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Baltimore Mayor Schaefer To Appear On Campus

By Benny Ellington

William D. Schaefer, mayor of Baltimore, Md., will be at Western Texas College October 7-8 as the first national figure of the WTC Forum on National Affairs.

Schaefer's schedule starts at 5 p.m. Monday with a "Question and Answer" session in the Fine Arts Theatre. At 6 p.m. he will

visit with area mayors and city officials.

To conclude the day's activities, the mayor will speak at a buffet dinner in the WTC cafeteria. A question and answer session will follow.

Tuesday, the events begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall with a "Brain Pickin'" for social science students. At 10:45

a.m. an all-college rap session is scheduled in the Student Center. Schaefer will finish his two-day stay with a similar session for high school students in the museum building at 1 p.m.

"Briefly stated, the WTC Forum on National Affairs is an effort to bring to the campus and community knowledgeable national figures to share their

expertise in the fields of their interest and specialty," stated Joe Reaves, assistant professor of psychology.

Reaves proposed the forum last spring, and receiving encouragement from the WTC administration and others in the community, set out immediately to launch the project.

"It is our belief that the college and community, together with surrounding colleges and communities, would benefit greatly from exposure to such prominent figures as are being sought for the forum," Reaves said.

Public relations and publicity for WTC is expected to be an additional dividend of the forum.

"Considerable attention will be focused upon our community and campus throughout the series of meetings," Reaves continued. "Area and regional news coverage will be extensive, and much good-will is to be generated as neighboring educational and political figures are invited to attend."

While mayor of Baltimore, Schaefer has dealt with both police and garbage workers' strikes and busing for racial balance. In addition to these problems, he also is qualified to speak on civil disorder, ecology



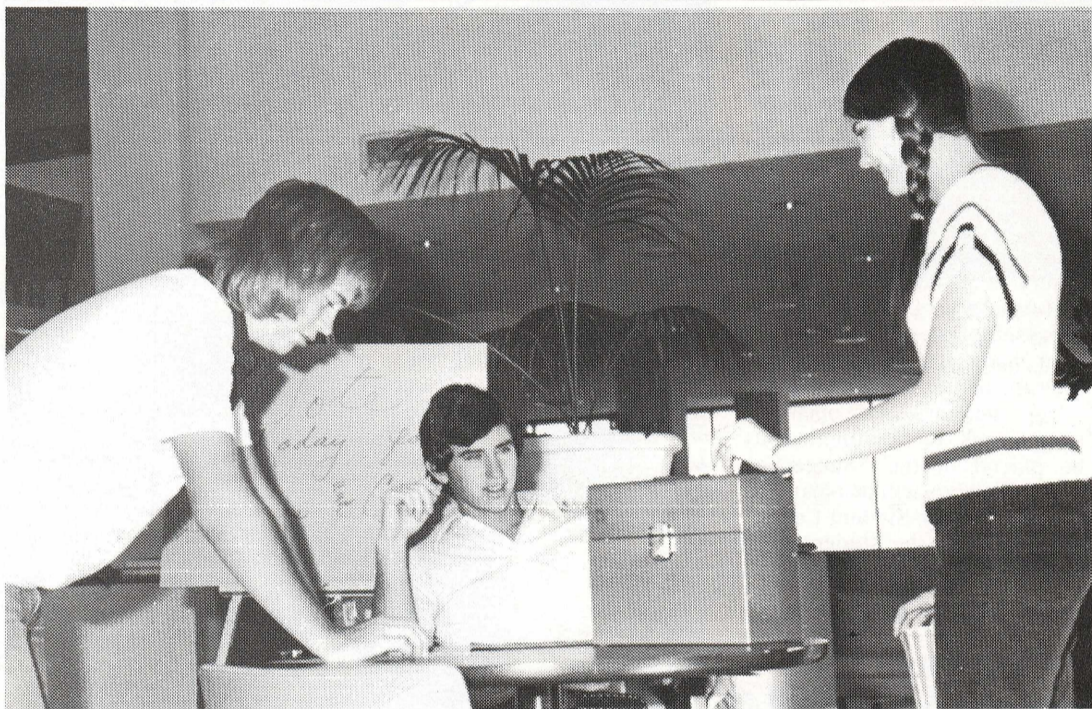
William D. Schaefer

and environment, revenue sharing, federal control, and crime and delinquency.

Arizona Governor Jack Williams is the only other VIP committed to appear on the forum. He will be on campus November 18-19 and will speak on alternate solar energy.

Tentative acceptance has been indicated by Arkansas' Dale Bumpers, Sen. John Tower, Congressman Kika de la Garza, Oklahoma Governor David Hall, and Governor Thomas J. Meskill of Connecticut.

Letters have been sent to 39 U. S. Senators, 11 members of the U. S. House of Representatives, all 50 state governors, and mayors of 14 of the largest cities in the nation.



BALLOT BOX — Marty Pate (left) and Barbara Hines (right) vote for WTC senators and freshman cheerleaders, as election judge Donald Sellars looks on. (photo by Paul Gilbert)

Cheerleader, Senator Announcement Tonight

WTC freshman cheerleaders and sophomore and freshman senators were elected Tuesday and Wednesday. Results of both elections will be announced tonight in the Student Center.

Contestants for cheerleading positions were Kathy Williams, Frieda Stephens, Sharon Johns and Debra Collins, all of Snyder. Also Turatha Thomas of Anton, Sheree Fincher of Aspermont, Jill Chenoweth of Ira, and Kim Carney of Breckenridge.

Each girl selected a yell and performed before the student body.

Only eight freshmen com-

peted for senatorial positions, including Danny Chastain, Greg Crawford and Kathy Williams, all of Snyder; Kim Carney, Breckenridge; Becky Culp, Lubbock; Jackie Fontenot, Port Neches; Julie Jones, Abilene; and Katy LeMond, Fort Worth.

Sophomores running for senators were Paula Bell, Benny Ellington, and Teresa Scott, all of Snyder. Also, Cary Billingsley, Katie Bullock, and Sonja Davis, all of Abilene; John Wendeborn, Farmington,

New Mexico; and Clara Mae Taylor, Colorado City.

Requirements met by the senator hopefuls were (1) carry 12 semester hours, (2) be in good standing with the college (not on scholastic or disciplinary probation), (3) maintain a 2.0 grade average for semester serving, (4) attend all meetings, (5) have the Tuesday 9:30-10:30 activity period free for meetings, and (6) serve as chairperson or co-chairperson of a committee.

Library 'Trading Post' New Student Service

By Paul Williams

"It's free to anyone who walks through that door." Do you truthfully hear that much nowadays?

That's the way it is within the walls of the Learning Resource Center. Created by the library is a "Trading Post" consisting of an open table near the entrance doors covered with a variety of paperback books, everything from westerns and romances to science fiction and best sellers.

Included are such titles as "The Witch of Blackbird Pond" and "Ripley's Believe It Or Not".

The idea is that anyone owning a paperback book approaches the table, examines the stacks of books, and evenly swaps for one of his choice, with no bother of checkouts, fines and book rules. If you like the book, keep it, or return it for another.

The system was initiated September 19 by Larry M. Anderson, Director of Library Services, when he received the first shipment of an approximately ordered 100 books. The 'Post' first opened with only 30 books.

For the past two weeks, the table has had an almost entirely different selection each day.

When asked exactly how successful the Trading Post is, Librarian Hattie Simpson said, "It is strictly up to the people who use it."

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Newspaper, Yearbook Staffers To Attend TJCPA Convention

Eight members of the journalism department will attend the Texas Junior College Press Association Convention at Texas A & M University in College Station, October 6-8.

Staffers making the journey are Benny Ellington, newspaper editor; Pam Block, assistant editor; Katy LeMond, news editor; Paul Williams, feature editor; Jeff Box, sports editor; Katie Bullock, yearbook editor; and photographers Danny Chastain and Paul Gilbert.

The crew will leave Sunday morning, attend afternoon

sessions on Sunday and Monday, and depart for Snyder Tuesday.

WTC freshmen Paul Williams and Katy LeMond will compete for state TJCPA offices.

Williams will seek the presidential seat, and LeMond will run for secretary of the council.

