masters degree in the arts from Texas Tech in 1974. He is a member of the Texas Speech Communication Association as well as the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

Construction students build apartment complex

By Tonya Neblett

Construction technology students are currently preparing to lay the foundation for a sixth apartment complex as part of a semester project. The foundations class will begin work pending final instructions from the college board of trustees concerning any structural changes.

"We are expected to start the actual work on the duplex as quickly as possible — possibly within the next couple of weeks," Billy Arpe, instructor, said. He added that the class' main intention is to pour the foundation and slab and to assist in the

preliminary plumbing. The fall classes will be responsible for the framework.

Approximately 50 percent of the construction students' grades consist of lab participation and attitude about the project, according to Arpe.

"Projects like this are important to students because of both the important 'hands-on' experience and it lets them see the whole process from the ground up," he said. Although Arpe's objective is not to make the students skilled laborers, he hopes the project will give them a

broad view of the construction industry and allow them to choose which area they would like to specialize in.

This project was suggested by Arpe in coordination with Gay Hickman, vice president for business and finance.

"I'm mainly concerned with teaching the students with 'hands-on' experience," Arpe said. "You can sit and lecture all you want, but until you actually do it, you really haven't accomplished anything."

In conjunction with the duplex project, construction students are

also assisting with the bandstand to be placed at the Scurry County courthouse. The classes volunteered their services to help the Scurry County Historical Society with funds contributed by the Faculty Association.

Arpe is a native of Roscoe and a graduate of Tarleton State University. He taught two years at Sweetwater High School prior to becoming self-employed in 1974. He joined the WTC faculty in the fall of 1984.

He and his wife, Tonya, have two sons Cody, six years of age and Chad, three-and-a-half months old.

Computer department begins club

By Frank Casas

The organization of a computer club is being considered by the computer department, according to Britt Canada, computer instructor.

"The club's main objective is to help spread information about computers to students and faculty that may be interested in computers," Canada said.

The club will provide various activities and programs for its members. Club members will be exposed to a new IBM computer that weren't available in earlier courses.

Computer vendors will provide students with various programs and experienced knowledge on computers.

Members will talk about various computer schools and reports will be shared concerning the computer science field.

This club would be the first computer club on WTC's campus, but Canada said, "A lot of four-year colleges have what is called ACM (Association for

Computing Machinery)." He added, "This is a computer club that we may someday be interested in forming a chapter with."

Canada hopes to get at least half of his computer major students from last semester and other students and faculty.

Canada said that in the future the club might prove to be an asset to those entering the computer science field.

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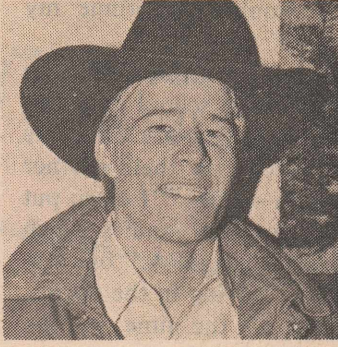
What qualities do you think would make a perfect husband/wife?

— Kathy Stout




"He's got to be rich, can't be a cowboy and he's got to be tall, dark and handsome."

Canita Cass
Clint, Texas




"A perfect wife belongs to another guy."

Greg Rhodes
Stamford, Texas




"A nice personality, compatibility, loving, understanding and similar values. I also think it would be important for her to have a pleasant appearance."

Tommy Crane
Ira, Texas




"Tall and good-looking, good personality, halfway intelligent, good supporter and the qualities that make a good father."

Renvy Evans
Midland, Texas



"Loving, caring and understanding. I also think it's important that you're compatible. I think he should be responsible and level-headed, so that he can deal with important decisions we'll have to make."

Cathy Caddell
Sundown, Texas



"She must have a beautiful personality, be very good-looking and be trustful and have a nice sense of humor. She must be the type of woman to just enjoy life."

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Features

Serious relationships affect student behavior

By Cyndi Trujillo

Having a relationship while attending college can alter a student's actions.

Many students feel they are too young to get serious. "College is a place to meet new people and have loads of fun," a student said. "Besides, a serious relationship eventually leads to marriage and if I were to get married, I know I wouldn't continue my education."

Having a serious relationship while attending school can also affect a student's work. Students tend to focus on their partner rather than studies. "I often put my girl above my studies which shows up on my GPA," one student said. "Living in the dorms, we spend all the time we can together."

In turn, serious relationships can damage or even destroy a friendship. Friends may be jealous and frustration builds up because attention and time once focused on that person is now being given to the friend's partner. "I really don't spend much time with my other friends because my boyfriend and I are always doing something," a student said.

Relationships on the other hand can prove profitable. Students leaving home for the first time need someone to lean on. They lack the security of their parents, therefore, find someone else.

Serious relationships in school can often lead to marriage. Many couples stop going to school and start to work. Some, however, manage to continue their education.

Couples can help each other, especially if they are enrolled in the same class. "If one of us doesn't know something, maybe the other one does," one student said. "It's easier for two people to figure out and understand something."

