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Financial aid information systems prove deficient

Washington, D.C. (CPS) — Poor and minority high school students do not know about college financial aid, and many are not enrolling in college as a result, the authors of a recent study concluded.

In a broad indictment of colleges, and federal and state financial aid officials, authors of the National Student Aid Coalition (NSAC) report said the current system for disseminating financial aid information is woefully inadequate.

"There are all kind of pieces missing from a comprehensive information system," said NSAC spokeswoman Linda Berkshire.

The 37-page NSAC report, released Feb. 25, said the disadvantaged students who need financial aid the most don't have access to information about aid programs because colleges do not recruit inner-city students.

Even more damning, the report said available reference guides to aid frequently are outdated, inaccurate or difficult to understand.

The systems for telling the students about the oft-changing rules and funding levels for many programs can't keep up with all the changes, the report said.

The report added that non-traditional students, such as adults who want to continue their formal education, face similar obstacles because the government counts on high schools to tell

students about aid.

"Although these nontraditional students are the largest growing component of postsecondary enrollments, they often do not realize their opportunities for financial aid, principally because they are not in high schools where the information is most available," the report warned.

The report faulted the federal Department of Education for concentrating on telling students how not to get federal aid.

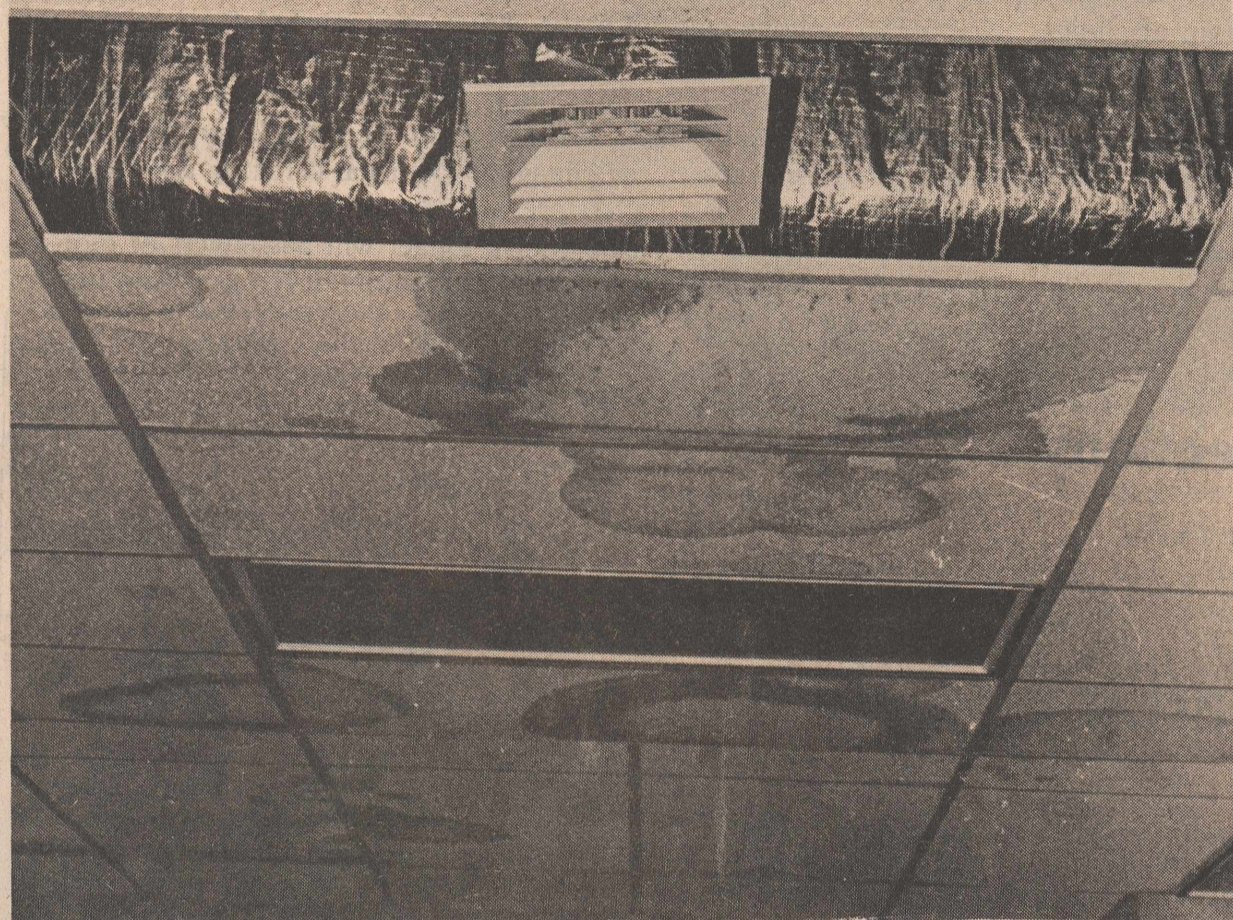
"They put out posters saying things like the best way not to get financial aid is not to register for the draft and not repay student loans," Berkshire said. "The information they're putting out is all negative."

States spend less than one-half of one percent of the aid funds disseminating information on what's available, the report noted.

Leaders of NSAC's 37 member organizations said they need new ways of giving students the word.

Berkshire said that although the report does not identify potential ways to pay for such advertising, NSAC may help organize a fund drive.

A master calendar to coordinate the timing of financial aid programs, and a guide geared to high school juniors and sophomores also would help, the report's authors said.



RUPTURED CEILING — Massive water spots on ceilings in Building 2C have resulted from rainwater collecting in the low-center construction of the roof and causing leakage. In a related incident, Robert Adams' government class was briefly interrupted last Tuesday night when a rain-soaked ceiling tile crashed onto the floor.

—Photo by Lawrence McCown

Suicide pills or handguns...

Proposals may cancel each other

Austin, TX (CPS) — Conservative students at the University of Texas are trying to undermine a "suicide pill" anti-nuclear weapons referendum by submitting a plan they acknowledge is only slightly less absurd.

Leaders of the Texas Review Society say they have collected 500 signatures on a petition calling for a vote on a proposal to stockpile handguns for use in the event of a Soviet invasion.

They drafted the petition after anti-nuclear weapons activists circulated a petition seeking a vote on a plan to stockpile pills to dramatize the consequences of nuclear war.

"We're hoping these two proposals will cancel each other out," said UT junior John Colyandro, editor of the conservative journal, *Texas Review*.

The proposal to stockpile suicide pills is at least the third of its kind to be drafted since students at Brown University originated the idea last fall.