Purpose of the trip is to affiliate the staff with this year's junior college journalistic competition and to attend sessions highlighted by James Meager, assistant managing editor of the National Observer, and Nathan Adams, associate editor of Reader's Digest.

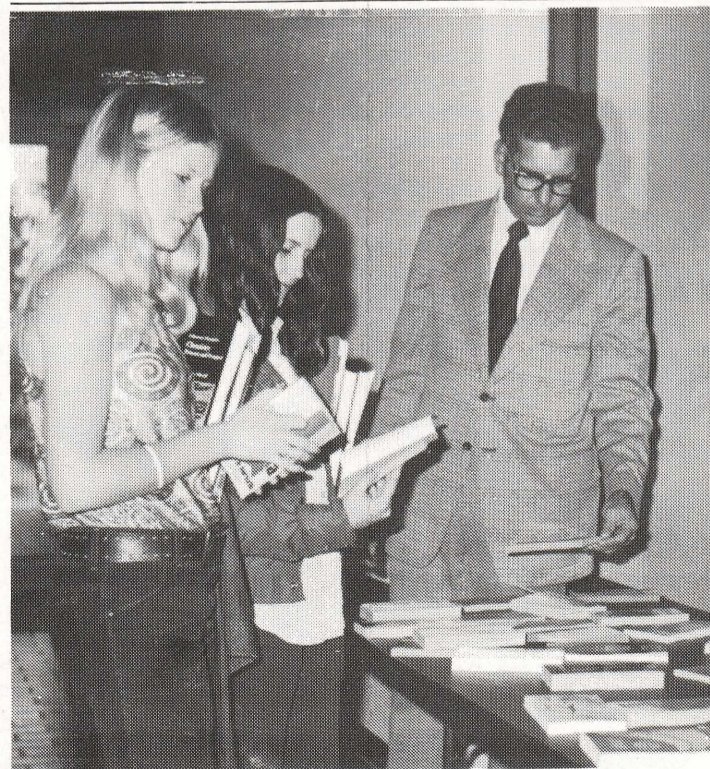
Museum To Feature Western Portraits

An exhibition of Great Western Performers portraits will be featured in the Scurry County Museum on campus Oct. 6-13.

The portraits, part of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame display in Oklahoma City, were arranged for showing by the Museum Association and by C.T. McLaughlin, head of the Diamond M Museum.

Included are such portraits as Gene Autry, Amanda Blake, Walter Brennan, Gary Cooper, Joel McCrea, Tom Mix, James Stewart, Robert Taylor, and John Wayne.

The exhibition may be viewed from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 6, 12, and 13, and from 8-5 daily and 8-4 Friday.



SWAP SHOP — Dr. James Tully, LRC dean (right), examines 'Trading Post' books with freshmen Karen Smith and Gale Burleson. All individuals are invited to select books but, in turn, are urged to contribute to the 'Post.' (photo by Danny Chastain)

editorially...

Just Too Many Tax Dollars

—benny ellington—

The people who initiate and write the laws in Texas have a problem — Money.

But unlike most people now feeling the bite of inflation, the state has too much money. Yes, the state coffers are overflowing.

The state government is "paying its bills as it goes", no new taxes are proposed and still the state is expected to have a surplus of \$300 million on hand by Dec. 31.

The problem? What to do with all that dough?

Though your imagination may be running rampant, Gov. Dolph Briscoe had said that state officials must be careful to keep their spending imaginations in check.

This surplus has resulted from an inflated price for goods (four cents of sales tax off every inflated dollar) and extra revenue from soaring prices for natural gas and oil.

Responsibility, Gov. Briscoe has stated, must be shown in allocating these funds.

Raising salaries for public officials naturally has been suggested as an outlet for these funds. Other requests and suggests have arisen statewide on how to handle this "problem".

More money to public officials would be foolish.

Investing the money has been suggested, and with this we wholeheartedly agree.

Invest in a proven winner — education.

Whenever, down through history, a society that survived was running short of fuel, food and resources, the people found a better way.

In view of the worldwide economic and energy situation, mass hunger, and diminishing production per worker throughout the world, Texans have a rare opportunity and responsibility.

If Gov. Briscoe wants the best return for each state dollar, the best place to invest the funds is in Texas agriculture and Texas energy education.

Academic and vocational education must be given immediate priority.

Examples to prove this point are endless. West Texas is included in the richest food, fiber and energy production region of the world. Only 30 years ago one farmer produced enough to feed and clothe himself and four other people.

Today one farmer feeds 48. Research — education — improves his productivity. American workers are hard pressed now by inflation because productivity per worker is falling.

But simply to say that improving academic education will improve productivity misses the point. American farmers have been able to increase their output due to vocational training.

Through Technical-Vocational Occupational training, an individual worker's productivity and salary are increased.

Research and education could help squeeze every spark of energy out of Texas crude oil and natural gas.

Statewide, Texas is sitting on a gold mine that could return the initial investment of \$300 million tenfold.

But demon inflation is chipping away at the state's number one asset, students.

Student expenses are soaring. Books and supplies are increasing in price daily.

People who would like to attend academic courses or enroll in TVO training just are not registering for class since they are too busy trying to make money ends meet.

Funds should be made available statewide to assist these prospective students without miles of red tape. Concerned students should be given tuition reductions.

Facilities and equipment should be brought to ultra-modern standards.

Gov. Briscoe is slated to visit Snyder Oct. 4. We are anxious to learn if he has decided where to invest the extra dollars.

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With the announcement that Gov. Dolph Briscoe will be in Snyder Oct. 4, our attention is snapped back to the realization that a statewide election is slated in little more than a month.

Retrospect, a learned, cruel teacher, swings our attention back to the last general election.

In 1972 Richard Nixon was riding a crest of law and order and the trumped-up claim of ending the longest war in history. Texas pint-sized Senator, the Honorable John Tower was forced to undergo campaigning for re-election. But by marrying himself to Nixon, national defense (Peace with Honor) and the claim that inflation was licked, Tower once again won a six-year expense-paid trip to Washington.

It was a good year for Republicans.

Fear won. Yes, in 1972 fear won re-election for Nixon and scores of other law and order candidates. Thousands of democratic Texans abandoned their party and voted Nixon.

Why? The answer is simple — fear.

Scores of concerned Americans, the home-loving, God-fearing, flag-waving kind, dashed out in 1972 to vote, not for Nixon, but against George McGovern!

They were scared to tears of this radical.

The promises he had presented were things many Americans felt bordered on treason.

The "madman" had proposed:

1. reducing possession of a small amount of marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor
2. a plan to offer immunity for draft evaders (Oh, horrors)
3. more liberalized abortion laws

These three suggestions enraged moralistic democrats, and led by "Honest" John Connally, they fled the party!

But back to 1974, with the presentation by President Ford of a plan to bring deserters home, all three items that scared so many people just two years ago have been realized. The state legislatures or federal government has accomplished all three.

But alas, inflation spreads like cancer, many of the law and order candidates are on trial or in jail, 3,000 American soldiers are still missing in Viet Nam, ignored by the supporters of "national defense."

And politicians, who have just raised their salary, wonder why so many students, young adults and older citizens are disenchanted. Where are those good, loyal Americans, they wonder.

Letters To The Editor...

Dear Editor:

The incident concerning the student who jumped from the second floor of the dormitory reminded me of a similar incident when I was a graduate student at Penn State University.

A physics student decided to test the law of gravity for himself. And so, with stopwatch in hand and an enthusiastic audience, he jumped from the sixth floor of a girls' dormitory.

He survived with a few badly broken bones here and there, thanks to some bushes on the ground. But best of all, the law of gravity survived without a scratch.

Now, had Aristotle been as scientific (or at least as adventurous as our WTC student), he would not have said what he said about falling bodies, and the law of gravity might have been dis-

covered sooner than some 2000 years later.

My own physics students will have to confine themselves to the laboratory. I couldn't afford to lose any of them.

Sincerely,

A.C. Giere, Professor
Physics and Mathematics

Today...

An all-school dance is set at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Western Texas College cafeteria.

Good times and music for everyone will be provided by C & P Productions. Admission is free.