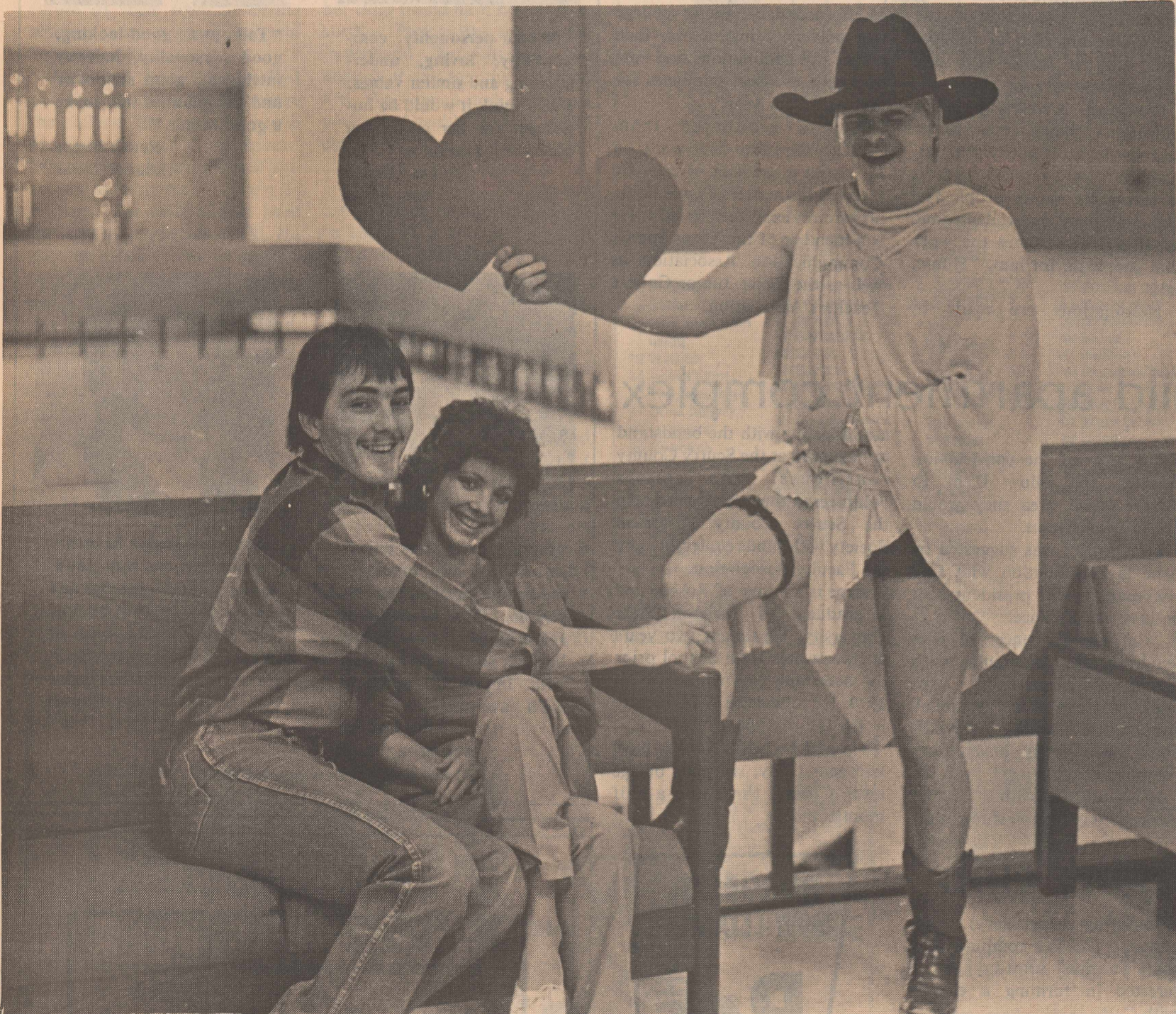
Married students (couples) perform better in studies because they do not have to be concerned with dates. "Being married, you're not put under the same tension of competing with other guys for dates," one said. "It doesn't take as much time away from my studies."

Married couples also tend to perform better in school. They are aware of their responsibilities as a student, as well as to each other. "I know I have to do well if I expect to perform well in my field," one student said. "Knowing this makes it easier for me to stay serious about my studies."

According to one student, the biggest drawback of being married and going to school is being in the same class and period. "People tend to look at us as a couple, not as individuals," one said. "Also, if we're together all the time, we don't meet as many people."



A STOLEN KISS — Students who are involved in a serious relationship may have difficulty in dealing with classes and the other responsibilities of their lives. — Photo by Jerry Snelling



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY — Richard Green of Tahoka fills in as Cupid for David Jones of Llano and Susan Cowen of Snyder.

— Photo by Lawrence McCown

Arrows of love keep Valentine's Cupid busy

By Wendy Hodge

Cupid is probably very busy today shooting his golden tipped arrows of love into the hearts of everyone. Today we celebrate the holiday of romance, Valentine's Day.

Actually, Cupid was the god of love worshipped by ancient Romans. Cupid was a chubby, blindfolded boy with wings. He wandered about carrying a bow and quiver of arrows. Fortunately, Cupid is better known for his love arrows, the gold tipped ones, than for his others. The lead-pointed arrows were used to make people repel love rather than fall in love.

Cupid, himself, has a rather unusual love story. Cupid's mother, Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, became desperately jealous of a young princess named Psyche. She sent Cupid to Psyche, and he sprinkled her with bitter water to make her love some unworthy being. Psyche suddenly awoke and startled Cupid. In the excitement of it all, he scratched himself with a gold-tipped arrow. He immediately loved the beautiful princess. He

often visited his love under the cover of darkness. One night while Cupid slept, Psyche held a lamp above him so that she could see his face. Awakened when a drop of oil fell on his shoulder, Cupid disappeared from her sight. Psyche searched for Cupid, and her wanderings brought her finally to Venus. Venus gave her a number of difficult tasks to do. She did all the chores, then she was sent to the underworld to get a box which held the ointment of beauty.

Psyche couldn't keep herself from looking into the box. Instead of the ointment, the box contained a deathlike sleep which came over her. Cupid came swiftly to awaken his love, then Jupiter, Venus' father stepped in. After soothing the anger of Venus, Jupiter made Psyche a goddess. Then, she and Cupid were married. Supposition has it that the couple is still living very happily ever after.

Most modern love stories aren't nearly so far-out, but they are complicated. Today is the day to do away with the complications and celebrate love!

Nashville bound

McCaulley native releases new singles

By Cyndi Trujillo

If the titles, "Wounded Dove" and "Deep in the Night" ring a bell, it's because these are the titles of newly released singles by Todd Jeffery, a former WTC student and McCaulley native.

Twenty-one year old Jeffery is making plans to go to Nashville and perform in April at the Grand Ole Opry. If plans go according to schedule, Jeffery will leave in March to begin practicing with a band in order for them to get acquainted before performing together.

A performance in Nashville holds various opportunities for

Jeffery and could result in a recording contract with a major label that would launch his musical career nationally. Accompanying Jeffery to Nashville will be his all-around promoter from Dallas.