Brown students endorsed the plan by a 60 to 40 percent margin in mid-October.

Later that month, however, the idea was rejected by a 58 to 42 percent margin in a student referendum at the University of Colorado.

Leaders on both sides of the debate at UT expected that backers of the suicide pill referendum would be able to gather sufficient signatures to put the proposal on the March 5-6 ballot.

Still, the leader of the suicide pill referendum drive, graduate student Bernard Roth, said he resents the attempt by the conservatives to thwart his proposal.

"They have no constructive goals," Roth told the UT student newspaper, the *Daily Texan*. "They just want to confuse people, misdirect them."

"They're taking a kindergarten kind of attitude and they're playing kindergarten games," he said.

Colyandro contends the pro-

posal to stockpile handguns makes more sense because a Soviet invasion is more likely than a nuclear attack.

Moreover, he says, the handguns would demonstrate that UT students "are not so cowardly as to resort to suicide pills."

He acknowledged, however, that the purpose of the proposal is to undermine Roth's.

"We don't want the University of Texas name attached to such a proposal," he said of the suicide pill referendum.

Colyandro says his group collected about 500 signatures in 10 days. But he said he expected to fall short of the 1,000 signatures required to make the ballot.

The *Texas Review* is one of about 75 conservative student publications across the country established with the help of a grant from the Institute for Educational Affairs, a conservative foundation based in New York.

Campus Briefs

Rodeo queen

Nominees will be named today for the Rodeo Queen Contest. Contestants will ride in the grand entry ceremonies during the opening night performance April 11 of the WTC Rodeo. The queen presentation will follow the grand entry.

The winner of the queen contest will receive a hand-engraved trophy buckle.

The selection of the queen is based on several factors. They include ticket sales, academic standing, poise and grooming, and personality.

The queen will ride in the grand entry and be introduced at each performance of the rodeo. She will also present the trophy buckles and awards to the event winners during the final performance.

Representative due

A representative from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls will be on campus April 11. The representative will be set up in the Student Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to visit with students interested in attending the university.

Spring formal

Students need to begin making preparations to attend the spring formal April 16.

The theme for this year will be oriental. All students are urged to attend. This will be the final dance of the semester.

Chili cook-off

Western Texas College will hold its first Chili Cook-off April 2.

Three divisions may be entered: Division I, faculty and staff; Division II, students; Division III, faculty and students. Only one division may be entered.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the division winners. Second place division prize is \$15. The grand champion will receive a trophy and the showmanship winners will receive \$25.

Participants must furnish everything and the minimum amount entrants can cook is five pounds. Space and one table will be provided per entry.

Entries will be accepted until noon April 2 with judging beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested may sign up in the Student Activities Office in the Student Center.

First in general excellence

'Texan receives award

The *Western Texan* received first place in general excellence in its division at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association convention March 14-16 in Denver, Colo.

The *Texan* also received third place in typography/layout.

Several individual awards were won in the competition in design, sports column, news feature and editorial cartoon. Second places

were won in general column, sports photography and news photography by staff members.

First place awards were received in sports photography and illustrations.

Names of the individual winners were not available at press time.

Cyndi Trujillo serves as editor of *The Western Texan*. Advisers are Lucy Herrera and Diane Arnold.

Three-part series...

Dormitory regulations may be changed at requests

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a three-part series concerning the WTC dormitories. This article focuses on rules and regulations of the dorms and special services offered.

By Cyndi Trujillo

Students living in the dorms must obey certain rules and regulations. Reasonable changes can be made however, at the students' request. Special services are also available.

A recent petition drawn up by dormitory students resulted in new visitation and lobby hours.

The lobby is open 24 hours now which allows students to come and go as they please. Prior to the new hours, the lobby was closed at 2 a.m.

At Cisco Junior College, no curfew is imposed. However, each dormitory is locked up at 11 p.m. for security purposes. Students returning after the doors have been locked must be admitted by the security person on duty.

1-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 1-4 p.m. and 6-12 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Visitors, male or female, are allowed in individual's rooms as long as proper procedures are followed.

Visitors must be invited and sign in and out at the desk in the main lobby.

At Howard College, visitors must leave some type of identification at the desk when checking in as well as be accompanied by their host to the dorm room. A resident cannot have more than two visitors at a time.

HC's visitation hours are from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, 6-12 a.m. Friday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors of the opposite sex are not allowed in the dormitory rooms at CJC. Non-resident visitors of the same sex are allowed between the hours of 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-12 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Visitors of the opposite sex are only allowed in the lobbies at Odessa College. The host may receive and entertain their guest in that area only.

Despite the new visitation rules of WTC, some students still disagree with the procedures that must be followed.

"I think having to sign in is unfair," Toby Villa, Haskell native, said. "We should be able to go visit whenever we want."

"The sign-in rule is dumb because you don't think about it sometimes," said Anthony Smith of Dallas.

"If we didn't have rules, people would get out of hand," objected Chris Doles of Snyder.

Another major complaint of dormitory students concerns locking the back gates at 11 each night.

According to David Harr, dorm director, a certain amount of security is provided for students.

"The fences, which provide

bitterness for some students, is a good overall factor in the security of the dorms," Harr said.

Another means of security is a night watchman.

According to Harr, when he first came to WTC, the main lobby would be closed at 10 each night. Afterwards, activity was taken outside to the parking lot.

Problems were occurring, such as students spinning out in their cars and accidentally breaking windshields. The fences were put up to try and discourage students from staying in the parking lot and turn their activities inward where there could be a little more control, Harr said.

"This may sound bad to a student (having some means of controlling them) but an institution has to have a certain degree of control to maintain a program," he said.

Despite the many rules and regulations, the dorms offer many benefits for the students. The basic services offered at most

colleges are mail and laundry facilities.

WTC provides, in addition to these two, change machines,

movies for students remaining in the dorms over the weekend, a microwave and two television sets.

"My main concern and duty is the study," Harr said. Emphasis on what students like is relayed through the residence hall council and resident assistants.

"Some things you can do immediately and some things you can't," Harr added.

A fun service offered is the Dorm Doodler, a dorm bulletin which is placed on the inside of each restroom stall. "I think it's quite unique and frankly I don't know of many colleges that do this," Harr said.

A new facility recently built for students is the volleyball/basketball court on the southeast side of the dormitory.

Perspectives

Lawmakers overstep bounds

Safety belt law violates freedom of choice

The purpose of lawmakers and their policies is the betterment of the lives of their constituents and society as a whole. But, as recent actions by the legislature of Texas show, proposals are reaching beyond their purpose. Several bills presently on the floor of both houses, if passed, will deny citizens a vital part of a democratic society — the freedom of choice.