To The Student Body

The 1974-75 school year is off to a great start. Where are the students?

There are any number of opportunities for the students to become involved in college campus activities at WTC. However, club memberships are lagging, the program council has had two meetings with six students in attendance, and the number of students running for a place on the senate was far below expectations.

Why should elections be held if only a few are interested enough to petition for an office?

We all agree that WTC needs improvements. That is the main objective of the Student Senate.

However, if there is not representation of the total student body, the senate cannot operate to full capacity.

The senators are open for suggestions, or comments may be placed in the "Suggestion Box". This box will be located in the lobby of the Student Center.

I hope that the students will

see the urgent need for participation in student affairs and thus eliminate this question of whether or not this will be a great year.

Bobby Cobb
Student Body President

Students Must Complete, File Degree Plans

If you arrived on the WTC campus, like many students, with no specific idea of what you wanted to make your major field of study, or perhaps you have several general fields of interest and have not decided on one specific major — relax, you have a friend.

Degree planning — assistance in selecting one major field of study and tentatively selecting all the courses leading to a degree in the field — is available to all WTC students who request it.

If you have an idea, or you are concrete in your plans as to your general subject area, you can outline all specific areas of study in the field with the assistance of the WTC counselors, Jerry Baird and Dr. Mary Hood, and departmental advisors.

A list of all faculty advisors will be distributed to freshmen students during orientation classes.

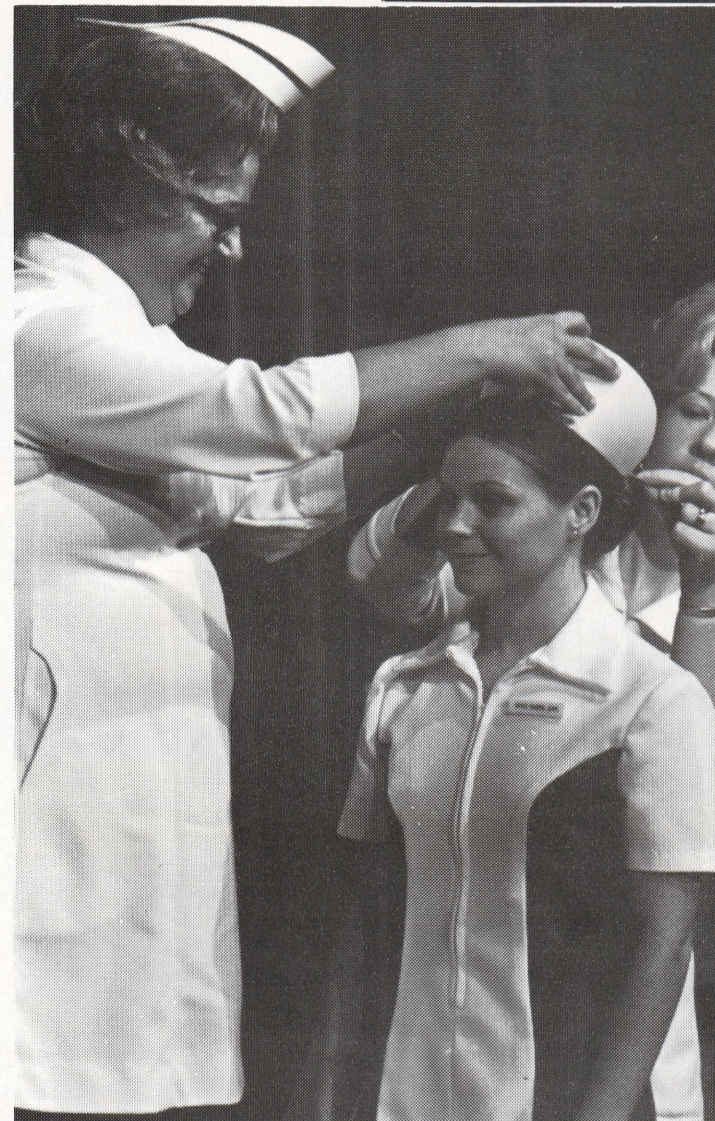
This list consists of instructors who will be designated by subject area to assist students in degree planning.

Each individual student who seeks this service will be furnished information about programs and curriculum of the colleges of his choice.

This program is designed to enable students to take full advantages of courses and facilities on both the WTC campus and also the campus of the college that the student selects as his transfer institution.

The Degree planning discourages unnecessary repetition of courses and ensures a smooth transition from college to college.

Sophomores who have changed preferences in a major field of study or have changed transfer institutions also may find this service helpful in making necessary changes in their degree plans.



DOWN THE ROAD — Gale Kubena is capped as the first step in the LVN program by Winnie Poyner, LVN instructor. (photo by Paul Gilbert)



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COURSE PROGRESS NOTED

Golf, Grounds Program Developing

"WTC's new Golf and Grounds Operations program should be producing many superintendents and turf managers for years to come," said Perry Turnbow, director, referring to the recently initiated course of study on campus. The two-year program registered 12 young men Sept. 5, some from Snyder and others from as far away as Louisiana and Nebraska.

Approximately 75 percent of the students have had two to six years of experience on golf courses prior to enrolling at the college, Turnbow said, but all are taking courses in equipment and shop skills, horticulture, management, physical education, and communications.

"In fact," he said, "they will be helping to complete the nine-hole course located on the ca-

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pus." Four of the 12 are scholarship recipients, including Steve Mackey and Mark Young of Snyder, Danny Cantu of San Angelo, and Bert Deselms of Chadron, Nebraska.

By spring, the students will have completed "ground work" courses and will begin to specialize in Turfgrass Science, Soils, and Pest Control, according to Turnbow. By summer, they will depart for various sites across the state and nation to complete a special six-hour, college-supervised field training course.

"Without exception, every young man seems to be very conscientious and astute about his studies and about the turf industry as a whole," Turnbow said. "Considering all aspects of starting a new program like this, I think we had a very good start with a nucleus of sharp students."

Regarding actual course con-

struction, maintenance crews are shaping tee box and green areas and preparing them for the sprinkler system. A six-month delay due to late arrival of irrigation supplies means the course may not be completed before next summer.

"Hopefully, the course will be ready by next fall, in order that the college golf team can play

on it," Turnbow said. "A full-time man, Bill Hitchcock, has been employed to work on the course and he is also taking courses in the program."

Penncrest grass will be used on greens, tiway bermuda on tee boxes, and common bermuda on fairways. Fairway and greens mowers, sweepers, spray machines and chemicals

for turf diseases and insects are ready for use.

A hydromulcher machine, valued at \$3500, has also been purchased for seeding.

Since March, the maintenance crew "has been busy controlling weed growth on the course and is very anxious to get the thing open!" Turnbow said..



FOOD FOR COURSE — Maintenance crews spread cotton burrs last week over the new college golf course. The burrs are used as fertilizer. Perry Turnbow, Golf and Grounds program director, says the course should be completed by next fall. (photo by Paul Gilbert)

Community Courses Set

Several community service courses will begin meeting Oct. 7, according to Rex Hopkins, director of continuing education.

The classes are set for evening meetings to be arranged between students and instructors. Depending upon subject matter, courses will vary from two to 15 weeks in length.

Courses offered, with length and starting date, include Avia-

tion Ground School, 15 weeks, Oct. 10; Cake Decorating, five weeks, Oct. 7; Gift Wrapping, three weeks, Oct. 8 and 10; and House Plant Selection, Care and Culture, three weeks, Oct. 10.

Others are Knitting, two weeks, Oct. 8 and 10; Nutrition for the Aged, five weeks, Oct. 5; Planning and Preparing Low Cholesterol Diets, five weeks, Oct. 10; and Metric System of Measurement, three weeks, Oct. 7.



fact & opinion

By Paul Williams

Again the past two weeks have seemed very depressive. Everything from a U.S. ambassador being assassinated to 120,000 coal miners being on strike.

And it appears our gallant new President has also been partially halted or delayed in his courageous drive for the betterment of America.

As the decisions pile up in his direction, he is forced to act, which always angers a number of individuals and, as it seems, these few continue to totally reject the outcome even when they are not concerned or directly affected. Beginning with his appointing certain officials to his staff and Nixon's pardon to the request of funds to aid in Nixon's financial transitions and amnesty to all draft evaders and war deserters.