Recently, Jeffery released his first album, "Todd Jeffery." His two releases are being played on radio stations locally and within a 600-mile radius.

Jeffery is trying to suspend releasing other singles, which are recorded two at a time, until after he performs in Nashville. He would also like to be recognized nationally before he begins work on other albums.

Jeffery's album has financed itself as a result of an overwhelming response to his music. The album was recorded under an independent label.

Last summer Jeffery decided to attempt going professional in his music career. He writes his own lyrics but said he did not feel he was as good at composing the music as he would like to be. "I really don't have the adequate experience in the aspect," Jeffery said. "The lyrics, however, come to me from things I feel inside myself."

Jeffery credited Barbara Gammeter, a Methodist preacher in Abilene, for assisting him in his

music. At the age of 15, Jeffery began singing publicly. "I've wanted to sing all my life," he said. "My mother sings in the church choir and around the house, but other than that, no other family members are musically inclined."

While he was attending WTC, Jeffery was involved in the choir. He also sang ensembles. "Mrs. Womack (assistant professor of music) helped me out a great deal with my music, voice lessons, choir and harmony," Jeffery said.

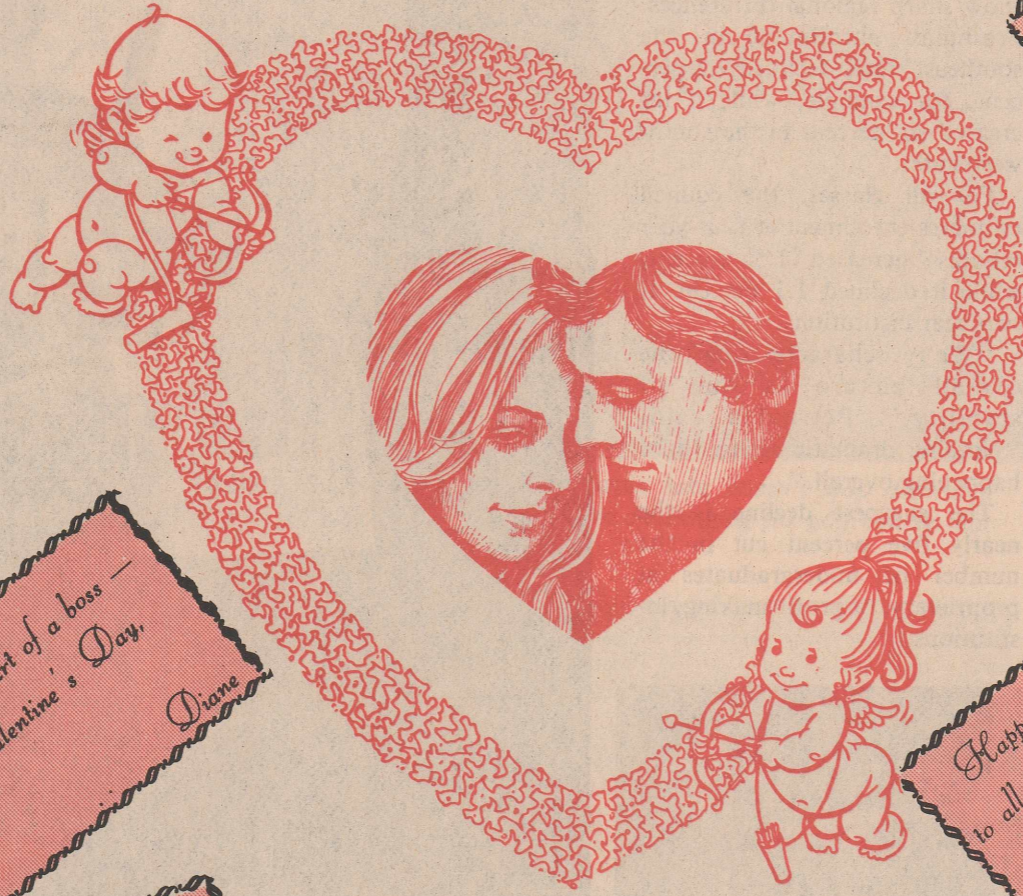
Promotional photographs are being processed and should be completed in two months.



Todd Jeffery

Features

Cupid's Corner



Kyle,
Hope your Valentine's
Day is as nice as you are!
I love you. Always,
Wendy

Mindy,
You're the best thing in my
life. Have a good Valentine's!
(Pure Magic!)
Love you,
Serie

Happy Valentine's Day,
Elois! I love you!!
Frank

To: Carmen Trice
Roses are Red,
but Violets are Blue
And I am, too, without
you!
From: Think and you'll
know who.

To a sweetheart of a boss —
Happy Valentine's Day,
Lucy! Diane

Happy Valentine's Day
to all you folks back in Ozona.
I love you!
Cynadi

Chris,
I ask myself why I have
been blessed with someone so
understanding and so
caring...perhaps, it's because I
can truly appreciate you or
maybe it's because God knew
I needed you so much.
I love you,
Carmen

To Dorothy,
The best mom a daughter-in-
law ever had.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love
Jo Ann

To my special and loving
family from someone who really
cares. Happy Valentine's
Day!
Love,
Frank Casas

Happy Valentine's Day
to the BOS in our fami-
ly, who also happens to be our
head cook and bottlewasher!
Love,
Lucy

To: Rosario P.
Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue.
Sugar is Sweet,
And so are you!
Happy Valentine's Day
and best of wishes.
From: Longtime Lab
partner.

Good to Good
Heart to Heart
Love to Love
We'll never part
Happy Valentine's Day!

Mickey,
Hope your Valentine's
Day is not as dark as the night
you drove down the road without
our lights on! Ha Ha!
Guess Who

Dear Rich,
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you!
Love,
Fred

To Mrs. D. —
Hope your Valentine's
Day is as great as you've been
to me! You're a sweetheart!
Jerry

Happy Valentine's Day,
WTC students and faculty.
Thanks for all your help.
Ralph

To my family: Tonya,
Shannon, Britney. Happy
Valentine's Day!
Britt Canada

Happy Valentine's Day,
Magdalena and have a good
day!