Most recent is the bill concerning the mandatory wearing of seat belts. Just passed by the Senate, this bill would make it illegal to drive without wearing seat belts. Lawmakers in favor of this bill argue that thousands of lives would be spared if the wearing of seat belts became mandatory. Those on the con side insist this law would result in nothing other than another reason to be pulled

over by the police. Realistically, it would be next to impossible to enforce this law.

Similarly, the law requiring children four years and younger to be fastened into child safety seats is already in effect. This provides solid proof of the degree of ridiculousness when lawmakers attempt to control moral judgment and make choices previously left up to the citizens.

Also on the agenda is the attempt to pass an open container law. This has yet to be ratified by the Senate. Along with the change in the legal drinking age from 19 to 21, lawmakers are yet attempting to make more choices of morality. No longer will passengers of motor vehicles to be able to drink alcoholic beverages. And no

longer will adults able to vote, marry and required to register for the draft be trusted with alcohol until age 21. Surprisingly, clubs selling alcohol have not raised their voices in defense of their largest group of customers. Apparently they have little to no hopes of reversing the law since government really have no choice.

Clearly, legislators and government have switched from passing laws vital to the betterment of society to attempting to make citizens' moral choices. Perhaps they should examine their roles and the existing responsibility of their constituents. This could be both important to the citizens and the re-election of lawmakers.

Reflections

Cyndi Trujillo

Spring fever attacks

Have you ever had one of those days where everything seems to go wrong? How about one of those semesters?

I think spring fever is in the air and I've got the worst case ever! It's so easy for me to skip classes and put aside my homework. I'd much rather sit home and watch my soaps. Now, isn't that dumb?

Education isn't free, and thinking back, it's not wise for someone to pay so much and not take advantage of this opportunity to obtain a higher education.

With tuition rapidly increasing, I don't think I can afford to go to school any longer than I have to. The sooner I finish my education, the less I'll have to pay.

In the end, everything even-

tually pays off. Take, for example, all the hours my staff and I put in on getting our news-paper out. We were rewarded by winning the general excellence award in our division at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association competition. Several individual awards were also won.

It's things like this that make it all worthwhile.

So many of the older students I've talked to have advised me to finish now. They speak from the experience of being out in the real world, working day after day.

I guess I should be thankful for having the opportunity to attend college, instead of complaining. I think it's about time for an attitude adjustment. Would anyone else like to join me?

Speculation

Wendy Hodge

"A big problem for women when summer approaches is shaving...we allow our legs to turn into housing for bushes during the winter."

Bodies prepare for warm weather

With spring coming on fast, we are all concerned with the color of our skin. Those who are fair complexioned are starting out with the sunblock, and those lucky dark complexioned people are dousing on the oil. Isn't it aggravating how the majority of us belong to the group that's in the middle of the two?

When we have medium complexioned skin, we sunburn the first few times we are really exposed to the sun. But if we use sunblock we don't get the slightest bit of coloration to our skin except for the white of sunblock.

Men are beginning to go outside without their shirts to work

on their tan so that women will be attracted to them. The only thing is, we will rarely see them without their shirts after they get such a great tan.

Anyhow, the girls aren't quite ready yet, because we also feel like we need a head start. How would it look if we were the only ones at the pool who didn't already have a tan? It would realistically appear as though we were the only ones who didn't have time to visit the tanning booth, or we just couldn't afford it. Luckily we still have a little time to work with the natural sun, and the rates are a lot more reasonable.

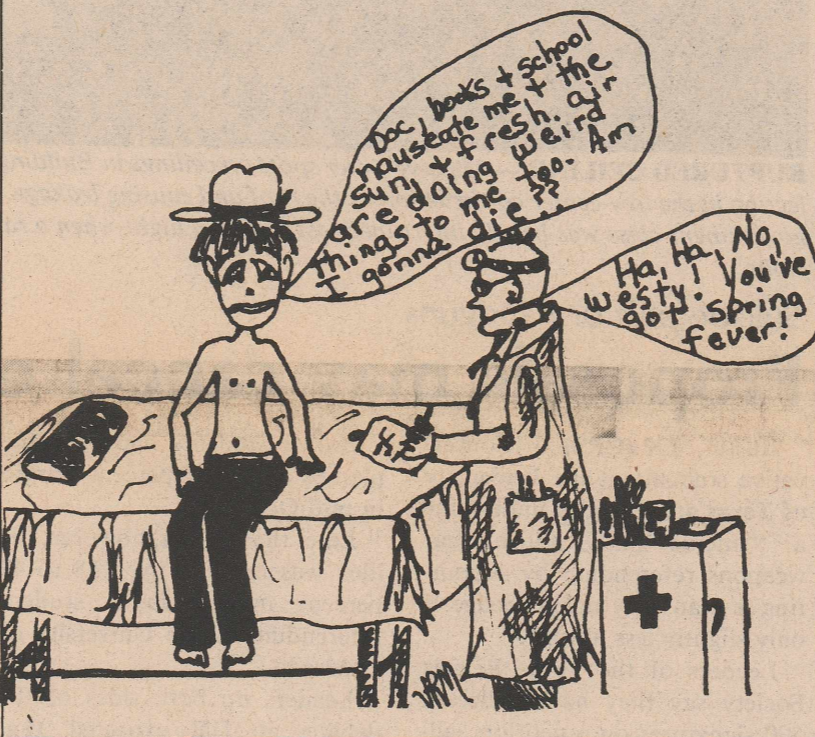
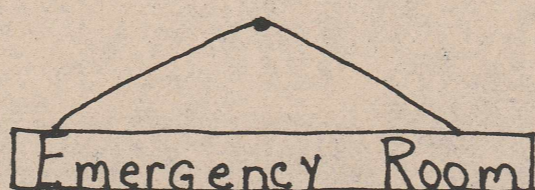
Suntanning isn't the only craze

we get into as summer approaches. We all suddenly become instant bodybuilders. Not to be prejudiced, but the guys are really bad about this. It's true that women are attracted to muscles, but it's also a fact that we would rather spend time with them than have them spend all their time making their bodies beautiful for us and never seeing us.

A big problem for women when summer approaches is shaving. We allow our legs to turn into housing for bushes during the winter. Who knows why, but we generally think nobody will see them, and besides that, it will keep us warmer, kind of like

a fur coat for the legs. Whatever our interest in preparing for the summer, some of us will be stuck inside working on research papers. Of course, others have already gotten theirs over with. We are the lucky group. We don't have to find time for working in the library, and we don't have to find excuses for not finding time to work in the library. Thank goodness there are some instructors who are kind enough to allow us to get it over with. For those of you who are not lucky enough to be working under the instruction of such a teacher, I guess all that can be said is "Better luck next time."