On each and every steps he takes to please different groups of people, another stronger group jumps down his throat. It seems there is no way out.

Arguments and disturbances have to be settled and someone has to be blamed. Just as the quarterback takes the majority of the fault in a senselessly lost football game.

On the Nixon issue (a terribly debatable subject), the man who is now often referred to as "Citizen Nixon" continues to be completely destroyed by the so-called great American Society.

A man who has served our country as a top national leader for over 20 years, elected twice to the Presidency, once by one of the greatest landslide margins in history, was recently seen "literally crucified" before the international public.

Not only is this probably poor practice in the eyes of foreign nations, but also what is it doing to our own domestic self-image? Are we still a free civilized nation?

This man was simply accused of something which undoubtedly has been going in politics for who knows how long. And from this, his action was played up to the point that his only alternative was to back off and let some blood-hungry individuals destroy the office of the Presidency.

Even after he had no choice but to resign to save the nation, a number must still be out for his life. Doctors and hospital reports tell us that the former president is presently suffering from "Phlebitis" or blood clots in his left leg.

In the beginning, his physician stated that if the clots moved to his heart or lungs they could easily become fatal. A clot did become lodged in his lungs, and he is now receiving treatment.

Former White House physician Dr. Walter Tkach reported that Nixon's "condition has worsened in the past several weeks despite the pardon." He added that he "is a ravaged man who has lost the will to fight."

At first Mr. Nixon refused to be hospitalized, saying "If I go into a hospital, I'll never come out alive."

Still the only question remaining is will he be physically or mentally able to appear in court. Even though his lawyers and doctors have postponed a number of scheduled trials, he continues to receive more subpoenas from both the defense and the prosecution.

How can a normal man withstand what he has in the past year? And is it really his fault? Possibly the problem is in the office itself.

The office of the Presidency not only is given too many responsible and important decisions to make alone, but also gives the radical public plenty to find flaws in and add to the possible eventual destruction of American establishment.

It was beautifully put in a recent editorial published in the "War Whoop" by Cheryl Striley. The office of the President was the cause that "frustrated Lincoln, buried Kennedy, aged Johnson and corrupted Nixon." Who knows what it holds for President Ford!

Closer to home, many clubs are now attempting to be formed to become active in aiding the students in extra curricular activities.

Intramural programs are also getting underway. But in both cases, the main problem is getting enough people involved. We need to get in the habit of being more optimistic and making a fighting attempt to build worthwhile things into successes.

Besides the problem of not having enough signed up to run for Student Senate, it is now rumored that two of our three girl cheerleaders are seriously planning to resign. Any suggestions? Something must be done.

It seems that we're having basically the same sort of problems President Ford is having in Washington. Not only in making some particularly important decisions, but also in trying to make everybody happy at the same time. With this, I am forced to relate a remarkably fitting quote by Abraham Lincoln:

"You can please all of the people some of the time. And you can please some of the people all of the time. But you can't please all of the people all of the time."

What should we do now? Who really knows? Just be a little more optimistic? Play your cards the best way you see fit. And pray for the best.

Hirst to Attend DECA Confab

Sophomore Carolyn Hirst, a 1973 graduate of Andrews High School, will attend a Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) leadership conference in Austin Oct. 11-13.

Last March, she was elected the Texas DECA secretary in Houston.

"All of the officers get together once a year to set our goals. Right now, our goal is to get as many involved in DECA as we can. We're trying to get the townspeople as well as the high school and college people," explained the state officer.

Other state officers are Ike Rutherford, president; Michelle Herald, vice-president; and Terry Lusk.

Miss Hirst is the first WTC student to hold a state position. Last year, she served as secretary of WTC's chapter, Beta Mu Sigma, which is for business management students. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union and is a mid-management major.

Sponsors of Beta Mu Sigma are Charles Riley and Chuck Blalack.

DECA is the only national youth organization operating through the public schools to attract young people to careers in marketing, merchandising and management.

Los Vaqueros to Meet Oct. 7

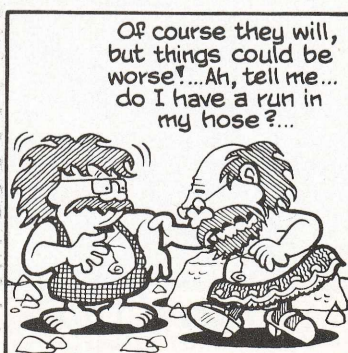
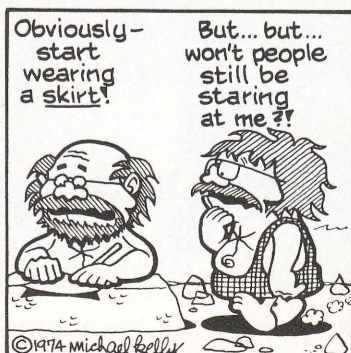
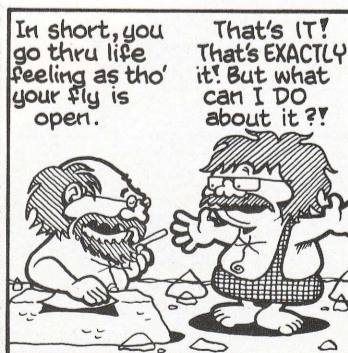
Los Vaqueros, a spirit organization designed to help the cheerleaders, will hold their first meeting Monday, October 7, at 12 noon, in the faculty dining room.

Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to bring a lunch before attending the meeting. Many students are needed to make this organiza-

tion a success, according to Paula Bell, head cheerleader.

A weiner roast will be held Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m., on the south side of the school pond in order for all members to 'get acquainted.'

Students interested in participating in the club are urged to attend the meeting or the get-acquainted party before deciding on membership.



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'IDEAL VS. REAL'

'Lovers' Crew Important To Play

by Katy LeMond

Drama Director Charles Holland has a philosophy: "ideal vs. real." He believes that one's dreams "are always better than reality."

In directing this year's piece of WTC fall excitement, "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," the drama coach has an idealistic vision of presenting to the public the ultimate in comedic performance.

Mr. Holland may believe that his dreams tend to be better than reality yet, contrary to his beliefs, when curtain time arrives and the houselights come alive with the color of performance, it is likely he may feel the warm security of his bed as his dream unfolds.

The "ideal" may well conquer the "real."

Behind every achiever stands a right-hand man. And behind

the right-hand man function a number of "muscles"...the backstage crew.

Mr. Holland's right-hand man is assistant director, Cindy Hanson, WTC freshman. Her "muscles" are dedicated stage crew members vital to the success of the show.

Hanson points out that "the audience never realizes how much work the backstage crew does."

However, the crew is happy just knowing that the production might be practically impossible if not for their building the atmospheric 'cake' to which only the actors can add the 'icing'.

Backstage crew members include Julie Jones, business manager; Greg Patterson, sound accumulation; and Paula Baldwin, ticket sales.

Jakie Fontenot is state manager; Carry Billingsley, house manager; and Doug Harmon and John Wendeborn, sound accumulation assistants.

Katy LeMond is lighting engineer, and light crew members are Danny Chastain and Paul Gilbert.

Emmalie Sleeper, assisted by Cindy Hanson, will manage publicity, including photography and news arrangements.

Paula Latham will handle costumes, while Gloria Contreras is crew secretary and Jerry Row is master technical carpenter.

Other stagecrew members are Bonnie Bedgood, Nerissa Burleson, Sam Byron, Kay Whitman, Josie Garcia, Phil Loyd, and Carlton Crownover.

Delta Psi Officers, aiding in the production, are Jan Bellamy and Donna Mraz.

The play is scheduled for October 16-19 in the Little Theatre on campus.



