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Trustees Accept TEA Grant, Consider Heating, Food Proposal

WTC's Board of Trustees formally accepted an \$8,163.55 grant from the Texas Education Agency to establish an adult basic vocational education program in their monthly meeting Feb. 10.

Purpose of the program is to train educationally disadvantaged adults so that they may become qualified to hold various jobs.

The board also discussed with Honeywell, Inc. a proposal for automation of the college heating control system. No action was taken on the system but it is due further study in the near future.

A proposal for a new food service contract calling for an in-

crease in prices was discussed. Prophet Foods, the present contractor providing food service in the WTC cafeteria, has submitted new rates calling for an increase of 10 cents per day on a seven-day-per-week plan and 15 cents per day on a five-day-per-week plan, increasing the daily fees from \$2.20 to \$2.30 and from \$2.50 to \$2.65.

Action will be taken on this matter after campus surveys have been completed.

The Trustees also authorized the purchase of a microfilm reader for the Learning Resource Center, and accepted an anonymous scholarship gift of \$5,000.

New PTK Members Installed February 6

Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society for junior college students, inducted its 1975 members Feb. 6 in the Science Lecture Hall.

Karen Morris, PTK President, administered the oath to each of the new members. David Higgins showed a slide presentation concerning events involving earlier PTK members.

Debbie Sharp was installed as the new vice-president, taking over the post formerly held by Cary Billingsley, now a student at Texas Tech.

New sophomore members of the club are Jan Bellamy, Pam Block, Jan Burkett, Steven Carter, Sonja Davis, Karen D'Ann Fisher, Julia Griffin, Iva Haywood, Annette Hester, Michael Hinton, Delores Key, Jan Magness, David Posey, Andy Stephan and Donald Van Zandt.

Freshmen members added to the organization are Ed

Balderas, Bonnie Bedgood, Danny Boren, Jeff Box, Jimmy Browning, Nerissa Burleson, Greg Chaney, Jill Chenoweth, Mike Conatser, Richard Cornett, Karen Cox, Moirae Derringer, Dennis Dyer, Michele Graves, Jody Hall, Cindy Hanson, Judy Heintz, Thomas Hendry, Hector Hinojosa and Julie Jones.

Kelly King, Carol Kozelsky, Tracey Lammert, Lynn Leavell, Koen Dee McKimmey, Jan McPherson, Steve Mackey, Deanna Michulka, Joe Mullins, Thomas Murphy, Doug Nall, Gale Northcott, Marilyn Payton, Ricky Price, James Robbins, Emmalie Sleeper, Max Snider, Debra Stephens, Sharon Sumruld, Bob West, Ronnie Wilcox, Paul Williams, Casey Wills and Dean Wilson are the other new freshmen members.

Dr. Mary Hood and Ed Barkowsky are sponsors of the group.



POOR FELIX! — Oscar and the poker players assist distraught Felix in a scene from "The Odd Couple."

DINNER THEATRE II

Three-Act 'Odd Couple' Opens Tomorrow At 7

Western Texas College's second annual dinner theatre will unveil a four-night showing tomorrow when the WTC drama department presents "The Odd Couple," a three-act comedy by Neil Simon, at 7 p.m. in the campus cafeteria.

Glenn Polk, known to many as the "President of Scurry County," will portray the clumsy, unsophisticated Oscar, while WTC art instructor, Mike Thornton will take on the characteristics of the dainty Felix.

Polk attempted to break in to the Western Texas acting world in the fall of '73 but was forced out when he was injured in a motorcycle accident and had to be replaced in "Charley's Aunt."

Since then he has captured the delight of audiences in the sell-out season opener, "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers." In this production he played the lead role of Barney Cashman, the fumbling married man trying to have an affair.

For this role he received an Excellence in Accomplishment award from the American College Theatre Festival.

Polk holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University. He is employed as a radio disc jockey for radio station KSNY in Snyder. He is also known for his dedication to benefit shows in the area.

The portrayal of Felix, Mike Thornton, is assistant professor of art and instructor in the three-dimensional design program.

Thornton received a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas State and a Master of Fine Arts from Texas Tech. His works have been exhibited at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, the Duluth Museum in Duluth, Minn., Texas Designer-Craftsman exhibitions, Museum of the Southwest in Midland and various other locations.

ON TOUR

The WTC instructor was one of last summer's drama department touring company, portraying Rumpelstiltskin throughout northern New Mexico and in Santa Fe.

Appearing in supporting roles as the poker players who usually "hang out" around Oscar and Felix's place will be C. Warren

Cullar, Rex Hopkins, Greg Nelson and Ed Thrift. Cullar, WTC assistant professor of art, will be participating in his first theatrical experience. His painting, "Reflections" was recently honored by being selected for a major purchase award in the Texas Watercolor Society's 26th Annual Show in San Antonio.