Westy's Wit



What do YOU think?

What do you think about the new safety belt law?—
Kathy Stout



"I think it's excellent. It's been the law in several states and statistics show it saves a lot of lives. I think it should apply to the back seat passengers, too."
Monette Sentell Snyder, Texas



"I guess it's a good idea. I haven't really given it that much thought."
Jay Goswick Ira, Texas



"I like it because it's going to prevent deaths."
Angie Castillo Post, Texas



"I think it's a good law and should be enforced. If I'm going to get a ticket, I'll wear mine."
Eddie Bolden Hamlin, Texas



"I'm for it. Even though it may be inconvenient, it could save your life someday. It's better to be safe than sorry."
Vera Lopez Snyder, Texas



"I don't see why not. I don't think the police will care and enforce it very often."
Jeff May Garland, Texas

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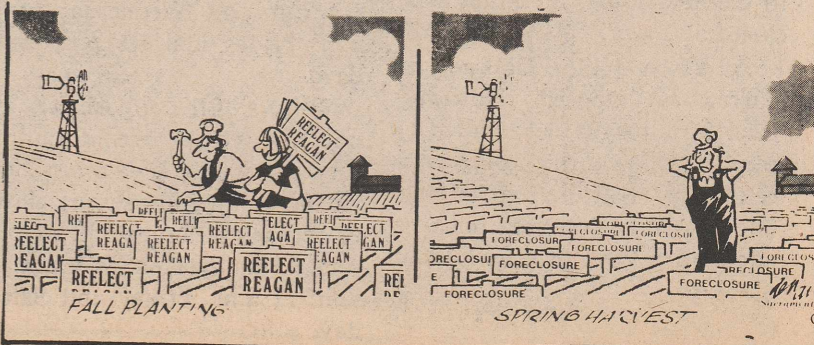
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On Campus

St. Louis...

PTK attends national confab

Phi Theta Kappa had several projects in March.

Eleven PTK members left for the national convention in St. Louis, Missouri yesterday. The theme of the convention is "Orwell's 1984 in '84: Myth or Reality?"

Attending are Brent Simpson, Russel Smith, Aaron Knight, Ron Nedry, Lorena Mendoza, Cathy Caddell, Janet Lee, Michele Chiang, Sarah Miller, Robyn Turner, Pat Blakely and Drs. Mary and Duane Hood.

Danny Hunter, former WTC student and national PTK president, will preside at the convention.

Approximately 50 students, both PTK members and volunteers, served at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, March 21. After the banquet, the group washed dishes.

Six hundred dollars was to be

made off of the project. However, Roy Baze, president of WTC's board of trustees, impressed with the work of the group, agreed to raise the amount to \$1,000. The money will help defer the cost of the Honors Institute, May 19-25 in Durango, Colo.

Members also helped tally scores for the agriculture department, March 19, during the cattle and land judging competition.

Six members attended the state convention. Pzi Zeta, the WTC chapter of PTK, conducted registration.

Pzi Zeta was elected as state secretary for next year. Cathy Caddell is currently filling this position.

Caddell also received the Distinguished Service Award which is given to the most outstanding member in Texas. The award includes a \$300

scholarship to the Honors Institute.

Dr. Duane Hood was elected as secretary to the Texas Sponsor's Committee. This is a progressive committee which will allow Hood to become vice-chairperson then chairperson in following year.

Dr. Mary Hood received the Mary Wilson Outstanding Sponsor Award.

"I consider this to be a very important award," Hood said.

Attending the convention were Simpson, Smith, Tim Metzger, Caddell, Mendoza, Miller and the Hoods.

Members were in charge of the concession stand at the Regional Tournament, March 5-9.

Upcoming events include the annual President's breakfast given by the American Association for Community and Junior Colleges, April 16, in San Diego, Calif.



ATTENDED CONVENTION — Six members of the Pzi Zeta, the WTC chapter of PTK, attended the state convention held in Lampasas. Back row are sponsor Dr. Mary Hood, Brent Simpson, Russel Smith, Tim Metzger and Dr. Duane Hood. Front row are Cathy Caddell, Lorena Mendoza, and Sarah Miller. Photo compliments of PTK



STUDENTS — Janet Lee and Michele Chiang from Singapore express their feelings about attending Western Texas College. Lee came to WTC last May and Chiang enrolled last fall. Photo by Jerry Snelling

Singaporians adjusting to Texas life

By Cyndi Trujillo

Attending college in Snyder has been an adjustment for Janet Lee and Michele Chiang from Singapore.

The wide open, flat land is a complete change of scenery from the high rises and hustle and bustle of city life. Singapore has a population of 2.5 million in an area of 224 square miles.

"There's hardly anybody here," Lee said. "It's slow and refreshing for the soul but very boring."

Lee came to WTC in May of last year. "It's a promise I had made to myself," she said.

Chiang was originally going to attend college in Australia, but ended up at WTC for the fall semester. Chiang and Lee attended pre-university (high school) together.

According to Lee, the United States, as a whole, offers a flexi-

ble education system which is free and easy. In Singapore, there is only one university, Singapore University. Students must take set courses, according to their majors.

"The U.S. offers a broad range of courses to choose from," Lee said. "In Singapore, people would not know about history and English, but only their specialized field."

Getting accepted into Singapore University is very difficult and competitive. Students take an entrance exam, which follows the Cambridge University degree.

The official language of Singapore is English, but their own language is also learned.

"We eat a lot of American food in Singapore," Chiang said. "Also everyone wears jeans and shirts just like they do here."

Chiang has two brothers and one sister. She is majoring in

management information systems and plans to return home during the summer. She enjoys reading and swimming.

Lee has one sister and four brothers. She also plans to major in management information sys-

tems, but isn't sure what her summer plans are. Lee's hobbies include playing racquetball and tennis, reading, and watching TV.

Lee and Chiang are PTK members at WTC.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN — PTK members left yesterday en route to St. Louis. Pictured left to right are: Aaron Knight, Lorena Mendoza, Cathy Caddell, Pat Blakely and Sarah Miller. Photo by Jerry Snelling

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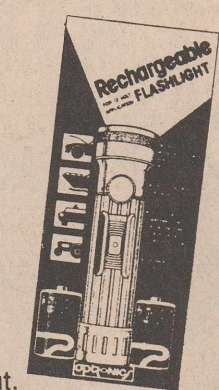


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Features

Reception, tours highlight Senior Day



WELCOME — Snyder High School seniors were greeted at WTC with a reception in the Student Center. Guided tours conducted by faculty and staff followed.