PREPARES FOR PLAY — (top) Stage Crew members Terry Row, Paula Baldwin, and Bonny Bedgood. (bottom) Carlton Crownover and Sam Byrom build props for the upcoming production, 'Last of the Red Hot Lovers.' (photos by Paul Gilbert)



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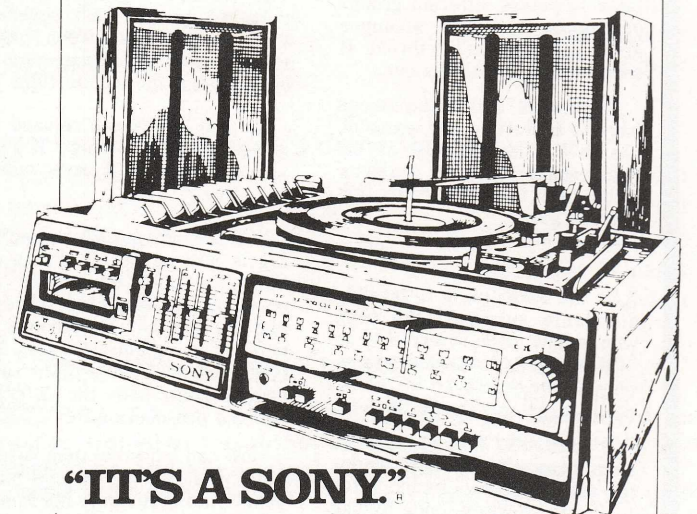
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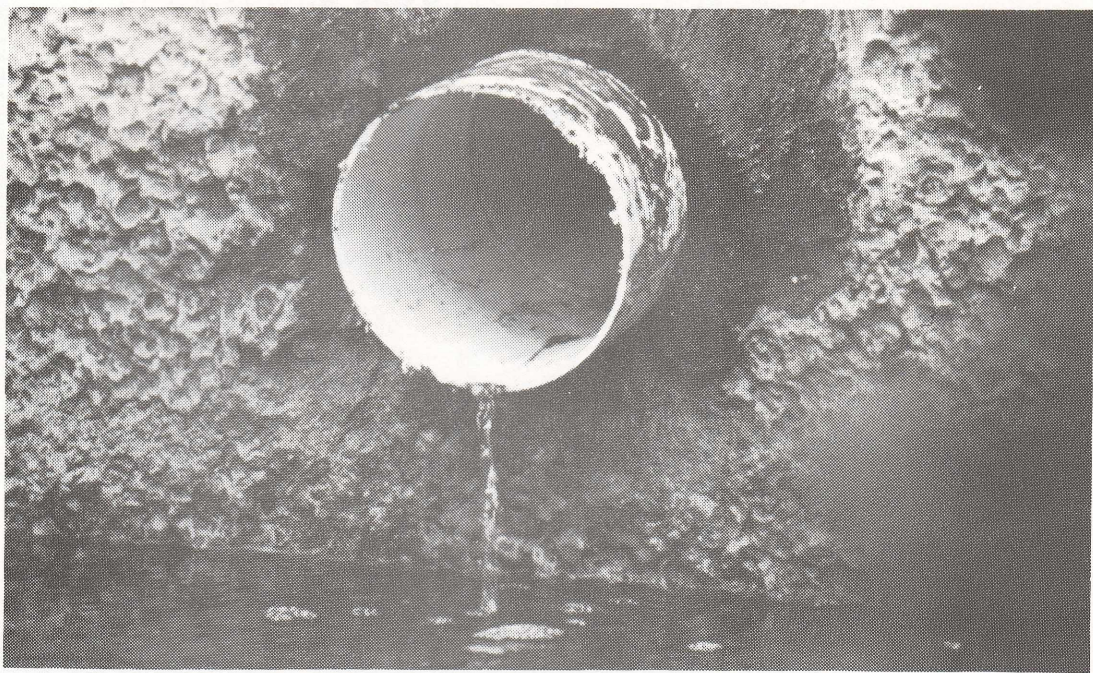
(photos by Paul Gilbert)



Katie Bullock (splash!) on her way to class.



Animal world doesn't escape the weather either.



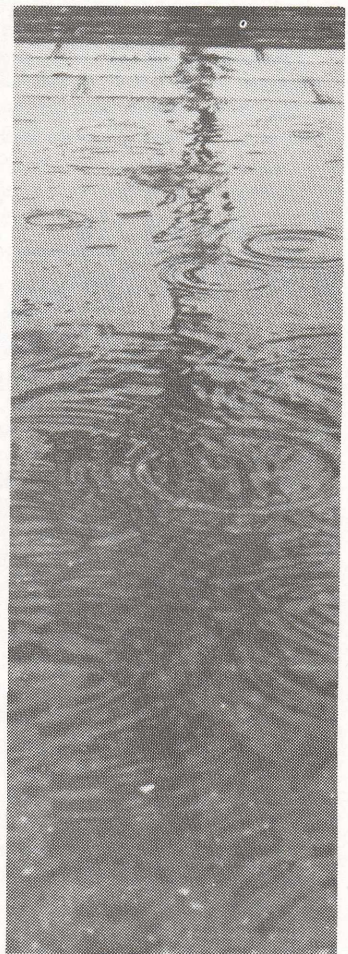
Drainpipe tells the tale as water-level rises.



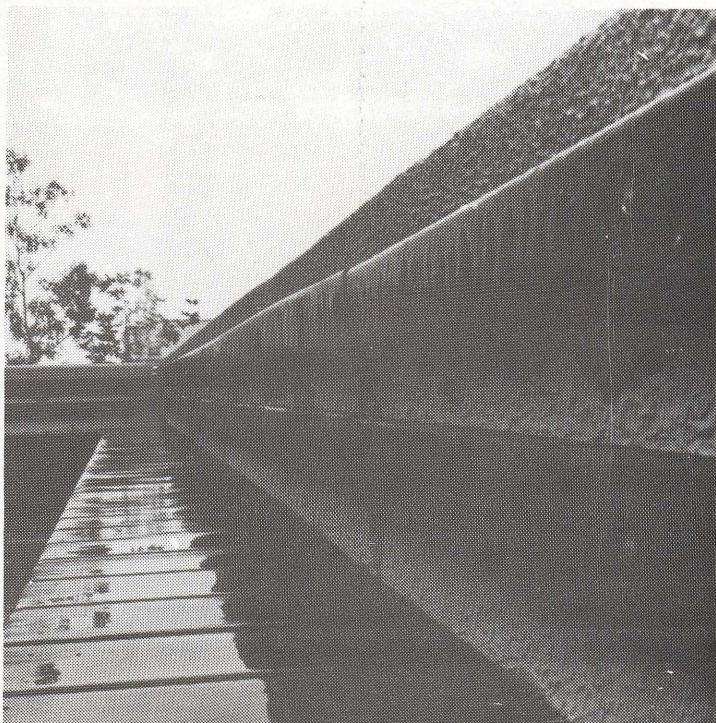
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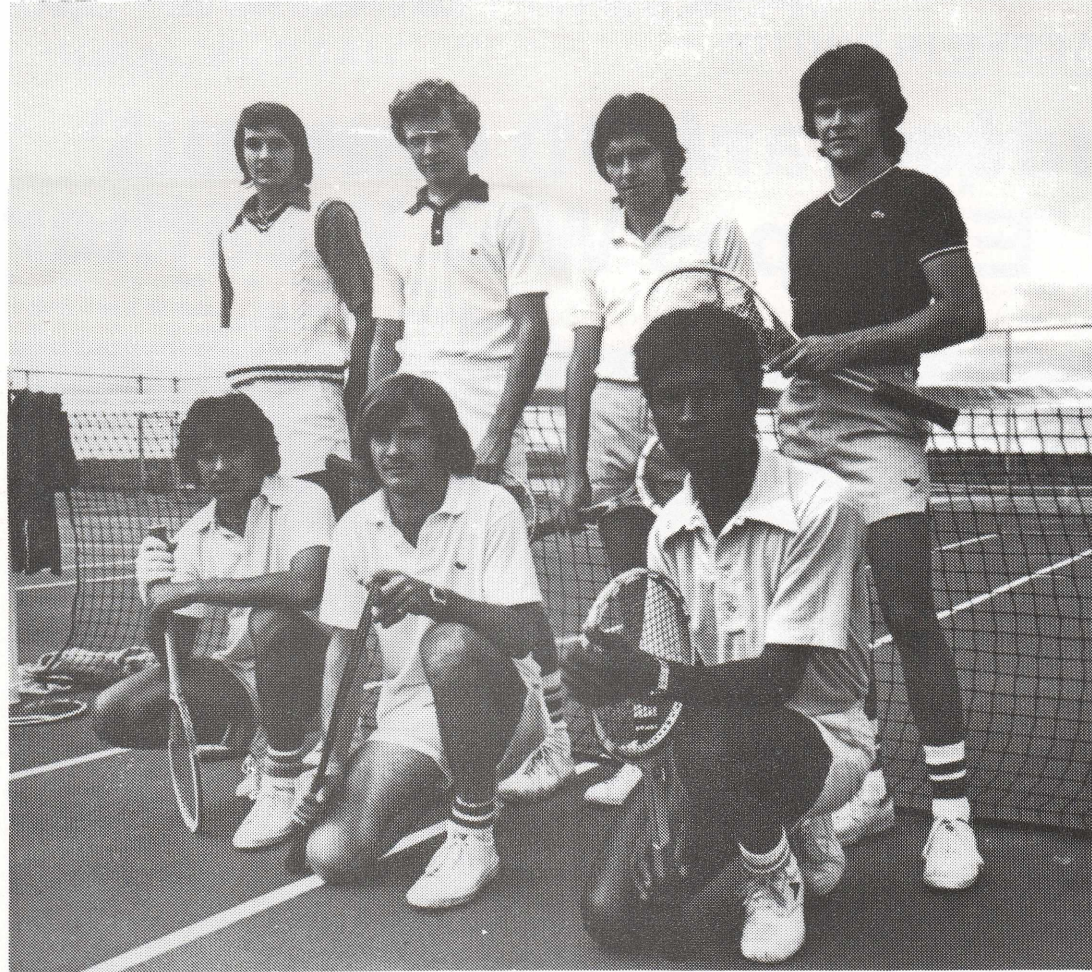
Nature closeup of water bead on campus vegetation.