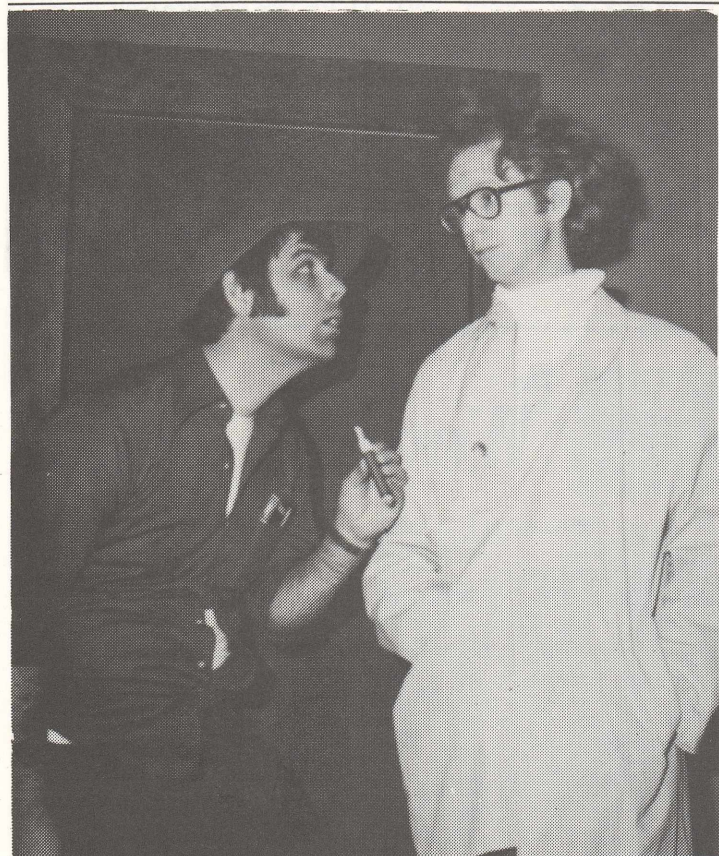
Hopkins, Director of WTC's Continuing Education and Evening School, will also be in his first role of a drama department production. He holds a BBA degree from West Texas State University and was the original Western Texas business manager.

The other two poker players are not affiliated with Western Texas. Greg Nelson is a speech pathologist with the Snyder Public School system. He has been involved in other WTC productions before, though, appearing in the first campus musical, "The Fantasticks," and last year's "Charley's Aunt." Thrift is another newcomer to the acting world. He is manager of Bea Owens Specialty Shop in Snyder.

Emmalie Sleeper, Snyder freshman, and Julie Jones, Abilene freshman, will play the parts of the Pidgeon sisters, the two girls who live in the apartment above Felix and Oscar.

Aiding director Charles Holland in the production are assistant director, Jan Bellamy; stage manager, John Wendeborn; lighting engineer, Steve Bratton; sound producer, Carol Posey; prop coordinator, Cindy Hanson; and dinner theatre manager Paula Baldwin.

Admission for "The Odd Couple" is \$6 for students and \$7 for adults. Tomorrow night's performance is already sold out, but tickets for the other three performances Feb. 22, 28 and Mar. 1 are still available in the WTC bookstore, West Texas State Bank and Snyder National Bank.



WHATCHA SAY? — Oscar (Glenn Polk) attempts a response from the tuned-out Felix (Mike Thornton). WTC's dinner theatre presentation opens tomorrow night.

Enrollment Record Set

We're getting bigger and better as time goes by...

According to statistics released by Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, Western Texas College has reached a new enrollment record of 1,058 students, a three percent increase over last semester and 17.7 percent more than last spring.

Also breaking the old record for college enrollment is the number of veterans, which increased from 126 last fall and 103 last spring to 150 this semester.

Enrollment for the Community Services courses or Adult Basic Education courses held on campus will bring the total

enrollment for the college to near 1500, said Dr. Hood.

Enrolled in extension courses offered in Colorado City are 103 students and 88 in the Haskell extension. Also, 23 students are enrolled in both classes in one of the extension centers and on the Snyder campus.

Dorms are 94 per cent full and were also full last semester.

Total enrollment for the freshman class is 681 as compared to 593 last spring. Sophomores have increased in number from the 1974 spring enrollment of 219 to 269, and 108 unclassified students are registered this semester as compared to 87 last year at this time.

editorially...

Senator Lloyd Bentsen Assumes Uphill Climb

benny ellington

Last Monday another presidential hopeful cast his hat into the ring.

He was neither a northern senator who West Texans have never heard of nor a mayor of one of the largest cities in the U.S. famous for his handling of garbage strikes, but the junior senator from Texas, Lloyd M. Bentsen, who will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1976.

Bentsen has represented Texas in the Senate for the past four years, unseating 13-year Democrat, Ralph Yarbrough in 1970.

Since being elected he has been named to the finance, public works and joint economic committees.

Bentsen spoke out repeatedly against the Nixon administration for its ineffectual attempts to deal with economic problems in the U.S. including, specifically, Texas.

He spoke of a need for change when Tricky Dicky's corruption-riddled administration was being brought to light, while the other Texas senator sat silent.

The Houston lawyer called for a Congressional investigation concerning the Russia wheat deal. A bargain which later proved very beneficial to the large grain companies, but very depressing to the growers of the grain.

Four other Demo hopefuls have also entered the race for '76, Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, Representative Morris Udall, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and former Oklahoma Gov. Fred Harris.

Jackson at present has to be listed as the front runner. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1972 and has gained name recognition from his speeches across the U.S. and visits to the Republic of China.

Carter is known in the southern states, while Udall and Harris have some of the similar problems as Bentsen when it comes to name recognition.

Bentsen's chances to square-off in 1976 with the Republican nominee, possibly President Gerald R. Ford or the conservative wing's man, former California Governor Ronald Reagan are slim.

A Texas member of the Congress told the media that they were slim because of the "anti-Texas" mood among Democrats. That mood is due to oil and gas problems they blame partly on Texas and to the deflection from the Democratic party of the former Gov. John Connally, now under a criminal indictment.

The same source stated that Congressmen Bob Poage and Wright Patman would not have been ousted as committee chairman had they been from Arkansas.

It will be an uphill climb for the junior senator, but of the five Demos in the race at present he would be able to do the best job, and certainly a better job than what we have seen since 1968.

An Arab millionaire recently attempted to buy the pride of Texas, the Alamo. It was not for sale.

But Saudi Arabia has found something for sale.

This Arabic country, which has been on the opponent's side each time when aid was passed out by the U.S. for military conflicts in the Middle East, has bought a defense training program.

Using the U.S. Department of Defense as their agent, the Saudis have drawn up a \$76.9 million contract with Vinnel Corp. of Los Angeles to use former U.S. military men to train the Saudi National Guard.

Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, recently stated that if the Arabic countries cut-off our oil supply, we will be forced to use "force" to get it.

Are U.S. military men going to be fighting troops that former U.S. military men trained?

That would be as ridiculous as selling wheat to the Soviet Union, to in turn give to the North Vietnamese, while they are fighting U.S. forces.

BOOK REVIEW

'Stranger' Takes Blow

In *Stranger in a Strange Land*, Valentine Michael Smith, born and educated on Mars, sets foot on Earth for the first time in his life and finds it contradictory to everything he was taught by the Martians.

Mike is at first confused and frightened by what he sees but soon adapts to our strange way of life and begins to understand what makes us the way we are.

He sets up a Martian school of language and begins to teach the Martian way of self-discipline and thought but is eventually killed by a joint effort of the Church and Government.

Robert Heinlein uses satire, humor, and fantasy to strike a blow to religion, government, morals, and our general way of life.

He creates some truly remarkable characters, the most fantastic being Mike. All of his characters seem very real and life-like.

Heinlein takes all of the problems of today and shows the reader what they might develop into within a few years, making goose bumps come up when the

reader stops to think about how true some of his situations are.

He wrote this book to shock and infuriate the people into changing the problems and adverse situations in our world.

In my opinion he succeeds in baring these problems in a humorous way as well as shocking and disturbing a good many people with his free manner of writing.

Best Seller List (as compiled by Publisher's Weekly)

- Fiction**
- Centennial, Michener
- The Seven-Per-cent Solution, ed. by Meyer
- Something Happened, Heller
- The Ebony Tower, Fowles
- Lady, Tryon
- Non-Fiction**
- The Palace Guard, Rather and Gates
- Strictly Speaking, Newman
- The Bermuda Triangle, Berlitz with Valentine
- All Things Bright and Beautiful, Herriot
- The Ultra Secret, Winterbotham



fact & opinion

By Paul Williams

It seems as each day passes we are only waiting for the mere "go-ahead" to engage ourselves in another gruesome, useless, unwanted war.

Why? Our good friends, across the ocean, seem to be doing rather well these days. The Arabs have become unmercifully rich from our endeavors and now demand even more.

Yes, oil is very much a necessity in civilization today. Being as dependent upon their resources as we have become, and the possible embargo they are threatening us with, something will, of course, have to be done.

The shieks were there sitting on top of all that oil, not even knowing it was there, much less knowing how to extract it from the ground.

American oil companies, in desperate search for new energy with which to supply the rest of

the world, moved in and started to work.

Today, the Arabs sit back, grin, count our money, and continually attempt to accumulate more and more of our country. They are way up in our stock market today, and as long as we can keep them from controlling over 51 percent, let's hope we'll be okay.

Our good man, Henry Kissinger, along with his most loyal supporter, Gerald Ford, has big plans for moving in and taking by force the oil we need.

But who is to say what is actually right?

Is not America known and built up to be the great country that is never the aggressor in war?

Don't we stand on the idea that individual ownership is of great significance in anyone's eyes?

When something belongs to someone else, is it right for us to move in and take it away?

But maybe that's not even the issue.

Well then, what is the issue? Someone better think pretty fast.

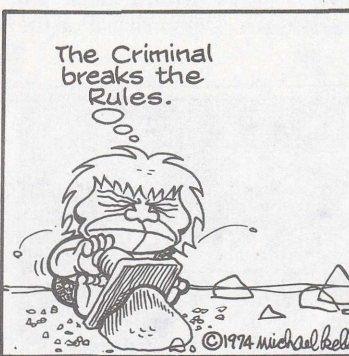
Talk and planning is being directed in actually how we would go about it, and what we would run into, considering we did declare a war.

But it's been said that the Army is right now painting hundreds of Army tanks and trucks brown in order to fight on the desert sand. This month, a top major officer who has been stationed in our counter country is coming back to Texas to take command at Ft. Hood to re-train our troops to fight desert-combat.

Maybe there is nothing wrong with all this, but it seems a good idea if we knew a little more on what was happening.

Everyone's judgment is his own.

And we'll probably find out the truth sooner than we want...



* News Brief *

Chuck Smallwood, Admissions Advisor for West Texas State University will be in the Student Center lobby Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to talk with anyone interested in WTSU.

The Snyder Writer's Guild will hold a workshop Feb. 22 in the multi-purpose room of the Scurry County Museum featuring Elmer Kelton, associate editor of the West Texas Livestock Weekly in San Angelo.

It is still possible to enroll in Fundamentals of Radio Communication, Fundamentals of Electronics, or Skin and Scuba Diving, all taught by Carlton F. Barber, Jr. Interested persons may contact WTC's Community Services office at 573-8511, extension 237.