MOMENT OF LEISURE — The students take it easy before being assembled into their tour groups.

Photos

by

Jerry Snelling



IMPRESSIONS — The new gym floor, racquetball courts, swimming pool and weight room were impressed on the visiting students.



CHECKING IT OUT — Students toured the dormitory facilities and visited one student's room. Dorm housing at WTC provides room for 192 students.

April 11-14

18 schools to participate in rodeo

By David Stewart

The Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo will be held April 11-14 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Approximately 18 schools from the southwest region of the NIRA will be represented.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a matinee Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., in which the top 10 from the previous four performances will compete.

One of the highlights of the rodeo will be the selection of the rodeo queen on opening night.

The rodeo bucking stock is provided by Harry Bold Rodeo Company, a top professional rodeo stock contractor.

Expected contestants for WTC, according to Bob Doty,

rodeo coach, will include John Bickmeyer, Tony Hecksher, Bliss Mayhan, Max McGuire, and Mike Carrillo in bareback. Competing in saddle bronc are Tobin Tate, Van Hale, and Mayhan. Bull riding contestants will be Tate, Jason Phillips, Hale, Mayhan and Greg Rhodes. Tate will also compete in the calf roping with Glenn Jordan, David Jones, Gary Rowe, Jeff Reynolds, Ben Reynolds, Donnie Yorks, Todd Small, and Don Eddleman. The steer wrestling competition will include WTC's Chris Carpenter, Jordan, John Foster, Rowe and Yorks. The team roping will feature Cody Foster, John Foster, Mark Mauldin, Jones, Small, Eddleman, Jim Forbes, and Lori Byrd. WTC women who will compete

in breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying are Judy Cox, Niki Moist, Tana Whatley, and Canita Cass. Nixie Brewster will compete in barrels only.

Mac Taplin, a transfer student from Southwest Texas Junior College, was injured in an open rodeo in Abilene over spring break. He will be bed-ridden for six to eight weeks.

Taplin suffered a back injury when a horse rolled over on him. He had just become eligible to participate for WTC and would have competed in this rodeo.

Admission to the rodeo is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students, and children under school age are admitted free. All WTC students, faculty, and staff are admitted free with an ID.



GUITAR PLAYING — Ron Nedry from Temple plays the guitar for recreation and relaxation, a hobby he likes to do when he's not out on the golf greens. Photo by Kathy Stout

Attempting Bach Golfer strokes guitar in spare time

By Wendy Hodge

If you haven't heard him playing the guitar in the dorms, then you've probably heard his name circulated around the golf course.

Ron Nedry, freshman from Temple, has only been playing the guitar for about a year, but his talent is obvious when you hear students around campus talking about his ability to play. He can play at least one tune from almost all of the popular rock bands, but Nedry likes a challenge.

The green-eyed golfer is currently trying to master an arrangement by Bach on the guitar. He says that in approximately six months he will have the number polished. He enjoys this hobby, and he gets a lot of attention around the dorms. He often receives requests, and luckily for his friends, he can play just about anything they want to hear.

He prefers to play the more difficult songs such as "Dust in the Wind." He said that most rock songs are fairly simple to play, but the more difficult songs have "ten fingers moving ten different directions." Nedry is currently taking a class to learn to read music. In the past he has played by ear.

After playing guitar for a while, he'll go out to the golf course. Nedry had the best tournament scoring average on the WTC golf team last semester; this was surprising though, since he qualified seventh for the semester.

Like most golfers, Nedry got his first push from his father. He was only eight years old when he started, and his father urged him

to keep at it. He attributes much of his success to his father, mainly because he financed all of his golfing. He attributes his mental attitude to his high school coach.

To be a good golfer, Nedry said, "It takes a lot of patience and a lot of luck." He chose WTC because he heard that if a person wanted to learn to play golf he should come to West Texas and try it with the wind.

After he finishes at WTC, Nedry is thinking of going to South West Texas State University in San Marcos. He hasn't really made a final decision yet.

Next time you need a pointer on golf or relaxation to the sound of a guitar, Ron Nedry will be the best man to talk to about either one.

'Mural basketball wraps up schedule; volleyball contests provide challenge

By Frank Casas

Intramural basketball championship games were played March 7 with the "Storms" capturing the division A championship and the "Wallbangers" taking the division B title.

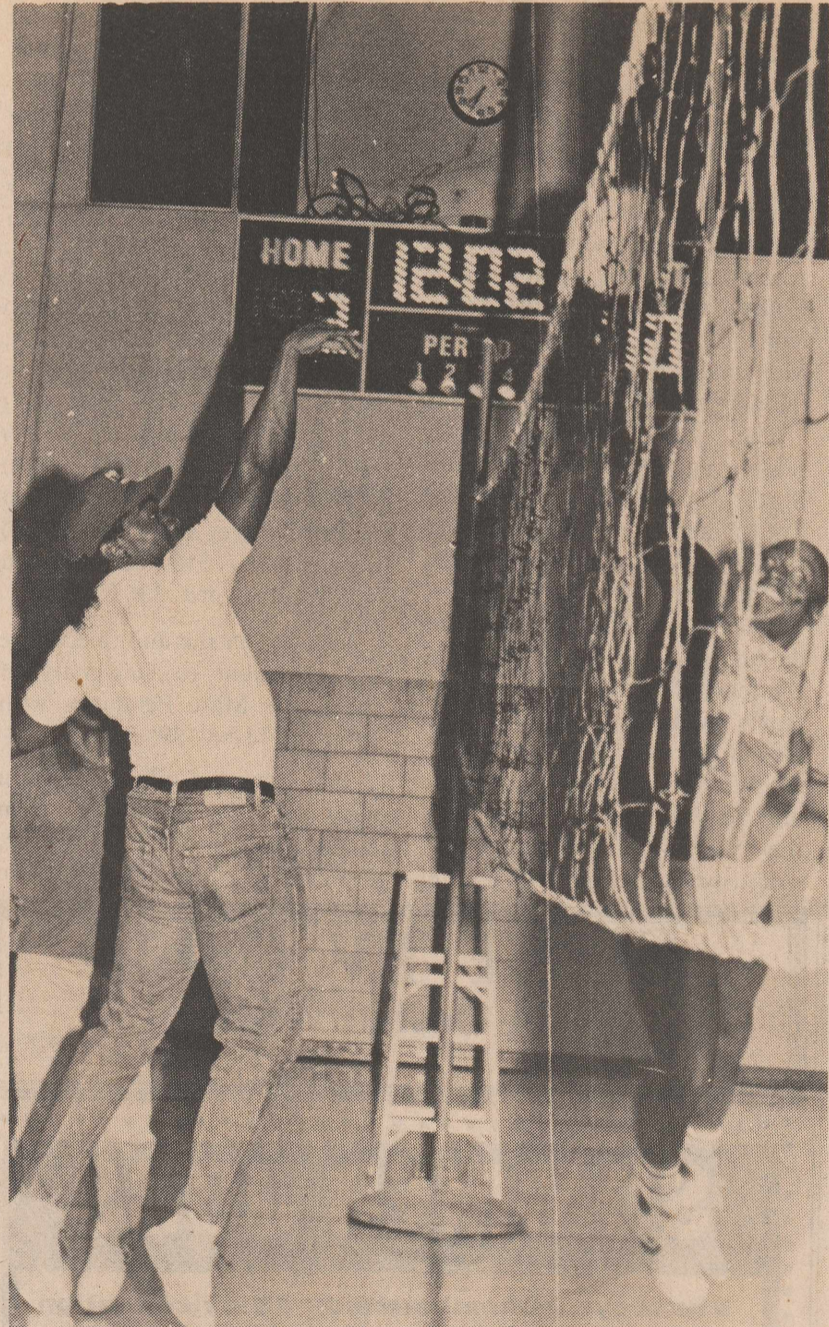
The "Storms" upset the "Powells" 47-43. David Pruitt led the "Storms" with 16 points, Eddie Bolden busted 14 and Jeff Merket bagged 10. David Jones contributed four points, Shannon Mitchell scored two and Derrick Bethany added one.