Happy Valentine's Day
to my sweetheart who is patiently
waiting for me to finish school
so he can retire! I love ya,
dreamer!
Diane

To all my government and
computer science students —
Happy Valentine's Day!
Mr. Forshee

Happy Valentine's Day,
Diane! The WTC staff and
I appreciate your valuable con-
tributions to the paper and your
words of encouragement!
Lucy

Good to Good
Hand in Hand
You and I
Till the end.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Rev. You're a sweetie! Happy
Valentine's Day.
Kathy and Tonya

Happy Valentine's Day
to my brave rescuers, Danny
and Paul Schwertner!
Still Shaky

A teacher couldn't ask for a
greater bunch of kids. Happy
Valentine's Day, WTC
staff!
Lucy

I know Lucy and I de-
serve medals for working with
you guys, but I guess as long
as they pay me to do it, I'll
keep on! Ya'll are a fun bunch!
Diane

Bubba,
Thanks for always being
there. I'll love you always.
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
Wendy

To my Mom and Dad,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Terri

News

Number of college freshmen declines

Washington, D.C. (CPS) — The number of freshmen enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities apparently declined by a record number last fall, a preliminary enrollment report indicates.

The decline provides the most convincing evidence to date of the beginning of the end of the baby boom years in higher education.

The Association Council for Policy Analysis and Research, a coalition of Washington-based higher education groups, found a modest two percent enrollment decline in a preliminary enrollment report released late in December.

Last year, the council's early estimate was about three percentage points high, suggesting the actual decline in the number of freshmen enrolling would be as high as five percent.

The national student population fell 3.3 percent in 1982, and

2.5 percent in the fall of 1983.

"Even with our inflated figures, we're getting a decline," council research director Janice Petrovich said. "It (the much anticipated enrollment drop as the baby boom generation passes through its college years) is finally showing as a trend."

Earlier in the school year, a number of campuses that normally don't have trouble attracting students — Georgia Tech, Missouri, Penn State, South Carolina and many community colleges, among others — reported enrollment drops.

The number of college-bound high school graduates is expected to decline about five percent each year through the decade.

Petrovich noted that last year, the first time the council compiled an early enrollment projection, the estimate was that freshman enrollment had increased .5 percent.

The actual enrollment count, released months later by the National Center for Education Statistics, showed freshman enrollment dropped 2.5 percent.

The council's projections also show sharp regional differences. Freshman enrollment in the southeast states declined 7.3 percent, for example, while it increased six percent in the southwest states.

For all classes, the council estimates enrollment at four-year schools increased 1.5 percent, while it declined 1.1 percent at two-year institutions.

"We're characterizing the overall picture as one of stability," Petrovich said. "Nothing dramatic seems to be happening overall."

The sharpest decline is the nearly five percent cut in the number of undergraduates at proprietary, or profit-making, institutions.



WINNERS - Jeane Fox of Hamlin and Don Williams of Snyder, winners of the Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Sweetheart drawing Feb. 12, received free steak dinners for two. Photo by Lawrence McCown



DON'T TOUCH - The crystal goblet above is part of the Valentine exhibit currently on display at the Scurry County Museum. Photo by Kathy Stout

Students earn Hamburgerology degrees

(CPS) — Students at McDonald's Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Ill., live in McLodges and earn degrees in Hamburgerology.

But they also work with state-of-the-art technology, endure rigorous training in management, communications and business skills, and can earn up to 18 credits toward a food service management associates degree.

And slowly but surely, a recent report on how much companies spend to re-educate college grads concludes, corporate schools like Hamburger U. are becoming more and more like colleges.

McDonald's is one of some 400 corporations spending millions each year on employee education programs to fill in the gaps left by traditional education and to provide specialized training for specific jobs.

"The typical college graduate has accrued a degree and a good academic education," Donald Conover, spokesman for AT&T's Corporate Education Center in New Jersey, explained.

But students "need a transition from a broad college base to the more specific applications necessary to do a job," he added.

Corporate courses range from high school basics to specialized operations training, and students include dropouts and PhDs.

"The age of high-tech has moved in rapidly," Nell Eurich, author of the recent Carnegie Institute study of corporate classrooms, said. "It's necessary to educate workers in advanced information, to give additional instruction constantly."

"It's an extension of the life-

long learning concept," Jim Pavlakis, developer of Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone's corporate education program, explained. "Even if schools are doing a beautiful job, employees need opportunities to avoid job obsolescence."

Nearly 8,000 of C&T's 30,000 employees currently use one of three corporate education plans: in-house or home study courses in specific job training and basic education, or tuition aid, providing access to all schools in the area.

The company expanded its initial tuition aid program 15 years ago to include undereducated and entry level employees, Pavlakis said.

"In 1969, it became a huge program attempting to provide basic skill education to help employees qualify for better jobs," he said. "Then affirmative action pressure convinced us to offer non-traditional job training."

AT&T began corporate education in 1895, Conover said, "accelerating the concept at about the same rate as knowledge accelerated."

This year, the company will log 360,000 student-days of training at three large corporate education centers and 12 regional facilities.

Many are stressing basic skills courses more and more, Eurich said.

"It's a question of getting basic skills," she said. "Corporations are doing a lot of work in basic instruction, in reading, writing, math, effective listening and speaking."

Polaroid's 30-year-old program stresses reading, writing and grammar and career planning and counseling, in addition to management and high-tech courses, said public relations

spokeswoman Maria Wilhelm.

Nearly 2,500 students per semester fill over 100 courses, most taught by Polaroid employees, she added.

Corporate education's influence on traditional higher education is mushrooming as quickly as the phenomenon itself, said Sylvia Galloway, American Council on Education (ACE) spokeswoman.

Last year, ACE performed accreditation evaluations for nearly 150 corporate education programs, she said, and many "look comparable to programs offered in traditional college settings."

"It's no reflection on higher education," Conover said. "Universities provide the fundamentals, foundation and advanced work in a field at a theoretical level."

The corporations move "theory into practice, focusing on applications in the context of a particular corporation," he said.