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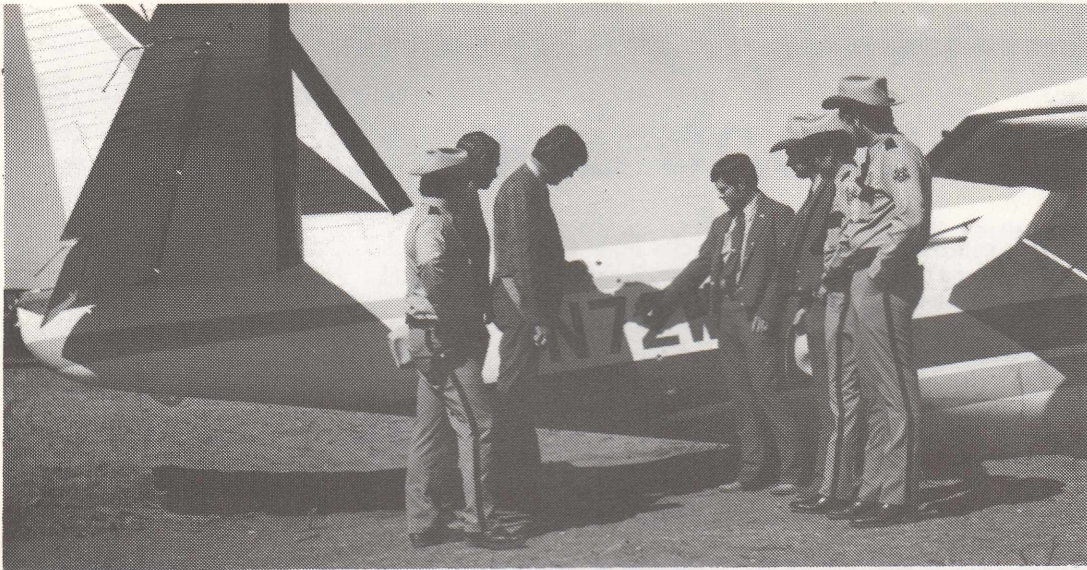
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BULLET HOLES — Law enforcement instructor Ray Robbins, third from left, inspects gunfire damage with, from left, Colorado City patrolman Roy Calhoun, Chief Deputy L.M. Newby, Sheriff Bill McGuire, Deputy Randy Wilkinson, C-City policemen, Pat Fuller and Gerald Lynch, also WTC students.

LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDENTS

Officers Aid in Giant MJ Raid

Story and Photos by Jill Groff

Five Western Texas College law enforcement students and one graduate participated in one of the largest marijuana raids in the area Feb. 7.

Helping conduct the stake-out and raid were Mitchell County Sheriff Bill McGuire, Chief Deputy L.M. Newby, Deputy Randy Wilkinson, Colorado Patrolmen Roy Calhoun, Gerald Lynch and Pat Fuller, a WTC law enforcement graduate.

About 1500 pounds of refined marijuana was confiscated in a raid at the Colorado City airport about 9:30 p.m. when three men were in the process of transferring the "grass" from an Aero Commander twin engine aircraft to a pickup camper.

Arrested in connection with the raid were Anthony T. Baldi Jr., 27, of Austin, owner and pilot of the plane; Bruce A. Mettler, 26, of Crowley, occupant of the plane, and Roy T. Boyd, 28, of Las Cruces, N. Mex., driver of the pickup.

Mettler and Boyd are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each for possession of marijuana. Baldi was being held in lieu of \$250,000 bond for smuggling a narcotic over the border and for possession of marijuana.

The raid and subsequent arrests were the result of an investigation that had been conducted for several months. Weeks before the raid, the Mitchell County Sheriff's office learned (through an informant) that a plane-load of "pot" would arrive at the Colorado City airport, but apparently bad weather prevented the landing.

According to McGuire, the Sheriff's office learned that the drop had been rescheduled for the night of Feb. 7. The department began a stake-out shortly after dark, manned by Newby and Loraine deputy Mike Stutts.

To prevent escape, deputies let the air out of one pickup tire. Seats in the camper had apparently been removed from the plane to make room for the "booty," believed to have been flown in from Mexico.

Around 9 p.m. the plane landed in Colorado City and the men began to make the transfer to the pickup. Newby and Stutts identified themselves and attempted to place the three under arrest.

Upon the deputies' arrival, two of the men entered the plane and began to taxi the aircraft toward the south end of the runway while the third escaped on foot.

Deputies began firing at the plane. The pilot spun the plane around on the south end of the runway. While bullets ripped through the plane, one of the tires separated from the rim. As the plane turned to begin

an apparent take-off, Newby blocked the runway with his car causing the pilot to veer around the car. After leaving the runway, the plane began to bog down in a freshly-plowed field, making its left wheel buckle and collapse.

Local police had been on standby and were alerted during the attempted escape. According to Newby, the plane's left engine was sputtering leading the officers to believe that it had been damaged by gunfire. An inspection Saturday however proved the engine to be undamaged but somehow unable to develop full power. One tire was hit by the gunfire.

When the plane mired in the field, the two occupants jumped out and attempted to escape on foot. Newby captured one while the other was shortly apprehended by Colorado City Assistant Police Chief L.C. Devorce.

Newby stated that six shotgun blasts, three or four rounds of 30-30 shells and four or five rounds from a .357 were fired at the aircraft.

McGuire said the "maryjane" had an approximate street value of \$250,000 and was believed intended for distribution in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and possibly Oklahoma. He said Colorado City was probably chosen for the "dropsite" because of its accessibility to Interstate Highway 20 and other major West Texas roads.

The "weed" was stuffed in Mexican-marked duffel bags weighing from 50 to 60 pounds. Some was packaged in bales while the rest was found in "brick" form, each weighing one kilo.

Also discovered in the plane was a vacuum cleaner, apparently intended for use in

removing all marijuana traces once the transfer had been made, and part of a cardboard box of Mexican beer.

The plane, which has a range of 1200-1500 miles and cruising speed of 180-200 m.p.h., and the pickup were sighted earlier Friday afternoon in Midland.

McGuire noted the aircraft was equipped with extensive radio equipment to monitor police networks. Law enforcement officials suspected this, so all "stake-out" transmissions were conducted in code.

Officials from the area helped in the search and capture of the man who escaped on foot. Assisting Department of Public Safety officials from Sweetwater, Snyder and Colorado City were members of a local citizens band radio club. All area farmers were asked to be on lookout for the escape.

DPS patrolmen Jimmy Granato and Tommy Parker spotted and arrested the evader about 6:30 a.m. Saturday in Loraine at the west exit of Interstate 20.

Department narcotics officials from Midland and a fingerprint expert were on hand for the arrest.

According to officials on the scene, no one was injured in the bizarre evening's events.

Ray Robbins, WTC law enforcement instructor, said "Obviously, what we commonly think of as a 'Big City' crime is not restricted to the big cities, and when it does reach out and touch our smaller communities, we find, in most instances, that local law enforcement very capably meets the challenge."