Jardy Powell busted 13 points to lead the "Powell" team. Terry Ridgeway swished in 10 points, Haden Merket followed with eight, Yardy Powell dished in six, Jay Claxton scored four and Chris McKinney added two.

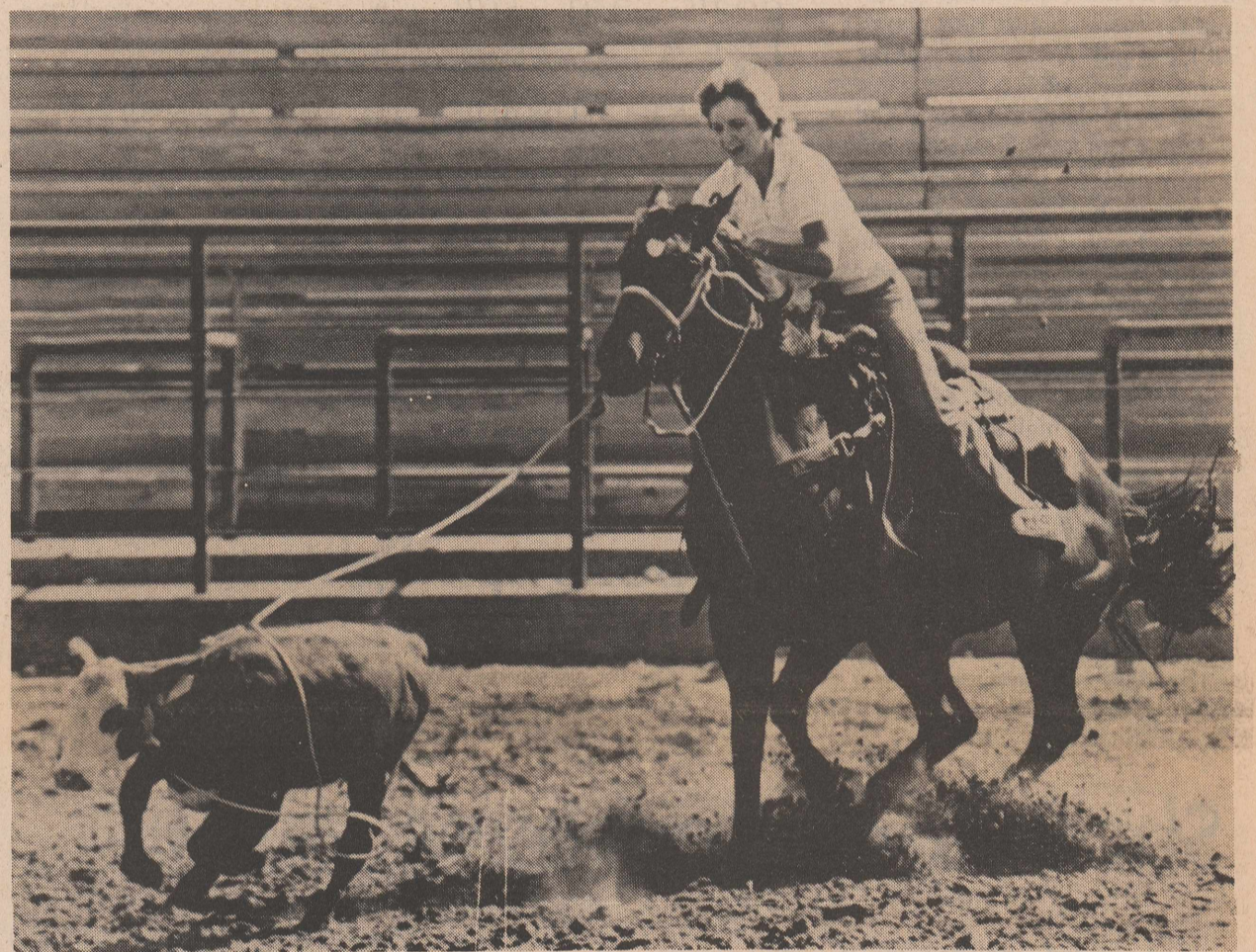
The "Wallbangers" became division B champions when they slipped by the "Silver Bullets," 31-30. Donnie York led the "Wallbangers" with 10 points, Max McGuire followed with nine and Chris Carpenter bagged six. Ernie Lambert bagged four points and James Hanks scored two.

The "Silver Bullet" scoring was a team effort as Rudy Carreon led with eight points, Mark Wuenshe and Tobin Tate bagged six points apiece, Freddie Vilia busted four points and Eric Lundering added two.

Intramural volleyball action began March 19 with the "Lakers" getting tromped 21-5 by the "Children of the Court." The "Dirty Dozen" slipped by the "Oreo Express," 21-15 and the "Silver Bullets" stomped on the "Black Knights," 21-6. The "Faculty" edged by the "Spikers," 21-18 and in the final game "WTC Mixed" defeated the "A" team, 21-16.