"University training is thorough and general," said McDonald's Terri Capatosto. "But universities usually educate more to arts and general information. We focus on more specific food service and people skills."

Colleges feel the corporate squeeze as more programs seek accreditation, more professors and professionals cross-over to teach and do research, and as business giants like Rand and Wang open degree-granting institutions.

"But colleges understand our needs and are trying to do something about them," Pavlakis said.

Corporations need to use both theoretical and practical education, Conover said. "We're working with universities for a productive relationship."

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Sports

Winning teams attract college-bound students

New York, N.Y. (CPS) — Winning athletic teams are twice as likely to attract high school students to a college as deter them, but most students say it is not a factor in choosing their colleges, a recent survey suggests.

Fifty-four percent of the college-bound high school seniors interviewed by the Jan Krukowski Associates marketing firm said that all other factors being equal, a school's emphasis on supporting nationally-ranked athletic teams has no bearing on their college choice.

But among those who cared, 32 percent said they would be more likely to enroll at such a school, while 13 percent were less likely.

The survey suggests academically prestigious schools hoping

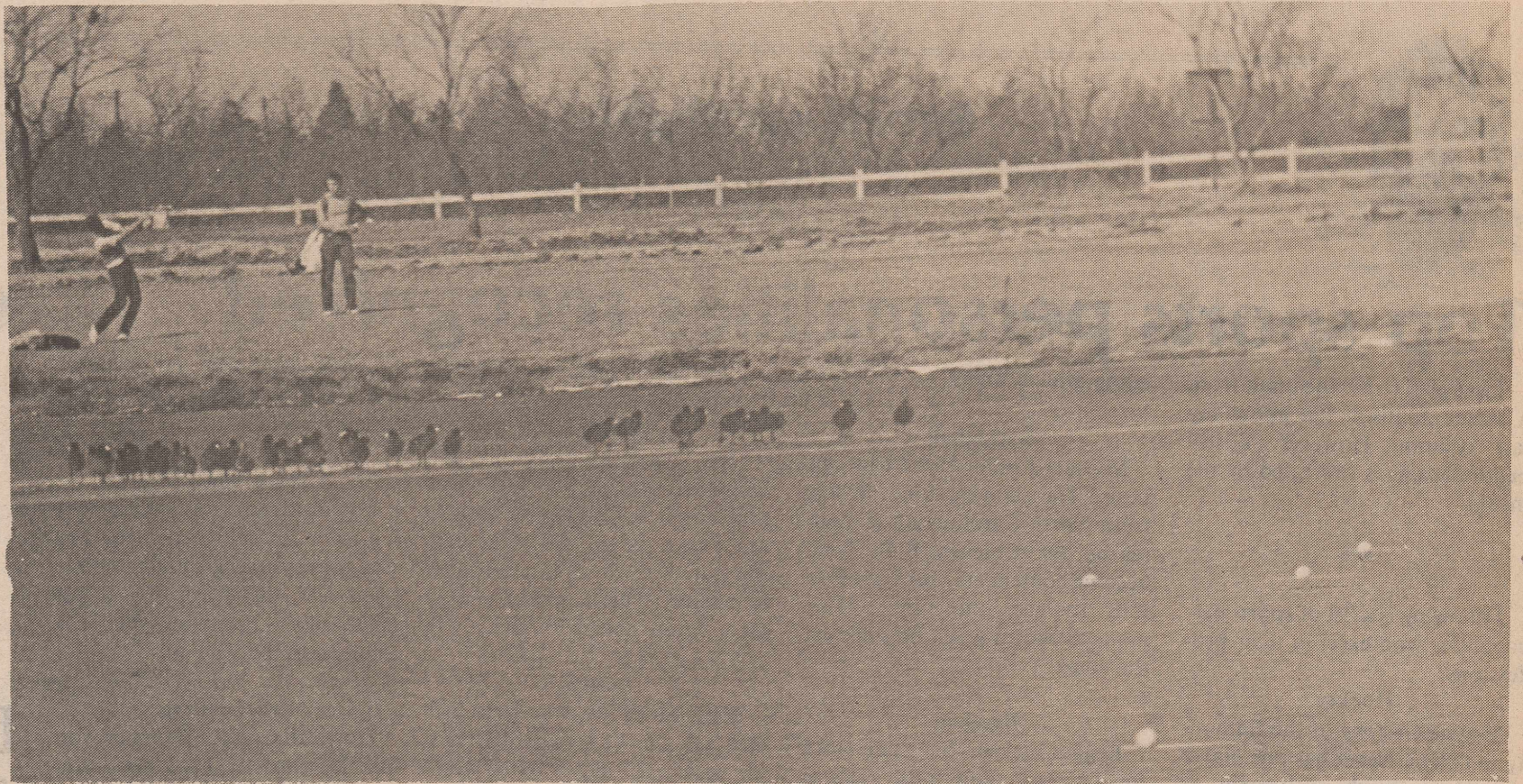
sports success will attract a pool of brighter applicants are engaging in wishful thinking.

Survey director Leslie Weber found the higher a student's score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the less likely a winning team would be an attraction to the student.

About 58 percent of those with SAT scores higher than 650 said winning teams are not a factor for them.

Parents are the least likely to be impressed by athletic success. About 63 percent said it makes no difference.

However, Jewish students are marginally more interested in successful athletic teams. Only 46 percent of them said success on the athletic field doesn't matter, the study found.



FORE! Winter weather and a frozen lake doesn't stop dedicated Western Texas College golfers from challenging the golf course, nor

does it stop the ducks from watching them.