"I congratulate all the officers involved in the Colorado City case on a job well done. I am proud to know and be associated with them."



MIRIED IN FIELD — The Aero Commander aircraft slid to halt after leaving the runway. The left wheel buckled and collapsed.

Dormitory Students Surveyed Concerning Cafeteria Service

by Katy LeMond

Dorm students were recently surveyed regarding what was appealing and not appealing in the cafeteria. The questionnaire was circulated by the business office and campus cafeteria manager, George Gann.

Listed on the questionnaire were various items served on the daily menu with columns for the student to check food he particularly liked or disliked, according to preparation or taste. Results are still under observation and will probably be released at a later date.

Dorm counselors have been meeting with Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, and Mr. Gann to discuss major complaints concerning cafeteria service.

One major complaint concerned possible cold food being served. To solve the problem, cooks and servers now keep fires turned up under food platters. However, students arriving late at the 6:30 p.m. dinner deadline apparently complain more about "burned" food. So, what next?

Another complaint was the rare citing of hair in food. Cafeteria personnel now equipped with hairnets have hopefully solved that possible problem.

The cafeteria employs four

cooks, one salad maker, and one baker, among other personnel. Each day students are offered a choice of meat (seconds served to athletes), a trio of vegetables, a choice of breads, one of a variety of desserts, a combination of salads, and a number of drinks.

Prices for these meals, to the general public, are \$1.25 for breakfast, \$1.35 for lunch, and \$1.45 for dinner (plus tax). Steak night, every other Thursday, offers a steak dinner with all the trimmings. To the general public? \$2.40 plus tax.

With these prices in mind, the dorm students should consider how much he is paying for each meal.

Students on the five-day meal plan pay approximately \$2.30 per day or 83 cents per meal. Those on the seven-day plan pay approximately \$2.20 per day or 70 cents per meal. (Gann reported that students on the seven-day plan have "more missed meals" and are therefore figured in at a lower rate).

A proposed variation of meal plans is being considered by the business office as well as price hikes due to inflated costs of food.

Students on the five-day plan may experience a 15 cent increase per meal for the same food program. The seven-day plan also falls into this category.

Trailhand Contest

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring an election drive for Mr. and Miss Trailhand, campus representatives of the WTC yearbook, "The Trailblazer."

Voting ends today for these nominees: Theresa Beal, Jan Bellamy, Candy Cotten, Sonja Davis, and Karen Morris. Also, John Crain, Jackie Fontenot, Robbie Panter, Pee Wee (Donald) Sellars, and Casey Willis.

Votes are cast by placing pennies in the jar of the person(s) you want elected. Jars are located in the cafeteria, dormitory, LRC, and registrar's office.

Winners will be announced during halftime, February 27, when the 'Green Machine' meets Clarendon here, in the final home game.

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SPRING GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Feb. 27-28 and Mar. 1	Border Olympics Tournament (72 holes)	9 a.m.	Laredo
March 7	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Big Spring
March 8	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	8 a.m.	Snyder
March 13-15	New Mexico State Univ. Tournament (54 holes)	9 a.m.	Las Cruces, N.M.
March 18	Abilene Christian College (Dual Match-18 holes)	2 p.m.	Abilene
April 3-4	Great Plains Tournament (36 holes)	9 a.m.	Amarillo
April 4	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Amarillo
April 11	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Levelland
April 15	Abilene Christian College (Dual Match-18 holes)	2 p.m.	Snyder
April 25	Conference Tournament (18 holes)	9 a.m.	Hobbs, N.M.
April 28-29	Regional Tournament (54 holes)	9 a.m.	Waco

*Each school enters 5 players and 4 low medal scores count toward team scores.

Linksters Battle MC In Second Spring Meet

by Jeff Box

WTC's golf team is competing in their second match of the spring semester today as they battle Midland College at the Snyder Country Club.

"We've been practicing for some time, but the unpredictable weather really messed us up at times," said coach Bob O'Day. "Actually I'm pleased with how we're doing. Arnold Madril is doing good and we've got a strong new player in Terry Bruner."

Terry, a 1974 Sweetwater graduate, is a transfer from Southwest Texas State University.

The Western linksters will see action again Feb. 27-28 in Laredo at the Border Olympics Golf Tournament. "This is probably one of the oldest inter-collegiate meets in the United States," said O'Day.

"There will be one division and everyone will be competing against each other. Approximately 24 major schools are expected," O'Day said. The University of Texas, Oklahoma, Houston, and Colorado are among the gladiators the Westerners will face. "The competition will give us some great experience," O'Day said.

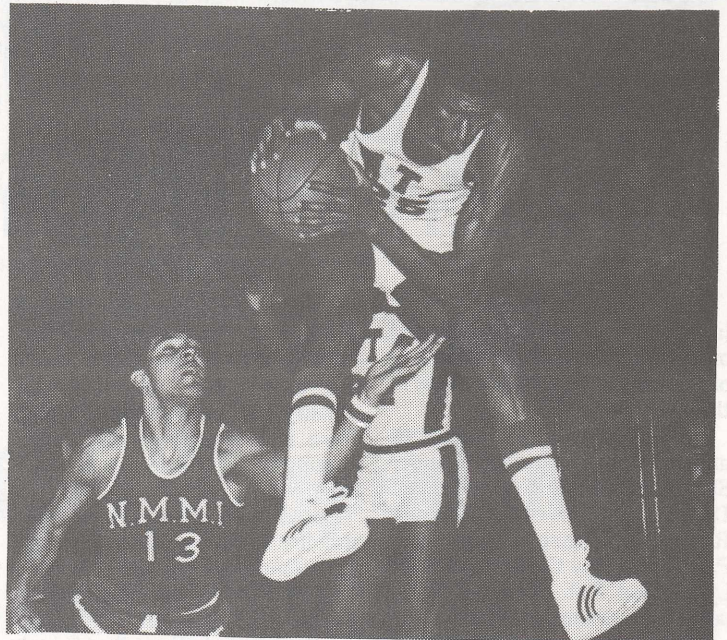
The Western squad is ranked fourth in Western Junior College Athletic Association action with 35 points, and Midland College is third with 37.5. Second-ranked is New Mexico Junior College with 44, and Odessa College leads the

pack with 45.5. Other teams are South Plains, Amarillo, Frank Phillips, Clarendon, and NMMI.