"Raindrops falling..." keep



And courtyard benches reflect eventual end to fall thunderstorm.



SMILE — WTC's tennis team takes time out from practice to pose for a shot. Left to right are Ed Balderas, Sammy Nauert, Luis Parra, Rolando Torrellas, (bottom) Luis Valdez, Larry Price, and Edward Henry. Not shown is Bob Christian.

Rodeo Members Sixth In Roswell NIRA Meet

The NIRA Rodeo held in Roswell, N.M. last weekend was the third held this fall.

Scott Hudson placed second in tie-down roping with a time of 9.8.

Debbie Bloxom placed third in break-away roping with a time of 3.2. After three rodeos she is standing first in region.

John Crain placed sixth in saddle-bronc riding with a score of 52. Mark Ratchen scored 58 and Bobby Cobb scored 55 in bull riding.

Both men and women on the

team placed sixth in the rodeo. Next rodeos are West Texas State, Oct. 17-19; Sull Ross, Oct. 24-27; and Texas Tech, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Newly-elected officers of the WTC Rodeo Club are Brady Crumpler, president; Jesse Rollins, vice-president; Kim Carney, treasurer; Janice Browne, secretary; and Becky Culp, reporter.

The club will hold its next meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

Box Elected Kappa Chi Prexy; Installation, Banquet

Kappa Chi recently elected new officers for the year. They are Jeff Box, president; Sue Guisto, vice-president; Mack Walker, devotional chairman; Deborah Boyd, interclub council representative; Teresa Scott, treasurer; Karen Cox, secretary; Lynn Leavell, reporter; and Terry Devers, intramurals chairman.

Each fall the organization selects a co-sponsor to aid Dean Morgan, CSC director, in advising the club. Frank Pruitt,

history professor, was elected.

Plans are underway for an officer installation and new member banquet at the end of the month.

A Christian publication is on the Kappa Chi agenda. Other plans include films and various activities for the weekly Sunday night devotional-supper held in the Christian Student Center.

Next club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, during activity period.

Netters To Face Vernon In Pre-Season Practice

By Jeff Box

WTC's tennis team will see its first action this weekend in Vernon in a pre-season practice meet. Team members are challenging in elimination contests to determine representation at the affair.

Sporting seven freshmen and one returning letterman, the Westerners have been forced to practice either on the basketball court or in the handball court due to rainy weather.

Heading the list of freshmen is Rolando Torrellas from Maracaibo, Venezuela. The

South American has a bronze medal from the Venezuela National Tennis Tournament and at least four other first place awards from various meets in his home country.

From Iraan, Texas comes Luis Valdez. This 1974 graduate was runner-up in Class AA state finals and runner-up in regional doubles matches.

Edward Henry is from Wichita Falls, Texas. District medalist once, Ed adds two runner-up awards in regional meets to his list of honors.

Ed Balderas, from Stafford,

Texas, won both singles and doubles competition in the Gulf Coastal Tennis Tournament.

Luis Parra is WTC's other South American netter. His home is Chillan, Chile. To his credit, Parra has a number of Chilean tennis honors.

Sammy Nauert, from Stamford, Texas, won district his senior year and made finals in the Abilene Easter Tournament.

Rounding out the freshmen players is Larry Price, from Snyder. Captain of his high school team, Larry was a district finalist and has won five tournament championships.

Single returning letterman is Bob Christian, from Snyder. Bob competed in several meets last year.

"We are deeper and stronger now than we've been before. We tried to start the tennis season in the fall but were unable. Right now we're trying to get more practice meets scheduled," said WTC Coach Wendell Jones.

The Westerners' second session is set for Oct. 12 in Killeen.

Enrollment Up Over Last Year

Dr. Duane Hood, registrar, announced current WTC total enrollment at 1034, which represents a three percent increase over last year.

Enrolled are 577 men and 457 women. By classification, 726 freshmen, 205 sophomores, and 103 unclassified are registered, the latter those who hold a degree and are taking courses.

Fulltime students number 772, while 522 are in college for the first time. Also, 63 percent of all students listed are in academic programs while 37 percent are in vocational-technical courses.

Texas students total 1011 as 55 state counties are represented in the final figures. Nineteen are from other states, and four are foreign students.

Finally, 513 hail from Scurry County and another 155 list neighboring Mitchell County as place of residence.

WTC GOLF SCHEDULE

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Oct. 11, 12 ... Intercollegiate Tourn. (Hobbs, N.M.)

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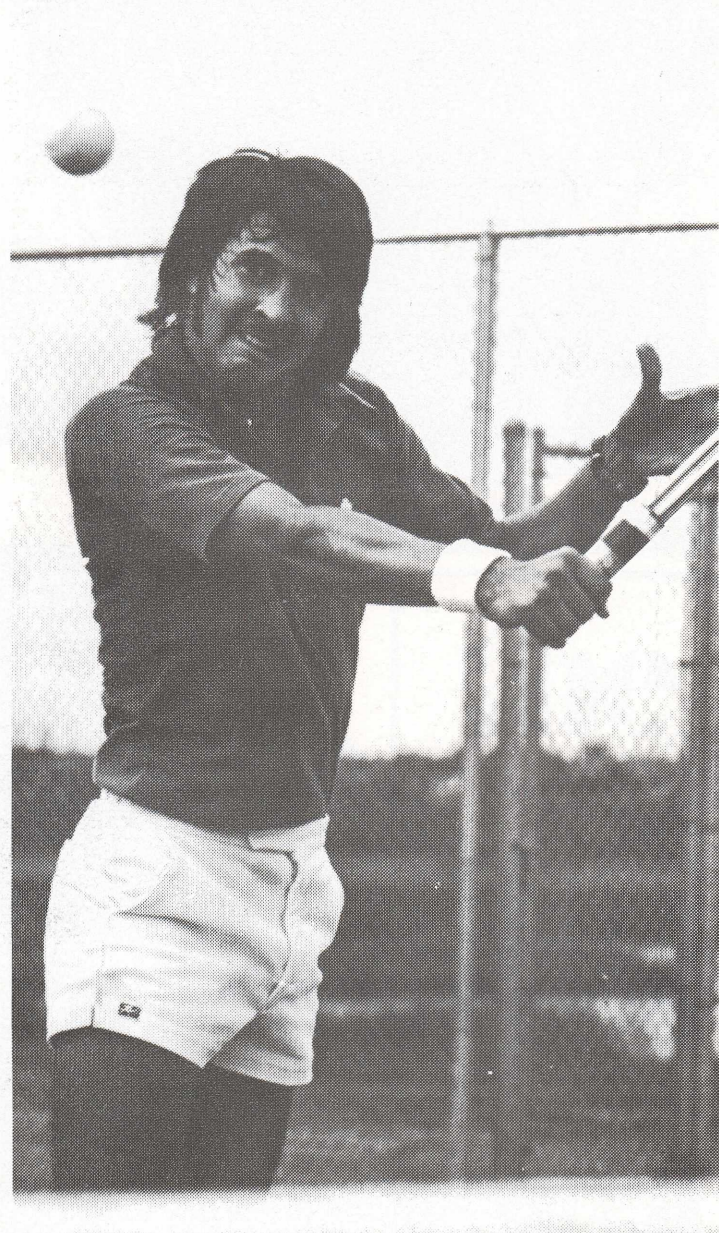
Nov. 2, 3 McLennan JC (Waco)