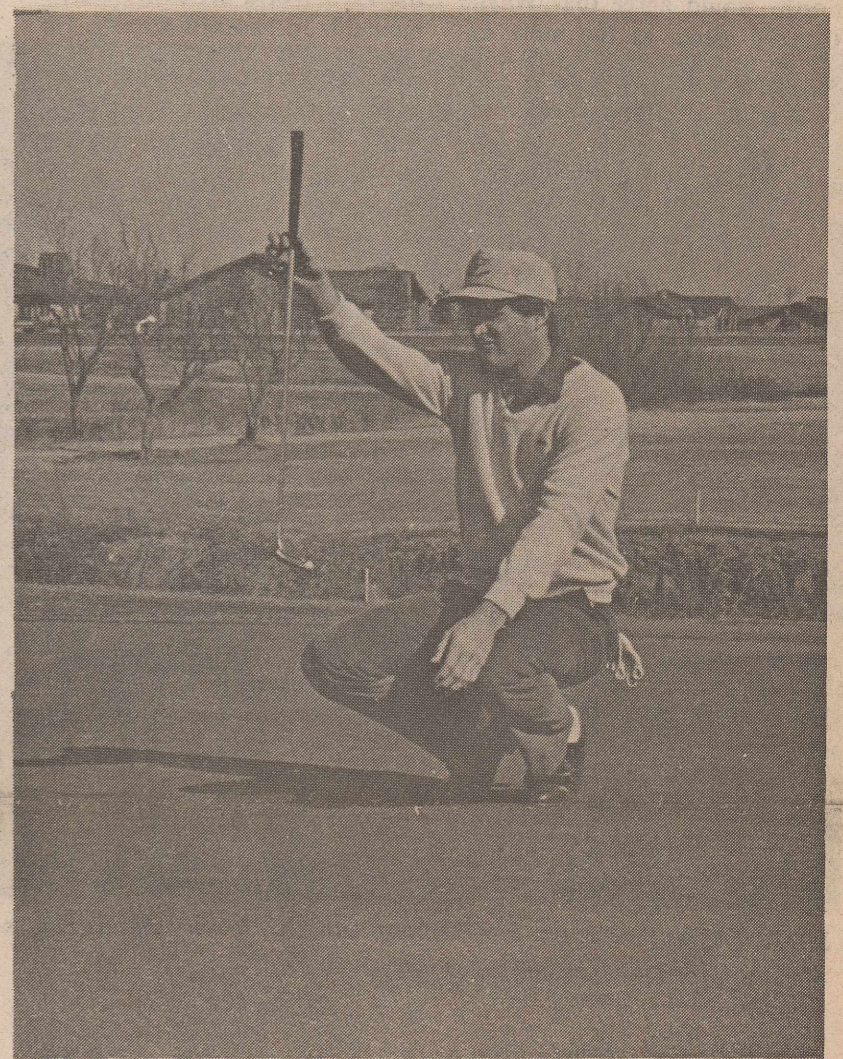
— Photo by Jerry Snelling



RUN! Tobin Tate, from Clovis, N.M. and an unidentified person scamper away from a menacing force on the loose while David Jones,

from Llano, watches from his horse and Gary Autry, from Wilson, heads for cover.

— Photo by Lawrence McCown



LINE IT UP - Mark Bailey of Haskell displays a grimace as he lines up a putt. The golf team will begin its spring competition Feb. 27.

Photo by Kathy Stout

Intraumural season off to good start, 10 teams competing

By Frank Casas

The intramural basketball competition opened up Feb. 5 with a total of 10 teams competing.

The "Ice" team slipped by the "Storms" 70-67 in the opening game. Tommy Collum layed up 22 points to lead his team. Fred Fleming followed close with 20 and Jason Conners added 16. Other scorers for "Ice" were Bubba Selmon, 2, and David Stewart, 10.

Jeff Merrett swished in 21 points to counter for the "Storms". David Pruitt and Ed Wendlick added 15 and 16 points respectively.

Others for the "Storms" were Derrick Bethany 7, Eddie Bolden 8, Shannon Mitchell 2, and David Jones 1.

The second game on Feb. 12 pitted the "Automotive" team against the "Golfers."

Norman Malone, with 18 points, led the "Automotive" team to a 48-42 victory. Kyle Freeman and Jimmy Cain scored 9 points each followed by Tommy Hunter and Bobby Velasquez with 5 points each, and Hermilo Castillo had 2 points.

Bo Kay controlled the "Golfers" scoring drive with 20 points. Jack Fallin and Ryan Heller popped in 10 points each to assist on the scoring and Bobbie Sullivan with two points.

The third game scheduled to

play was between the "Powells" and the "Faculty," but the "Powell" team was forced to forfeit due to lack of players.

A "Substitute" team was quickly formed but suffered a 70-67 loss after leading 40-37 going into the half.

It was a fast-breaking game with the experienced combination of Coach Kent Williams and Coach Phil Spradling controlling the "Faculty's" offense. Ken Williams scored 18 points and provided his team with a dazzling display of passes. Spradling swished in 20 points to lead the team in scoring. Frank Williams followed close with 17.

Other "Faculty" players had Bob Doty 6, Andy Daniels 5, and David Foster 4.

Mark Cano led the "Subs" with 27 points, followed by Pruitt's 16 and Hayden Merket added 10, Conners had eight, and Terry Ridgeway tossed in six.

The opening game on Feb. 7 pitted an all-female team, "Golden Bullets," against an all-male team, "Silver Bullets." This game had special scoring rules allowing the ladies' team baskets to be worth three points each to help even the scores.

This game was hard fought going into two overtimes before the "Silver Bullets" pulled out a 51-48 victory.

Camille Cass led the "Golden

Bullets" in scoring with 15 points. Charlotte Carter followed closely with 14 and Tina Gordon contributed 10.

Other "Golden Bullet" members were Jackie King 7, and Roxanne Greer 2.

Rudy Carreon and Mark Wuenshe combined for 12 points each to lead the "Silver Bullets" in scoring. Eric Lundering and Lino Garcia added 10 points each to contribute for male team.

Others scoring on the "Silver Bullet" team were Danny Schwertner, Tobin Tate and Marshall Grizzle with two points each. Freddy Villa popped in one point.

The second game was won by the "Wallbangers" with a score of 41-22 as they walloped the "Avengers."

Steve Cullen led all players with 17 points. Julie Wells added three points. Other members on the "Avenger" team were Tony Garza and John Young with 1 point each.

Scoring leader for the "Wallbangers" was Donny York with 15 points. Chris Carpenter followed with 10 and Max McGuire added eight. Others on this

team included Glenn Jordan and James Hanks with four each.