Mark Hargrove is third in the conference's individual race with a 73.7 average. Younger brother Bryan Hargrove is sixth with a 74 while Arnold Madril is ninth sporting a 74.6.

Grant Collins, who missed the last few conference contests with an ankle injury, leads the team with a 73.47 average.

Waco will be the site of this year's Region V Golf Tournament April 28-29. The first place team will represent the region at the national meet while the top five individual medalists will be making the trip. "With five conference games left we could make it to Waco if we work hard and we stand a chance at regional, but we'll have to play!" O'Day said.



WATCH IT THERE — Eugene Harris (25) comes down with a big rebound during the WTC-NMMI clash. The Mississippi standout sustained a pulled ligament, but should be ready for the Region V tourney. Western won the contest, 102-70.

Hawks, Western Tangle Tonight

"They are physically capable of beating us!" said Westerner Coach Mike Mitchell concerning tonight's game against Howard College in Big Spring.

"It'll be a tough game against them on their home court," said Mitchell. The Jayhawks have a fast team and a 100-point-per-game average.

The Birds are presently second in the conference race with the Westerners in first place. The HC unit has had an inconsistent season, winning the big ones and losing the small ones.

A freshman-dominated team, Howard has two stars in the form of Larry Erves and Larry Johnson, both 6-5 forwards averaging 20 points per game.

Both squads have met before with the Westerners taking a 96-71 victory.

"They use a man-to-man defense 90 percent of the time and we'll probably use the same thing against them," said

Mitchell. Mitchell's Marauders have been on a rampage this year, dashing the hopes of many and losing only to one team, South Plains, before returning to beam them twice.

Cagers Stymie Texans

"This was probably our best game since Howard College came here (Jan. 20)," said Coach Mike Mitchell about the Westerner-South Plains tilt Feb. 13 in Levelland. The Green team brought home a 105-84 victory.

The Westerners and SPC traded the lead several times in the early minutes of play, but the Green Machine started to click and went ahead for good. As

much as 14 points separated the two units in the first half.

The hosts came on strong early in the second period and closed the 53-43 halftime lead to a mere two points. Once again the Green squad struck, lengthening the gap and dashing SPC's hopes against the backboards.

Greg Hill was top scorer with 31 points, Eugene Harris roped in 17, and Norman Barnes hit for 14.

The team made 53 per cent of their field goals and nabbed 63 rebounds, Barnes leading with 18.

Bob Miller was allowed only eight shots as the host defense concentrated almost entirely on him. "They played him too much and left everyone else open, and we burned them good!" said Mitchell.

The victory clinched at least a conference tie for the Green Machine.

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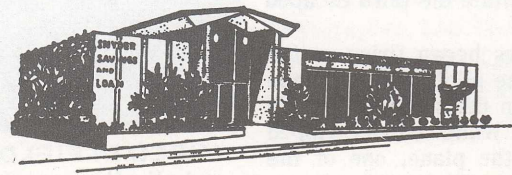
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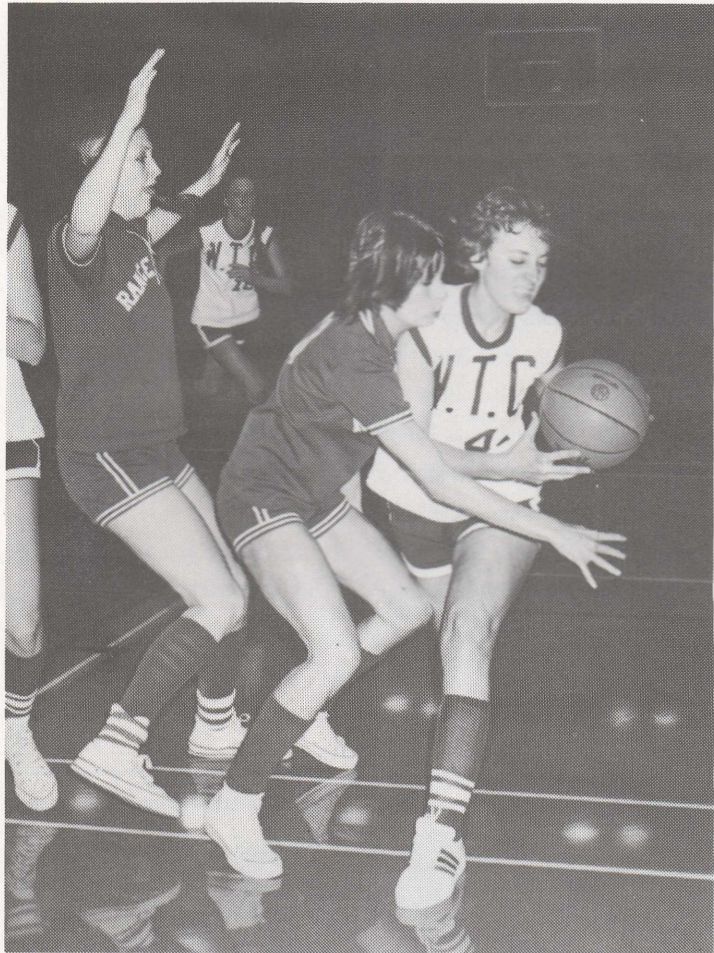
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BOX SCORE Fem Region Meet Set



CUT IT OUT! — Duster Marilyn Payton (44) drives around a lose-guarding Rangerette. WTC fell to Ranger 64-38 in the Western gym.

