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**WE'RE NO. 1** — Western Texas College's talented cage squad raises single fingers to show the fans at the Region V meet that

they are the best. Norman Barnes lifts high the championship trophy for everyone to see.

## HUTCHINSON, KAN. SITE OF TOURNEY

# Westerners Playing In National Meet

by Jeff Box

Mercer County College of New Jersey, defending National Junior College cage champs, did not make it to Hutchinson's national tournament this year, so the crown is up for grabs and "the Westerners have as good a chance as anyone" says Western Texas College Coach Mike Mitchell.

The Western squad left for Hutchinson early Sunday morning, stopping off at Pampa for lunch and an hour's worth of light workout. Their first game will be against Housatonic Community College of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Tuesday night at 7:45.

Starting five for the Green Machine will be the usual 'Big 5'. Forwards are 6-7 Eugene Harris and 6-5 Brian Minor. 6-2 Bob Miller and Ken Fowler will be guards. 6-8 Norman Barnes will round out the starters at the post position.

"We've started these five nearly the entire season and won with them, so there's no need to change," said Mitchell.

"They (HCC) are a lot like South Plains College and Southwest Christian College," (WTC's first regional opponent) said Mitchell. "They are a short team, their tallest player being 6-5. But they're quick and

aggressive as well as a good shooting team."

The northern squad is averaging 96 points a game. Housatonic defeated Jamestown, New York in a bi-region contest 102-90. At intermission Jamestown led 43-41 but the Connecticut unit rallied to win it.

WTC sports a 32-1 record while HCC holds a 28-7. "Records don't mean a thing," said Coach Mitchell. "If we don't play well and they do, we'll lose. We are going to have to work hard and play consistent to win it all!"

One other Texas team made the Hutchinson meet, San Jacinto Junior College of Pasadena. They will battle Anderson College of Anderson, South Carolina Tuesday night at 9:30.

The winner of the WTC-HCC tilt will take on the San Jacinto-Anderson victor Thursday at 7:45 p.m. The losers will play Wednesday.

There will be 16 teams fighting for the chance to sit on the national throne for a year and, according to Mitchell, "the team that is hot will take it all. But they have to be hot, work hard, and play consistent EVERY game!"

The meet will be double-

elimination. "If we lose our first game we'll have four games left. If we win them all we get ninth place, lose another and we come home. If we win the first one we have three left with the championship at the end," said Mitchell.

A strong point for the Westerners is their bench. Greg Hill, 6-4 has played a number of times this season and has shown his talent. With a game high of 31 points, Hill is averaging 7.8 a tilt while nabbing four rebounds a game.

Tyrone Clopton, 6-7, is another excellent stand-in. Averaging 7.8 rebounds a game, he is also hitting the nets for 10 points a contest.

The team 'shortie', Stanley Covington, 6-0, has proven himself under fire and is averaging six points a game.

### Today...

Teresa Stuart and Susie McCormick, pianists, will be presented in a recital at 8 p.m. tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre. Both Miss Stuart and Miss McCormick are students of Dr. Thomas Redcay at Texas Tech University. There will be no admission charge.

Action begins in Hutchinson at 12 p.m. Tuesday with Sheridan College of Sheridan, Wyoming (22-8) battling College of Southern Idaho of Twin Falls, Idaho (24-2).

Lakeland College of Mattoon, Illinois (32-3) goes against Westchester of Vahalla, New York (33-1) at 1:45 p.m.

Hutchinson J C, tourney host, (30-1) takes on Vincennes J C of Vincennes, Indiana (28-3). Game time is 3:30.

Essex County College of Newark, New Jersey (27-3) meets Utica J C of Utica, Mississippi (29-3) at 6 p.m.

WTC (32-1) and Housatonic (28-7) play at 7:45 while Anderson (29-1) and San Jacinto (35-2) finish Tuesday's contests at 9:30 that night.

Wednesday's first tilt is between Arizona Western of Yuma, Arizona (27-2) and Waukesha County Tech of Pewaukee, Wisconsin (28-5) at 1 p.m.

Grandview College of Des Moines, Iowa (26-4) plays DeKalb Community College of Decatur, Georgia (32-6) at 2:45 to conclude the first-round action.

Statistics for the Westerners' 33 battles this year appear impressive.