The final game Thursday night between "Ice" and the "Golfers" ended up a three-on-five.

Stewart of the "Ice" team injured his right ankle early in the game and came out with only two points. Collum, with 12 points fouled out with about six minutes left to play.

This situation left the "Ice" team with only three players on the floor and no substitutes. The "Ice" team was still able to grasp a 43-42 victory over the "Golfers" even though they had a future Westerner on the team, Wally Mann.

Fleming and Trammell each scored 11 and 10 points respectively and Conners added eight more points to help "Ice" to the victory.

Mann scored 23 points and dominated the rebounding for the "Golf" team to lead in all categories. Rutherford followed

with 11 points, Heller and Boyett both added four points each.

The "Storms" teams opened up Feb. 12 against the "Automotive" team.

Bolden led the "Storms" with 29 points to a 76-73 victory. Merrett and Wendlick swished in 16 and 12 points to assist with the "Storms" scoring. Others scoring on the team were Pruitt 9, Mitchell and Bethany both with 4 points and Jones added 2.

The "Automotive" team was hot the first half with Henry Davis scoring 21 points in the first half and winding up as the scoring leader of the game with 33 points.

Malone and Murphy combined for 32 points, both with 16. Other scorers were Freeman with 4, Hunter and Castillo with 2 each.

The second game was a four on seven match-up. The "Faculty" with four players defeated the "Golfers" by a 72-66 final score. Kent Williams glided to sweet

victory with 41 points to lead all scorers. Frank Williams played tough and bagged 26 points. The other two members of the "Faculty" team were Doty with 5 points and Canada added 2.

Rutherford controlled the "Golfers" game and wound up scoring leader for them with 25 points. Mann swished in 21 points and Heller added 10. Other contributors were Kay with 8, and Fletcher scored two.

The final game pitted the "Powells" against "Ice." Terry Ridgeway with 19 points led the "Powells" to a 60-55 win after coming out with only 5 points in the first half. Jardi Powell scored 14, followed by Merket with 12. Also scoring were Yardi Powell 6, Dennis Rivera 5, Chris McKinney and Jay Claxton had 2 each.

Fleming led the "Ice" team with 17 points, Selmon followed with 16 and Rusy Hegedus added 12. Other scorers were Collum with 6 and Conners with 4.

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Sports



Sports spotlight

Dave Stewart

Top sports personalities recognized

I was glad to see the input from a Magic Johnson fan about my last column. However, I still believe Magic is overrated by the media.

Following is a list of sports personalities who excel in their professions:

Hockey

Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers. Never has one player caused as much excitement as "The Great Gretzky." Many fans, especially those in the north, would agree that Wayne Gretzky ranks as the most ex-

citing athlete today.

Basketball

Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls. The slam-dunking all-star from North Carolina is the main reason the Chicago Bulls have become contenders. Jordan never fails to give the fans their money's worth when he steps on the court.

Baseball

Reggie Jackson has done more for baseball than most realize. Jackson has always played with a flair. His dramatic homeruns in the 1978 World Series are classic moments in baseball history. He

is a winner on and off the field.

Football

Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins. Marino was incredible this season in leading his team to the Super Bowl. He represents the standard for all quarterbacks to follow. This superstar has a great future ahead for him.

Tennis

John McEnroe may be a brat at times, but he is exciting. He is the best tennis player in the world and he knows it. Nobody has caused more excitement with his behavior on the court, with the possible exception of Illie

Nastase. McEnroe is probably the most exciting sports personality around.

Track and Field

Edwin Moses is as exciting off the track as well as on. His 110 straight victories are an incredible feat. Off the track his arrest made more headlines than his track accomplishments.

Broadcasting

Howard Cosell. Whether you like Howard or hate him, you have to admit he causes excitement wherever he goes. He is always controversial and famous for "telling it like it is."



Dusters on the road for important contest

By Frank Casas

The WTC Dusters, currently with a season record of 25-5 and 8-2 conference record, will be facing Clarendon College tonight in Clarendon.

Coach Joe Cushing said, "We're going to have to be real, real careful now, because Clarendon has slipped up into third place. We can't afford to make any mistakes. Clarendon is going to be real high for this game."

Judy Wiseman, 5'9" sophomore from Sudan, said, "They're not as tough as some of the other opponents we've faced, but we can't take them too easy because they could slip up and surprise us. Every game from now on counts. We have to play every game with intent from here on out to our goal."

The Dusters currently hold second place in the conference.

The lady hoopsters suffered their first defeat Monday night against the conference first place team, the Odessa Lady Wranglers, 58-54.

WTC's Patti Hayes and Clara Campbell dominated the inside

game. Renvy Evans pushed in 8 points, Lyndy French contributed 6 and Linetta Richardson added 3. WTC shot 24 of 78 from the field and 6 of 10 from the foul line.

The Howard College Queens fell victim to the Dusters' sting Feb. 7 with a 71-81 loss.

Campbell popped in 23 points to lead the Dusters. Evans scored 18, Rhonda Hoelting added 14 and Hayes contributed 10. French and Richardson combined for 16 of WTC's 32 rebounds. Richardson also contributed 8 points followed by Wiseman with 7.

The victory improved to 25-4 and 8-1 in conference play.

The Dusters swept in a 76-54 win over last place South Plains College Feb. 4 in a makeup game cancelled Jan. 31 because of bad weather.

Campbell controlled the scoring with 15 points. Evans followed with 14 and Richardson with 12. Other scores were Hayes with 10, Hoelting 7, Rhonda Chisum 5, French 4 and Renee Ramaekers with 2.



JUMP BALL! Patti Hayes hits the floor with two Howard players in a scramble for a loose ball in action at the Scurry County Coliseum which saw the Dusters victorious 81-71. — Photo by Kathy Stout

Westerners to battle Clarendon College tonight

By David Stewart

The Western Texas College Westerners will meet Clarendon in an important conference match-up tonight in Clarendon. The Westerners go into the game with a conference record of 6-7, and a season record of 16-10. Clarendon has struggled all season and is currently in ninth place in the 10-team conference.