Rangerettes Defeat Dusters

Depth, strength, experience and a good defense were major features of the Dusters' 64-38 loss to Ranger Junior College in the WTC gym Feb. 11.

"Their depth, strength, and experience were major factors in the victory and their press bothered us," said coach Sid Simpson.

Marilyn Payton turned in a good night's work ripping the nets for 20 points, and high score honors. She grabbed 14 of the Dusters' 31 rebounds, made four steals and hit 10 of 12 from the line. Sandra Jimenez also roped in the double figures with 12 points.

Nevertheless, the Ranger squad took the lead with 12 minutes to go in the first half and never lost it. The half time saw the Green Machine being slumped 25-15.

Dusters employed a 2-3 zone early in the game but switched to a 1-3-1 trap in an attempt to stop the hot-handed Rangers.

WTC Wallops McMurry's JV

Leading all the way, the Westerners whipped McMurry's JV 75-51 in Abilene Feb. 10.

"I wasn't particularly pleased with the way we played. But it was a non-conference game and I can understand why we weren't fired up," said Coach Mike Mitchell.

The Mean Green dominated all areas of play as Bob Miller roped in 23 points and Eugene Harris grabbed 11 rebounds.

WTC shot 48 percent from the floor and 79 percent from the line while dominating the boards with 43 rebounds.

The Westerners substituted freely throughout the game, allowing each player to hit the nets for at least 2 points. The team started with a man-to-man defense switched into a zone, then back to man-to-man.

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There's an old cliché that states everyone is entitled to at least one mistake. Well, ol' Box-score really did it!

Last issue of the Western Texan, I said in this that Feb. 20 was the date of the men's regional tournament. Not so. The date is March 6-8 in Amarillo.

Though today isn't special, tomorrow is, being the first day of the gals' Region V tourney, sponsored by WTC and the Snyder Jaycees. Five teams will be competing in the meet including Weatherford (the favorite), Ranger, WTC, Howard County, and South Plains.

HC and SPC tip off at 3 p.m. Friday in the WTC Gym to start the action. The Dusters will take on Ranger, for the third time this season, in the Scurry County Coliseum Saturday at 10 a.m.

Weatherford will battle the HC-SPC victor immediately following the WTC tilt.

Saturday night at 8:30 in the Coliseum the championship game will be featured.

Weatherford is favored to take the tourney after a close battle with Ranger. The two squads have met twice this season with Weatherford gaining both victories.

According to WTC Athletic Director and Girls' Basketball Coach Sid Simpson, "Weather-

ford is a TOUGH team! They boast a 17-3 record and two stars in 6-3 Sarah Williams and Kathy Burns, each girl averaging 20 points per game. Both can shoot and shoot well!"

South Plains has no claims on any 'star' but possess a solid team and a well working unit, according to Simpson, tournament director. Assistant tournament director is Sam Alexander, Jaycee member.

This is the first time Snyder has hosted the regional contest,

and it has been a difficult task to put on.

Show your support for our great team and cheer them on to an upset victory over Ranger and Weatherford. Could mean a trip to Kansas City, and REAL KC steaks for everyone!

Coach Simpson reminds everyone that no student activity cards, faculty ID cards, or booster club cards will be honored since this is a regional and not conference affair. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

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Senate Sets Spades, Foosball Tournament

Next on the Senate-sponsored game-tournament list is a spades tournament with play beginning March 3.

Registration for the tournament will begin Monday, February 24 and continue through the following Friday, February 28.

Brackets will be posted Monday morning, March 3.

The tournament is open to all students and faculty members with men competing against women in the singles division and two-member doubles teams competing against other teams on the brackets.

Entry fee for the tournament is 25 cents for each singles entrant or 40 cents per doubles team.

Those wishing to enter may

register at the dorm or game-room desks.

Later, on March 25, the Senate will sponsor a foosball tournament. Registration will begin in either the gameroom or dorm March 17.

Basic entry qualifications will be similar to the spades tournament: male versus female.

Entry fees for this tournament are 25 cents for single players and 40 cents for doubles (one team).

Students are advised to register for future tournaments in advance to help game coordinators avoid squeezing in late registrants.

For more information, contact either Katy LeMond or Mickey Baird, Student Activities Director.

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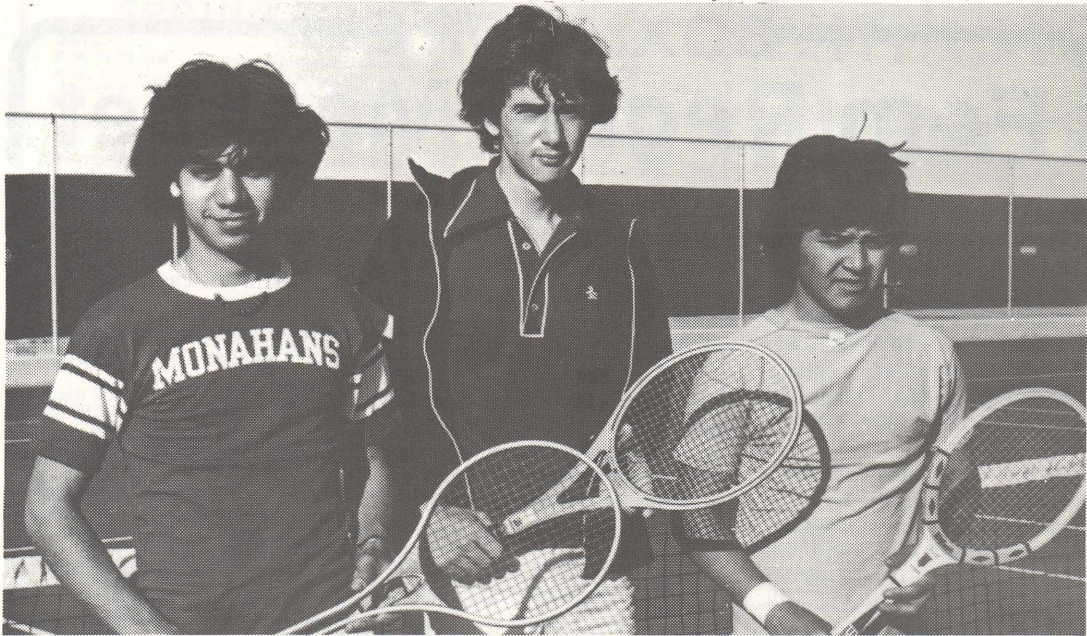
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NEW NETTERS — Three new players have joined the WTC net squad for the spring semester. They are (left to right) Ray Villanueva, Marcellino Chavez and Jamey Easterling. The Westerners will open their season March 17 in Odessa against Odessa College.