SPIKE — Derrick Bethany from Spur, slams the ball back at Eddie Bolden from Hamlin in recent intramural volleyball action. Volleyball began March 19. Photo by Lawrence McCown



READY FOR RODEO — Nikki Moist from Star, Idaho practices her calf roping earlier this semester. She will be competing for WTC in the WTC Rodeo April 11-14 in breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying. Staff photo

Westerners lose to Howard in overtime; conclude season with 19-13 record

By David Stewart

The Westerners finished their season with an overtime loss to Howard College 71-70 March 2. Their season record was 19-13.

The Westerners, who had beaten Howard twice during the season, fell victim to Al Willis' clutch 15 foot shot at the buzzer.

Alvin Hicks had just hit a baseline shot for the Westerners with seven seconds left to give WTC a one point lead. Then Willis took the inbound and dribbled the length of the court to hit the game winner.

Hicks led WTC with 18 points,

James Dawn scored 16, and Victor Spencer added 14 points.

On Thursday, Feb. 28 in Scurry County Coliseum, the regional champion Midland Chaparrals defeated the Westerners, 82-73. Tevlin Binns, 6'9" sophomore, ignited Midland's rally with a couple of slam dunks as the Chaps came

from behind to grab the win.

Dawn led WTC with 20 points, Spencer scored 11 and Hicks 10 to round out the players in double figures.

Midland College went on to win the regional tournament held in Scurry County Coliseum defeating McClennan Community College in the final, 69-67.

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Sports

Dusters accept defeat; look to new challenges

By Frank Casas

The WTC Dusters experienced the agony of defeat March 7 when the Odessa Lady Wranglers took advantage of crucial turnovers, the Dusters missed some very important free throws, and the Lady Wranglers slipped past WTC 56-55 in the championship game of the women's portion of the Oil Belt Region V Basketball Tournament in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The Dusters were winning 55-49 with 1:50 left to play in the game. Odessa tightened up on their defense and began to control the rebounds, but it was crucial missed free throws that cost the Dusters the regional crown.

Coach Joe Cushing said, "I was so very proud of our team and what they accomplished this year. The game with Odessa was a heartbreaker for them. I was sad for them because they played so hard and deserved to win the game. Basketball is a funny game in those kind of situations and anything can happen. We can only hope Odessa wins the national championship and stays undefeated because we know in our hearts that we are the ones who outplayed, out hustled and almost pulled off the upset of the year. We have no regrets concerning the game. Our heads are high, our spirits are high and our goals

are still high."

First-team All-Conference Clara "Speed" Campbell, 6'2" Dallas sophomore, led the Dusters with 28 points and

"I was so very proud of our team and what (the Dusters) accomplished this year...we have no regrets...our heads are high, our spirits are high and our goals are still high."

Joe Cushing

brought down 15 rebounds. Renvy Evans added 10 points and Patti Hayes busted in nine.

The Dusters finished the season with a 31-6 record, the

best Duster record yet. This was the first time that the Dusters reached the finals of the regional tournament in nine years of play.

The Dusters swept by the Amarillo Lady Badgers 69-63 March 6 to earn a spot in the tournament finals against Odessa.

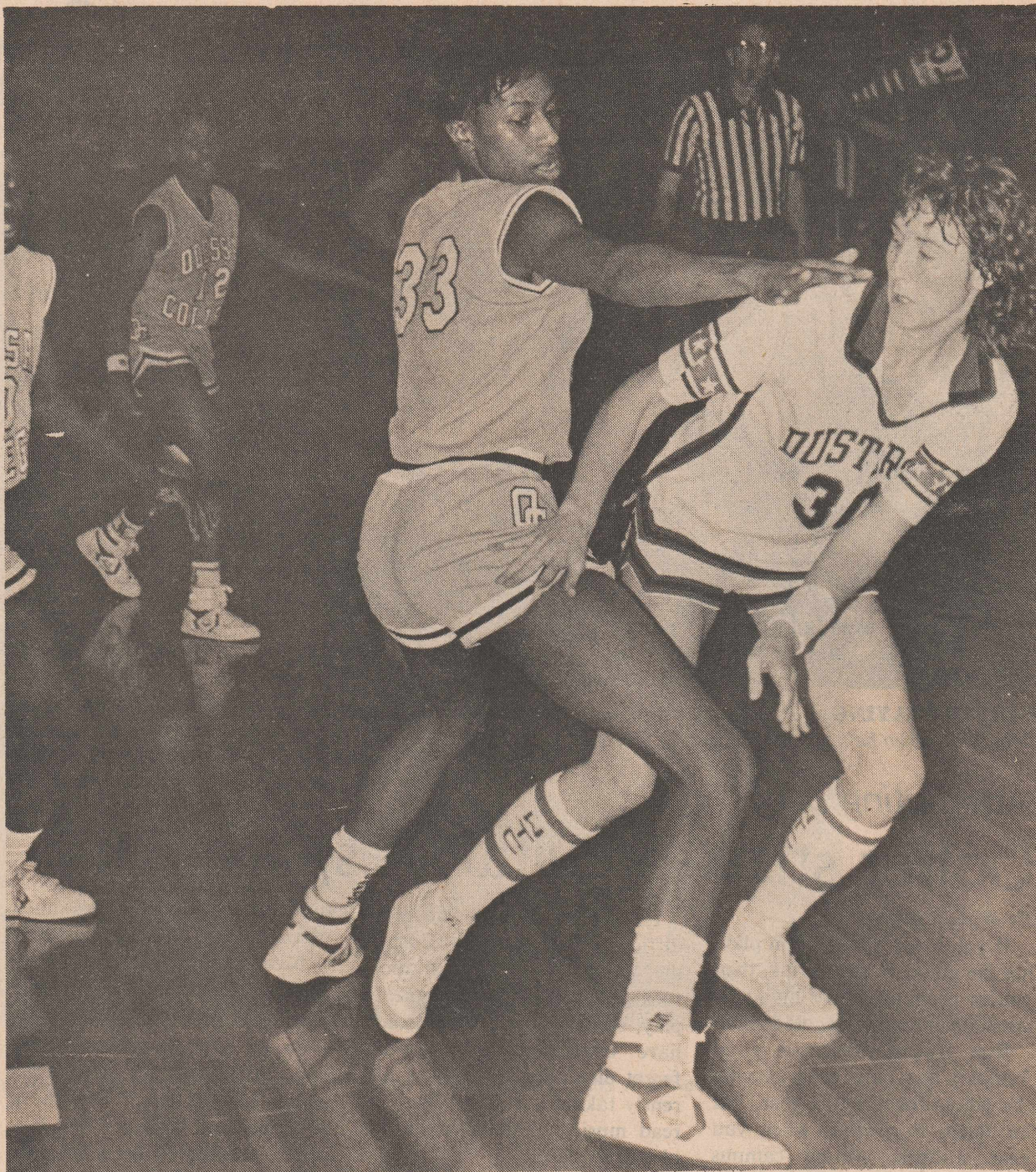
Campbell led the Dusters with 26 points (20 of those coming in the second half), and 12 rebounds. Evans bagged 12 points, Lyndy French bagged 10 points and added seven assists. Hayes scored nine and Rhonda Hoelting added eight.