Leading the offense is Miller, ripping in 763 total points for a 23.1 average. Next is Harris, 435 points for a 15 point average. The team has scored 2852 points, averaging 89.4, while their opponents tallied only 2252, averaging 68.2.

Defensively it's Harris all the way. In the rebound department the 6-7 sophomore grabbed 351. Barnes nabbed 314 and Minor caught 258.

Leaping high, Harris blocked 63 shots and Barnes turned away 44. The team stopped 134 possible scores.

"We've had a good year so far, and we can be proud and happy, but it isn't over yet!" said Mitchell.

The team appears enthusiastic, confident and ready to meet any challenge placed before them.

"We're working hard and we'll do it all!" states Barnes.

"The tenseness is being felt by all of us and we want it bad, and we're going to get it!" says Harris.

"We'll be back this coming Sunday with the CROWN!" claims Harrison Johnson. "They're not going to stop us!"

editorially...

# 'The Answer Is Blowing In The Wind'

benny ellington

Thoughts to ponder while speeding through the dust of the Texas Panhandle to or from Hutchinson, Kansas...scattered between the dots... Due to press deadline we are sorry we can not report Tuesday's or Wednesday's results of the National Tournament.

But Western Texas Sports Editor Jeff Box and Photographer Paul Gilbert are on the scene in Kansas. Look for a complete report in the next issue of the newspaper...

Since one of the easiest things to do around Snyder is to leave (excellent transportation facilities), many students will be taking the option and hitting the road during the Easter holidays with classes dismissed...Try to make it back by April 7!

...With two Texas high school basketball champs from West Texas and a third (Midland Lee) only inches away from making a clean sweep, AA-AAAA, in recent state championship action, perhaps West Texas players might appear on Western Junior College Athletic team rosters next fall...

Speaking...of hitting the road, WTC is due a little publicity thanks to Charles Holland productions which take to the highway for area performances...

Whatever happened to the Forum on National Affairs...

...Since when does WTC dorms have more booze than "Big Mikes"... or maybe even the "Jersey Little," sorry you'll have to bring your own barbeque...

...There was an unusual occurrence around here Wednesday. A good-looking, single woman was spotted on the campus of WTC...Miss America stopped by for coffee and teacakes...

Since...WTC is a suitcase college a bill presently in the Texas legislature could have a big impact on the resident student body. The legislation which has cleared the Texas House would enable speeders to travel 70 mph for only 25 dollars, but for some people the 25 is still a major fine.

Again...the Cadillac owner with a pocket full of crispys to whom the \$25 is pocket change will be smiled upon by the guiding fathers of Texas...

Gasoline consumption will rise, and the price will follow...

...If you have a little booze hidden in a boot back in the dorm remember, "Big Brother" (CIA) is watching and is thirsty...

...Streaking has reappeared this spring with frolics last week at a Florida University. The bare facts as to whether or not it will become popular again as last spring remain to be exposed...

## BOOK REVIEW

### 'Lillies Bloom' Realistically

In *Where The Lillies Bloom*, Mary Call Luther vows to her father that she would keep the family together after he dies. She also promises to prevent her older sister from marrying their landlord.

Mary Call had taken on a tough job with her promise. She not only had to prevent her sister from marrying the landlord but also had to find some way to stay on his land and stay out of the clutches of the people who wanted to put them in an orphanage.

Vera and Bill Cleaver have brought to life the trials of an orphaned family trying to stay together in the Great Smokey

Mountains of North Carolina. The characters are supposed to be hillbillies but act otherwise. They seem more like deep south sharecroppers and are real enough but are in the wrong setting. In spite of this, it is still a very good story of this situation faced by the Luthers.