Nov. 7 *Midland (Midland)

Nov. 8 *Odessa (Odessa)

Nov. 22 *NMMI (Roswell)

* conference tournaments



KILL! — Netter Ed Balderas shows his might as he anticipates returning a serve during practice. (photo by Paul Gilbert)



BITE THE DUST — Mark Hargrove chips from a sand-trap during practice at the country club. (photo by Paul Gilbert)

Box Score Tigers, Raiders, Giants Have Heyday

by Jeff Box

Coming from that outstanding school in San Angelo — no, not Central, and not Angelo State either! I'm speaking of Lake View, you know, the OTHER school!

Anyhow, from the land of the Chiefs comes the Western Texan's new little old sports editor, me. For those unfortunates who don't know, I'm the guy with the camera and cross hanging from my neck! Oh, I'm a mass communications and religion major, too!

I've only met a few coaches and athletes, but so far I'm impressed. Hope that by next issue I know enough to describe the WTC sports scene. At least, that is what the mighty editor demands!

A funny thing happened on the way to Andrews last week.

Went to photograph the Snyder-Andrews skirmish with WT shutterbug Paul Gilbert.

Smelled something funny before we left, investigated, and discovered that his electronic strobe was burning up for some unknown reason. Talk about stink!

Was halfway between "Sparkle City" and Big Spring when the air conditioner died — literally!

Finally made it to BS only to discover that the ever-intelligent Gilbert forgot his film. But after a tour of the town and five long-distance calls later, someone was on the way to the Permian Basin to deliver the precious stuff to the game.

Andrews put up a good fight against the Tigers. Thought that a homecoming victory was close at hand for the Mustangs, but the second half was all Snyder. Final score was 27-14.

Tomorrow night Snyder opens district play against the Lamesa Golden Tors.

Saturday brought Texas Tech against UT. The Red Raiders were 10-point underdogs, but had big teeth and showed they knew how to bite!

All scoring was accomplished in the first half as Tech rolled up 26 to the Horns' 3.

In the second half, the formidable UT offense tried some of its famous punch in crossing

the goal line, but the Raider defense bulldogged the steers and stopped them cold, something few others have had much luck doing.

But if the Big Orange offense didn't click, its defense did, as Tech also failed to put points on the board. It turned out as a defensive battle with a capital "D"! And a temporary end to a Longhorn dynasty!

Tech takes on the Oklahoma State Cowboys Saturday. And should be a whale of a match.

Dallas' Cowboys entered last Sunday's tilt without being shut out in 49 straight games, a record. Well, records are set to be broken...and the NY Giants came within 11 seconds of doing just that.

Landry's bunch was expected to rebound from their defeat at the hands of the Eagles the previous week. Somebody forgot to tell the Giants, and by half-time the tally stood 14-0.

The famed Dooomsday Defense sacked the Giant QB only once while Roger Dodger was tagged six times!

Staubach started to show a little steam toward the end of the

third period, but a Giant interception within Dallas' ten squelched "Big D" until near the end of the melee.

With 11 seconds remaining, Roger tried a desperation pass to speedster Bob Hayes, and the Cowboys kept alive their record of not being shut out.

Minnesota's Vikings will enter Texas Stadium Sunday with hopes of giving the luckless

Cowboys their third straight loss.

Have to ride with Minnesota. They'll be up for the game and prepared for a win. Dallas, on the other hand, is lacking the special something that makes a team click...and win.

On a final note, congrats to Bob O'Day's golfers for a good job down south last weekend.

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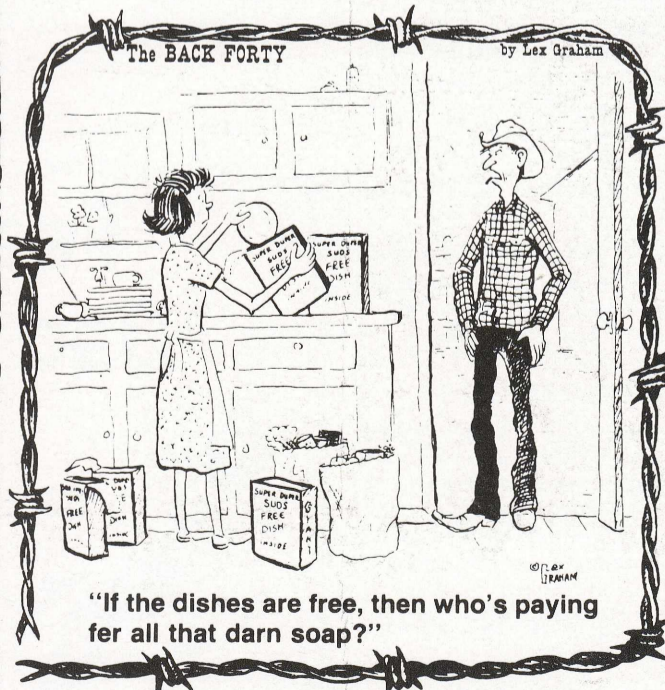
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Philosophy Instructor Earns Ph.D In England

"To convey things as clearly and precisely as possible" is the main objective in teaching, according to Dr. Jesse Long, who recently earned his Ph.D in both English and American Literature, "specifically bridged by author Laurence Sterne."

He holds a B.S. from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Leeds in Yorkshire, England, and a Ph.D. from the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, as of last July.

Dr. Long, originally from Philadelphia, was tutoring for a small college in Great Britain when he accepted his job at WTC. He left Philadelphia for Britain approximately 11 years ago because his publishing business was "bought out." Dr. Long, his wife, and two children came to Texas because they were "sick of the damp climate in Britain."

He began teaching on this campus the year after the doors were first opened to students. His duty this year is teaching English and philosophy.

Dr. Long says, "Education in Great Britain is much better than that in the states." When asked about American life, West Texans, and WTC students, he replied, "On the whole — people are never intentionally discourteous. But I am a bit upset that the media controls the society just as the unions run Britain."

Although he was involved in college baseball and basketball, he claims literature and logic as his hobbies.



Dr. Jesse Long

WTC Golf Team Wins Dual Match

The rainy weather Snyder has been experiencing did not seem to affect the WTC golfers much as they won a dual match last weekend over Schreiner Junior College.

First day of competition of the 36-hole meet was held at the Flying "L" Country Club in Bandera. Winds of 30 mph kept team scores high as Schreiner, with 23 over-par, led the Westerners, 311-313.

After 18 holes, Schreiner's David Simpson led both teams with a one-over 73. Bryan Hargrove lead WTC linksters with a five-over 77.

Second day of action was met with "perfect weather!" according to Westerner coach Bob O'Day.

Three Westerners shot sub-par rounds including Kyle Howard 67, Arnold Madril 68, and B. Hargrove 70, to pace WTC to a 30-stroke lead with 277, 11 under. Schreiner scored a 19-over 307.

Howard was medalist with a 146, two-over. Runner-up medalist was Hargrove with 147. Low score for Schreiner was 148, four-over.

Other individual WTC scores were Grant Collins and Madril 150, Mark Hargrove 151, and Ross Wortham 165.