Net Squad Garneres New Faces

The Westerner Tennis Team has three new faces this semester, including Ray Villanueva, Jamey Easterling, and Marcellino Chavez.

Villanueva transferred from Howard College in Big Spring where he played last year. He won the Texas State Championship for AAA Doubles in 1973 and was seeded first in the Monahans Tennis Association meet at Monahans. Ray is a PE Major and English minor.

Easterling was the district AA singles champion and reached semi-finals at regional in 1974.

Dusters Down SP, Howard, Capture Crown

WTC's Dusters won in style last Thursday night!

They defeated South Plains by an impressive 60-31 score in Levelland in only their first season and took the women's Western Junior College Athletic Conference crown as well.

The Dusters ran a tight 2-3 zone defense which held the foes to a mere field goal for nearly 14 minutes of the initial period. After holding a 25-6 advantage at one point, WTC went on to take a 35-10 halftime lead.

Marilyn Payton and Theresa Beal lead Western Texas with 15 and 16 points each, while teammate Melissa Taylor notched 10. No South Plains players tallied in double figures.

WTC hauled down 48 rebounds compared to SP's 21. Payton took 19 of those setting a club record.

Saturday night, the Dusters crushed Howard College 64-50 in Big Spring to bring their season mark to 15-4 and conference record to perfect 6-0.

Coach Sid Simpson's forces rallied just before halftime to take a 36-29 edge. In the second period, WTC amassed 38 to Howard's 21.

Payton and Beal lead the 'Mean Green' with 22 and 20 points, respectively, while Griffin and Echols paced the opponents.

Jamey plans to be a Certified Public Accountant or an architect and is from Coahoma. Chavez won second in the

Abilene Tennis Tournament, first in AA district doubles and was a regional semi-finalist in 1974.

Fincher, Smith Billiard Champs

The Student Senate sponsored a pool tournament February 10-13 in the gameroom of the Student Center.

Players advancing to the quarter-finals in the women's division were Becky Culp, Candy Cotten, Sheree Fincher, Jo Ann Tippens, Katy LeMond, Patty Richardson, Kim Page, and Sharon Jones.

Proceeding through the semi-finals and shooting for the final championship was freshman Sheree Fincher and sophomore Patty Richardson.

Fincher won the overall tournament, in the female division, by defeating Richardson two of three games.

Advancing to quarter-finals in the men's division were Richard Daves, Jesse Rollins, Ricky Berry, Randy Dryden, John Crain, James 'Goat' Smith, Ralph Lewis, and Ricky King.

Shooting in the last round of play were finalists Randy Dryden and 'Goat' Smith.

'Goat', the nickname by which a majority of WTC students know him and a strong arm on the campus "Green Machine", conquered the men's tournament by defeating Dryden three of five games.

Both Fincher and 'Goat' received plaques for their efforts.

SPRING TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 17	Odessa College	Odessa	1 p.m.
March 21-22	Schreiner Tournament	Kerrville	8 a.m.
March 27	Amarillo College	Snyder	10 a.m.
March 28-29	Central Texas Tournament	Killeen	8 a.m.
March 31	Eastern New Mexico	Portales	1 p.m.
April 1	New Mexico Military	Roswell	1 p.m.
April 4-5	Navarro Tournament	Navarro	8 p.m.
April 8	South Plains College	Levelland	1 p.m.
April 15	Midland College	Snyder	1 p.m.
April 22	Frank Phillips	Snyder	1 p.m.
April 25-26	Conference	Hobbs	



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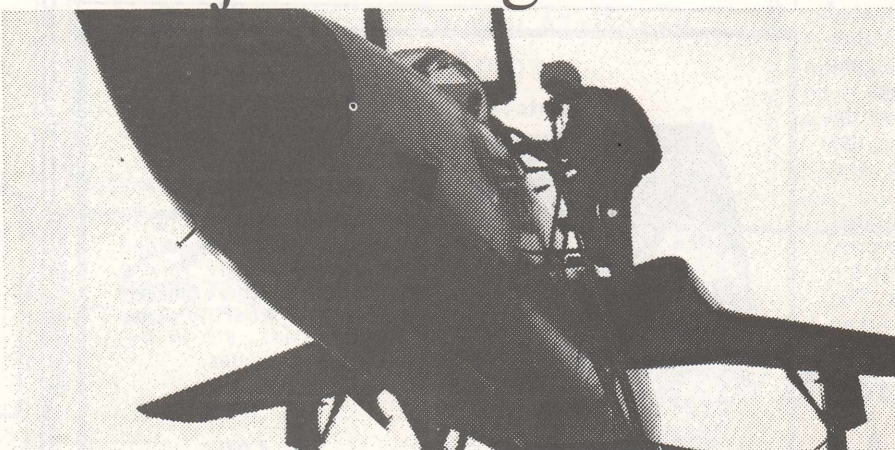
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