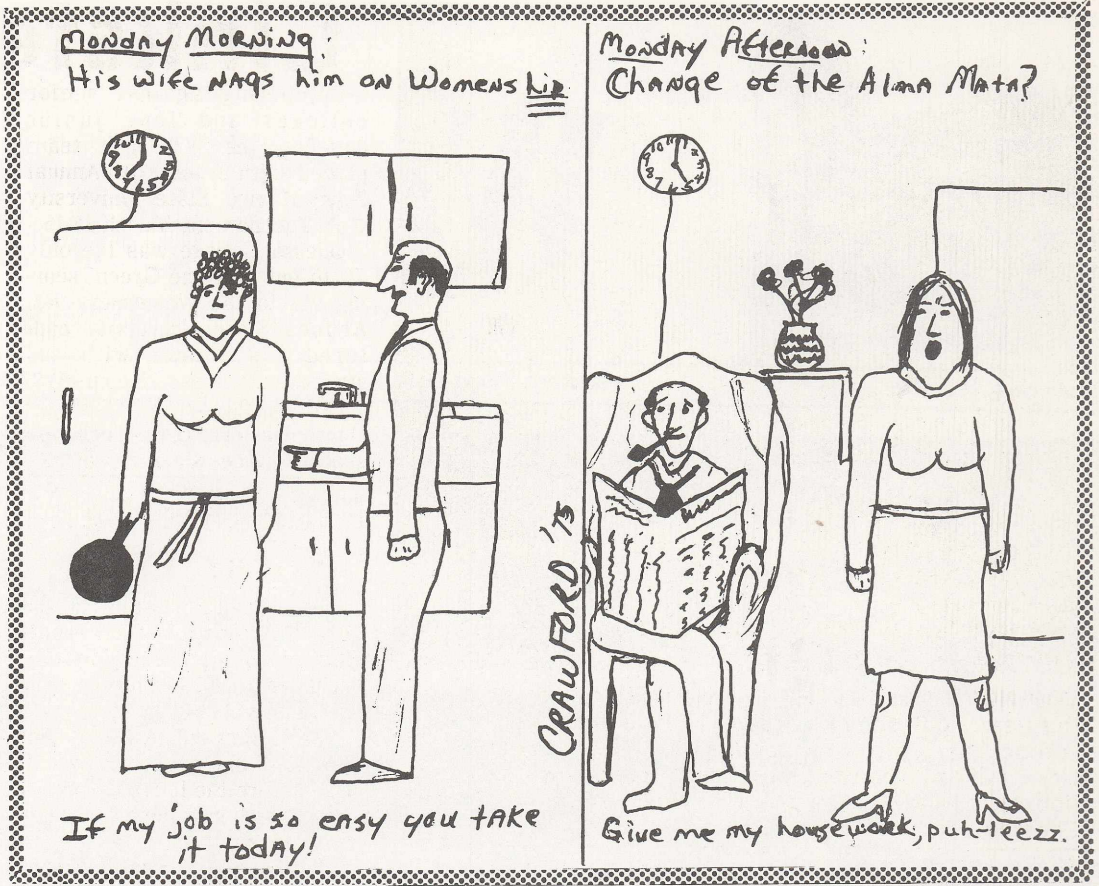
#### FICTION

Centennial, Michener  
The Seven-Per-Cent Solution, ed. by Meyer  
Something Happened, Heller Lady, Tyron

The Ebony Tower, Fowles

#### NON-FICTION

The Bermuda Triangle, Berlitz with Valentine  
The Palace Guard, Rather and Gates  
Helter Skelter, Bugliosi  
Strictly Speaking, Newman



#### \*NEWS BRIEFS\*

Dan Cotton, local lawyer, was guest speaker for the Sociology of Marriage and the Family class last Thursday.

He discussed the new family code, laws regarding the dissolution of marriage, differences in void and voidable marriages, and a new law termed "insupportability."

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Eddie Nettles and David Higgins will attend the national convention of Phi Theta Kappa in Philadelphia, Pa. April 3-6. As delegates, they will represent the WTC chapter.

PTK'ers will vote at the next meeting March 27 during the lunch hour in the Student Center faculty dining room on the issue of sophomore members wearing honorary stoles during graduation. Cost is \$3.50 per stole.

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Kappa Chi sponsored a trip last weekend to the University of Texas Bible Chair Seminar in Austin.

Attending were Kathy Williams, Gary Morris, Lynn Leavell, Joe Shafer, former student and WTC employee Ruth Tate, and club sponsor Dean Morgan.



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## fact & opinion

By Paul Williams

Is it possible to remember as far back into last winter when we had a fuel shortage? If so, you've probably noticed we've got one again.

A year ago, we seemed to experience a little flutter of "togetherness" in this country.