The Westerners are in

Houston today and tomorrow for a 36-hole intercollegiate tournament where 20-30 senior and junior colleges are expected to compete.

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South Americans Join Net Squad, Look Forward To Coming Season

By Jeff Box

With sounds of screeching tires and crunching steel filling his ear and fear seizing his heart, Luis Parra rolled over and over, out of this race for good!

A few seconds earlier, Luis had been speeding toward the second place auto when a tire blew out, tumbling his 1972 Volvo "too many times to count".

A native of Chillan, Chile, Parra is one of two South Americans attending Western Texas College on tennis scholarships. The other is Rolando Torrellas, from Maracaibo, Venezuela.

Luis competed in nine races in his two-year career as a driver. Of that number, he won three firsts, four seconds, and two fourths.

The Parra car sported a 440 cubic-inch engine. "In the United States, a 440 is not a big engine, but in my country, it is very good!" he said.

With racing in his blood, Luis would like to participate in this country, but lacks transportation...period!

Parra cites other pastimes as hunting, soccer and, of course, tennis.

SELF-TAUGHT

He started playing tennis five years ago. "I watched it, liked it, so started teaching myself to play it."

For three years, the Chilean played without instruction. Then his junior year in high school, he made the tennis team and received supervised instruction for two years before traveling northward to WTC.

Oldest child in a family of three boys and one girl, Luis is a mechanical engineering major. "After I finish school here, I plan to go back home and back to my girlfriend!"

Snyder marked his third trip to the U. S. for Venezuelan Rolando Torrellas. First was as a Little League participant from his native country, and second was a hopeful scholarship journey to Florida.

Across the street from Rolando's home of Maracaibo are two tennis courts. "I would watch them play every day. I liked it so much, I decided I'd teach myself to play!" That was five years ago.

BACK INJURY

While practicing for the national tennis tournament, Torrellas sustained a back injury after attempting to return a serve. He slipped and crashed into spectators' chairs, demolishing two seats, upsetting a number of tennis fans and requiring hospitalization for a month.

To his credit, the Venezuelan has a third place in national net competition, plus a number of firsts in city tournaments and meets sponsored by American companies near his home.

Living in Venezuela's second largest city and being a tennis enthusiast wasn't always easy. The city boasts a population of over a million, while tennis courts number only eight.

"Sometimes I have waited for hours to play one game!" Torrellas said.

GIRLS, TOO

Among the Westerner's other hobbies are baseball, football, and girls. "American girls are real pretty!" he comments.

Rolando is the fourth oldest of three girls and five boys. Only he and his youngest brother, thirteen, are athletes.

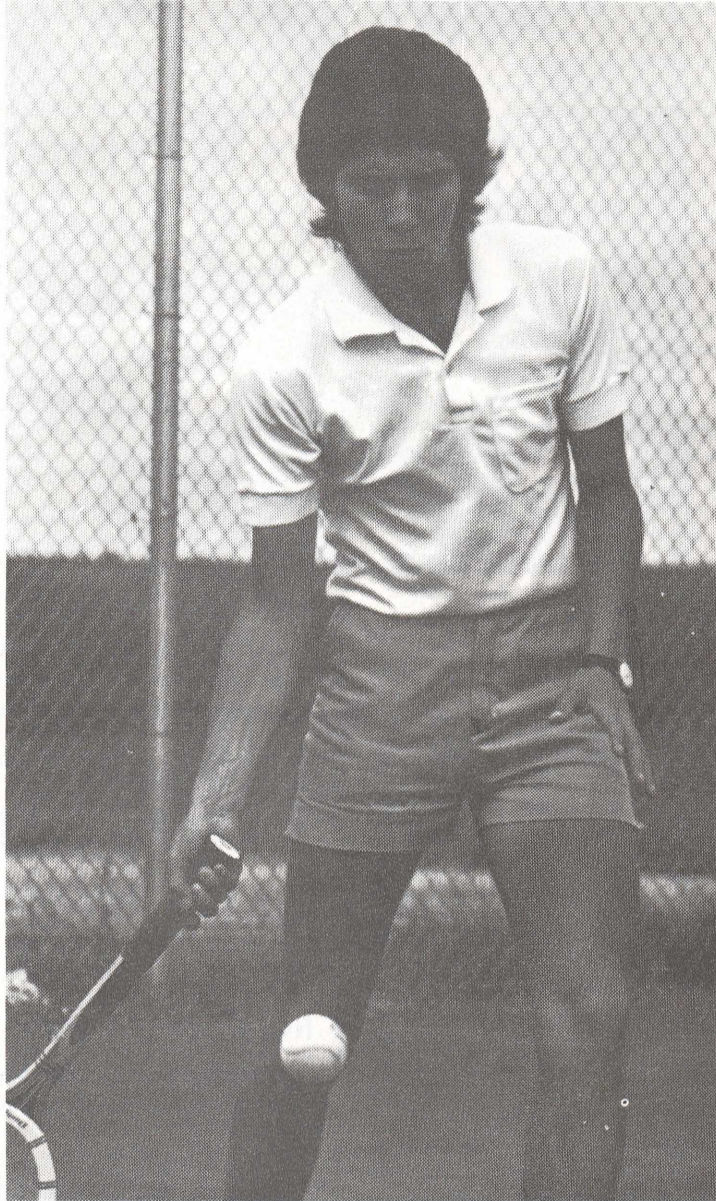
A business administration major, Rolando hopes to continue his education in this country after leaving WTC.

How do two South Americans discover Snyder, Texas? By knowing a friend...who knows a friend...who knows that WTC

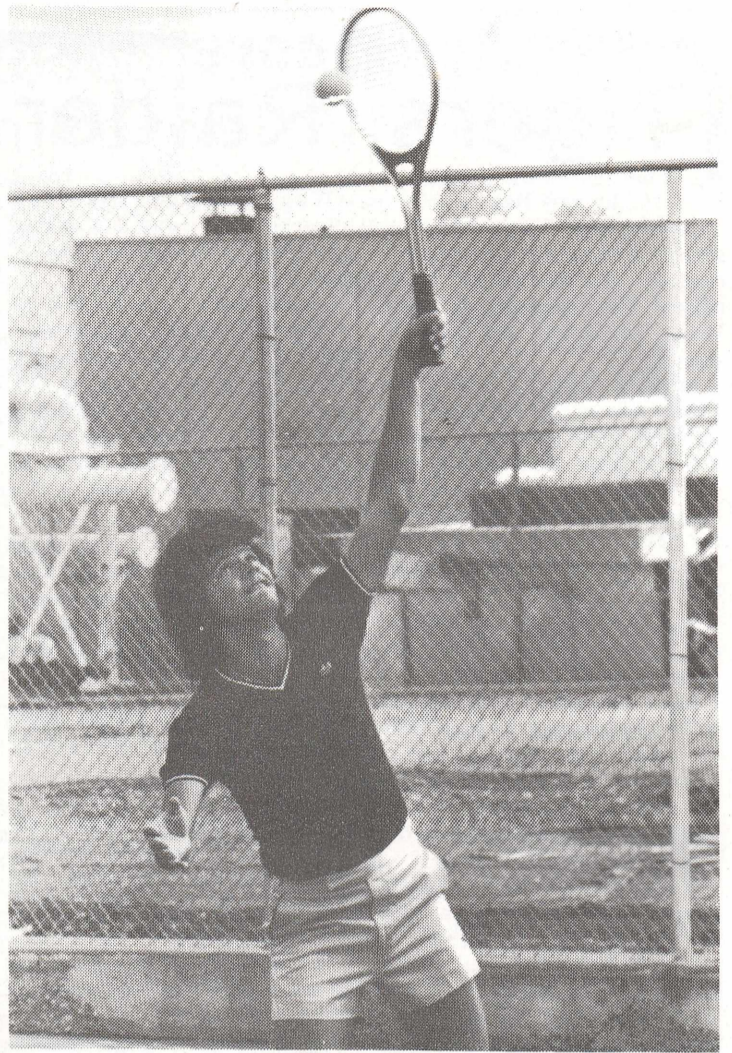
Tennis Coach Wendell Jones is seeking players.

Both young men have expressed high hopes for the coming year and pleasure at the reception they have received from WTC students.

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