WTC lost to the Odessa College Wranglers Monday night 75-73. The Westerners, led by Lorand White's 20 points, jumped to an early lead and con-

trolled most of the game. They led 40-36 at halftime and looked to be on the way to a big conference victory.

But Odessa, led by Mark Benoit, Lavelle Wilson and Dwayne Chism, were able to come back and tie late in the contest. After WTC turned the ball over, Odessa set up to go for the last shot. Odessa's Benoit scored from inside with two seconds left to give the Wranglers a 75-73 victory.

Along with White's 20, Jeff Gibson and Floyd Singleton each scored 11 points. Benoit led all

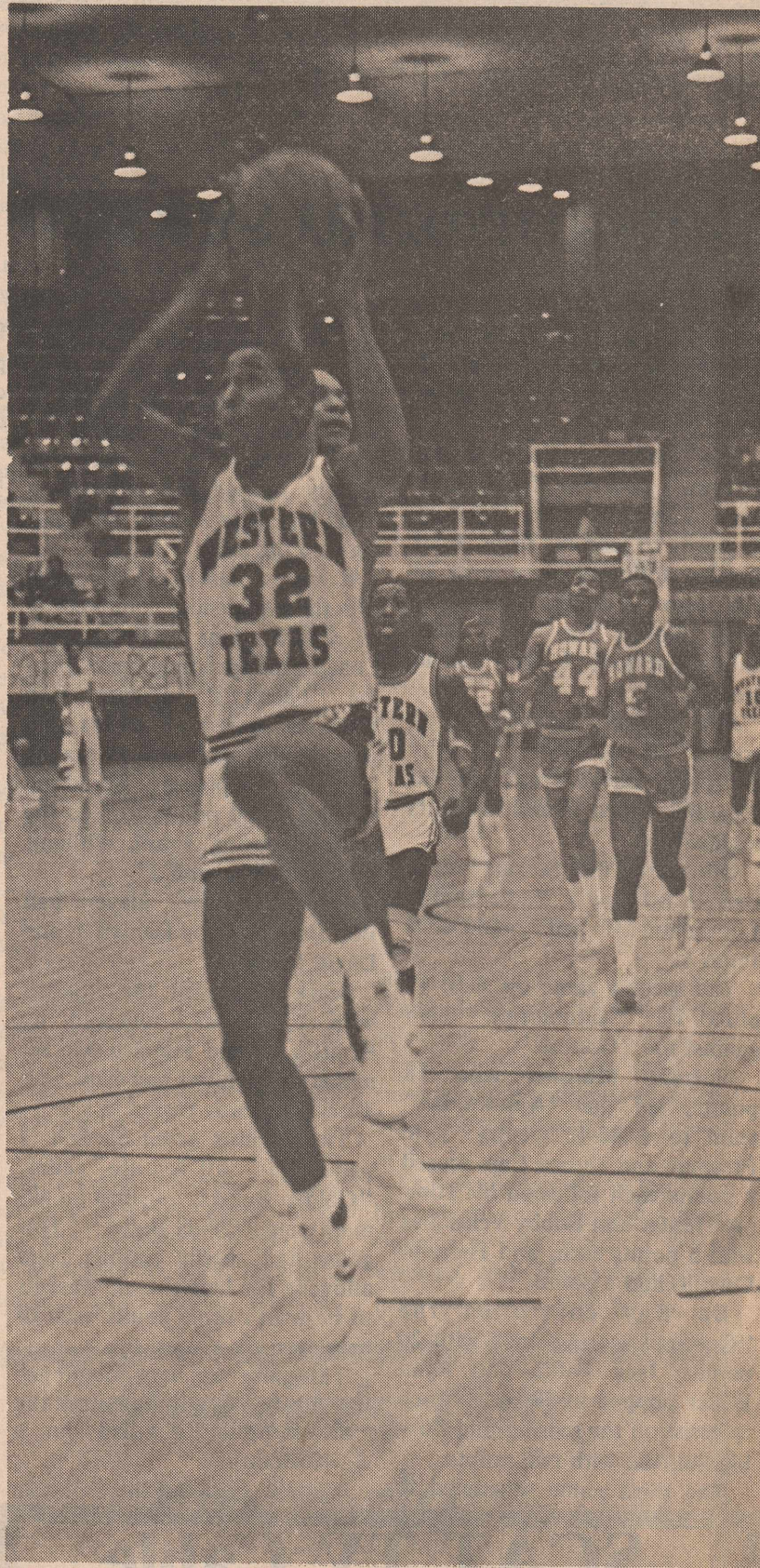
scorers with 25 points.

In a makeup game played Saturday in Snyder, the WTC men used a balanced attack to whip South Plains College 80-63. Leading scorers for WTC were Victor Spencer and Singleton with 14 points each. James Dawn scored 13, Alvin Hicks added 12 and Ed Teal 9. Steve Lilford of SPC, the conference's second leading scorer, scored 15 points, all in the first half.

On Feb. 7 in the Scurry County Coliseum, the Westerners ran over Howard 105-87. WTC shot an incredible 77 percent from the field, 49 of 63. Western Texas was led by Spencer with 22 points (15 of those in the second half). Hicks popped in 17, Dawn had

14, Singleton hit for 13, and Gibson added 12. WTC dominated the game with a fast break that resulted in 39 baskets from inside the lane.

The site was Roswell, N.M. Feb. 4 as New Mexico Military Institute hosted the WTC men. In an exciting double-overtime contest, NMMI left with an 88-85 victory. Clifford Wiggins scored 22 points and Eric Adams had 19 for the Broncos. Joe Johnson scored 17, including a big 3-point play to tie the contest at 85-85. Dawn led WTC with 20 points, Hicks and Spencer scored 14 apiece, White had 13 and Singleton hit for 10. WTC struggled at the free throw line by hitting only 33 percent.



BREAKAWAY — James Dawn of WTC outruns a charging defender on his way to a fast break basket in a recent win over Howard College. WTC faces Clarendon tonight in Clarendon. — Photo by Lawrence McCown

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