The Dusters opened up the first round of the tournament with a 68-52 victory over McLennan Community College. Campbell dominated all scorers with 28 points. Hayes and Evans added 10 points each, Rhonda Chisum contributed eight and French six.

Linetta Richardson, Campbell and Hayes all pulled down seven rebounds apiece to lead the Dusters to their victory.

This victory made the Duster record 30-5 and allowed them to advance to the second round against Amarillo.

Cushing said, "We have a good nucleus to build around next year and I look forward to creating a new team around our sophomores. They are quality players and people and I'm very proud they chose to return next year."



PRESSURE — Renvy Evans, Duster sophomore from Midland, bounce passes the ball away while an Odessa Lady Wrangler pressures her in the championship game of the Oil Belt Region V tournament March 7 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Odessa defeated WTC, 56-55. Photo by Jerry Snelling



Sports spotlight

Dave Stewart

Shot clock improves game

The NCAA tournament is down to the final four. It looks like this could be the final season without a shot clock, and it's about time! Maybe the fans, coaches and players have finally had enough of the stall-ball.

A 45-second clock is perfect for college basketball. Teams still have plenty of time to set up their offense and look for a good shot, but will not be able to hold the ball in a boring stall. The shot clock will also eliminate the need to foul late in the game in order to try to get the ball back. Most college games turn into a free throw shooting contest instead of real full court basketball. It's the only sport where a team is forced to break the rules to try to catch

up. I can't believe fans really enjoy watching a team pass the ball around without even trying to score. It's boring. Even when a team does stall, more often than not it backfires. Too many teams try to stall with a one or two point lead and usually they will commit a turnover and lose the game. A shot clock keeps a coach from having to make a bad decision late in the game.

One of the arguments against a shot clock is that a weaker team has a chance to stay in the game against a stronger team by slowing the game down. The object of any game is to win. If one team is weaker than the other, that team deserves to lose. The shot clock

forces the teams to play ball and the best team should win.

Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs made some interesting remarks about not having a shot clock following a loss to Memphis State. Tubbs said, "If fans knew what kind of game they were going to see, they could have sold 8,000 tickets instead of 17,000!" He was angry at the referees and about the lack of a shot clock.

Most coaches believe the fans are cheated when a team uses the slow-down game. Tubbs even said he would vote for a 20-second clock! If a shot clock is used next year, we can look forward to a great season of college basketball, where the better teams win.

Linksters participate in 'difficult' tourney

By Frank Casas

"This tournament is the second most difficult but best field to play on," Coach Dave Foster said in regard to the 17th Annual Southern Junior-Senior College Golf Invitational Tournament the WTC golfers are participating in today through Sunday at Dadeville, Alabama. Foster added, "The only other toughest competition will be at nationals. Only one Texas team has won the Annual Southern Junior-Senior College Golf Invitational Tournament in 17 years, and that was McLennan. They went on to win the national tournament.

The golfers opened spring season play at the Sam Houston State University Invitational Tournament, at Elkins Lake Country Club in Huntsville Feb. 28-March 1.

The rainy weather proved to be an annoying factor to WTC as the team finished 10th out of 13 teams competing, according to Coach Dave Foster.

"We started playing in the rain and finished in the rain. Thursday we could not finish our round because of standing water

on the greens," Foster said. "WTC played well the first round until the last four holes we finished on Friday. Friday afternoon we finished the second 18 holes and played better." He added, "We have a lot of work ahead of us."

The team scores for the Junior College Division, were: (1) University of Houston, 294-296-590; (2) McLennan, 299-293-592; (3) Alexander City, Alabama, 305-303-608; (4) Paris, 314-295-609; (5) New Mexico Military Institute, 308-306-614; (6) Temple, 308-308-616; (7) San Jacinto, 308-311-619; (8) Grayson, 317-306-623; (9) Jacksonville, 323-305-628; (10) WTC, 323-308-631; (11) South Plains College, 323-309-632; (12) Lon Morris, 315-323-638; and (13) Weatherford, 336-320-656.

Medalist in the Junior College Division went to University of Houston's Marc Pendaries with scores of 71-68-139.

The Senior College Division winning scores were Sam Houston State University, 294-293-587; Stephen F. Austin

University, 302-294-596, and East Texas State University scoring 301-309-610. Medalist for the division was University of Houston's Mark Squaries with 71-72-143.

Individual WTC golf scores were Ryan Heller, 78-75-153; Ron Nedry, 78-77-155; Pat Fitzpatrick and Bob Stangby both scored 85-78-163; and Mark Bailey finished with an 82-81-163.

The golf team travelled to Corpus Christi to participate in the Padre Island Intercollegiate Invitational March 11-14.

Scores for this tournament were, (1) University of Mary Hardin Baylor (purple team), 298-304-315-917; (2) Central State University, 296-305-328-929; (3) WTC, 304-299-327-930; (4) Jacksonville College, 311-302-323-937; (5) University of Texas at San Antonio, 310-304-327-941; (6) Hardin-Simmons University, 313-328-343-984; (7) Prairie View A&M, 328-321-356-1005; (8) University of Mary Hardin Baylor (gold), 333-324-349-1006; and (9) Concordia Junior College with a 403-377-418-1197.

Medalist tie for first place went to a UTSA golfer with a 74-69-78-221 and a UMHB (purple) team player, with a 71-74-76-221.

Foster said, "We played well the first two days, the third day we had to play in the rain and 25-mile-an-hour winds. We just could not hold on to the lead after the front nine. When we made the turn on Friday we were one up on the field; after we turned into the wind we started throwing shots away."

WTC golfers' scores included Ryan Heller, 76-71-81-228; Criss Johnston, 75-78-80-233; Mark Bailey, 74-80-80-234; Pat Fitzpatrick, 79-74-86-239, and Jim Batjer with 79-76-86-241.

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