Everyone was going to pull together, conserve supplies, drill more oil, search for new sources, look closer at solar possibilities, and maybe even build a few windmills. We also swore we would never again permit ourselves to become so blasted dependent upon foreign countries.

In the long run, the fuel shortage would have been a very good thing for us. It would certainly teach us the importance of conservation.

It should have convinced Congress to adopt the best possible energy programs and persuade the threatening environmentalists and ecologists to back off a little bit. At least, it was to prove to the average American driver it was just as easy to get where he was going at 55 mph instead of 70 or 80.

Later in the year, fuel did become a little easier to come by. But now what has happened?

What did we get from Washington? Did we receive any

sound fuel or energy programs? And how many sound energy policies? None. Nothing but a number of efforts to punish, penalize, and fine the corporations that know how to produce energy.

A lot of it, of course, comes from the overly excited ecologists who just don't like refineries in their part of the world. But they sure like the gasoline.

Anyway, it has gotten so that the oil companies simply just don't know what they are allowed to do anymore.

Congress continues to do nothing to increase oil production or oil processing. Instead, it strives strongly toward reverse goals. The representatives are determined to remove tax incentives for finding oil, to break up large corporations, and are now talking about establishing a government oil corporation.

Last year we had a mild form of gasoline rationing — service stations shut down on Sundays, very few 24-hour gas stations, a slight try at car poolings, and even some reduction in total driving. We slowed down to 55 and saved a lot of lives and a lot of money.

But then, the old American instinct went back to sleep.

Gradually, the speedometer crept back up to 15 and 20 miles over the set law.

It's obvious that neither the administration nor the Congress has come up with any positive policies. For some reason everyone has just backed off, leaving the crisis to grow within itself.

Until the government and energy producers can come together and cooperate to make a definite move, we will remain in lost confusion.

Any suggestions?

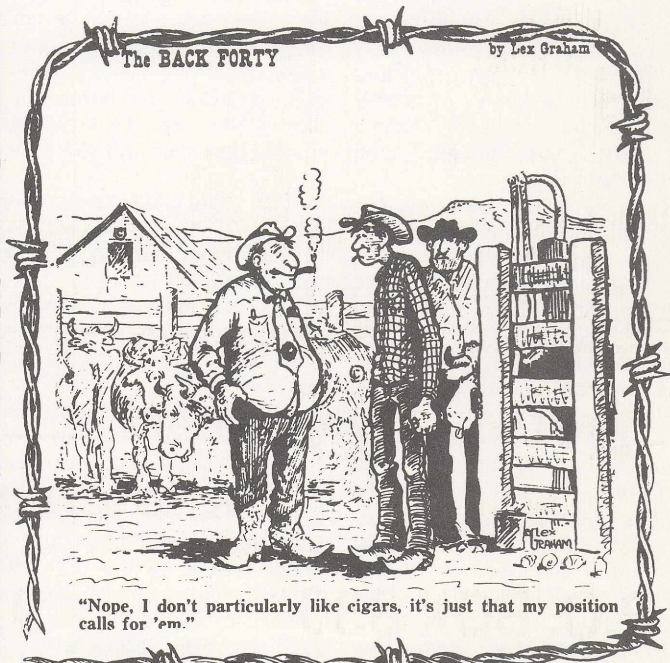
Actually, just because we are lost in politics, commerce, foreign affairs, the economy, and plenty of other crises, all hope is not lost.

There is still room for optimism.

For an interesting and somewhat humorous recognition is the fact that someone still cares. Anyone in the market for a new billfold or wallet will be astounded to learn they still install secret money compartments.

What for? Who knows?  
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**TOP-NOTCH LINKSTER** — Kyle Howard, co-captain of this year's golf squad, carded a 54-hole total of 235 for the second best Westerner total at the New Mexico State University tournament Mar. 13-15. Howard will be in action Apr. 3-4 at the Great Plains meet. (Photo by Danny Chastain)

# Linksters Place Sixth

Competing against senior colleges and four junior colleges, the WTC golf team placed sixth in the Fifth Annual New Mexico State University Golf Tournament March 13-15.

Odessa College was the only JC to out play the Green, scoring 944 to the Westerners 947. Arizona State University captured top honors with 895 strokes on the par-72 course.

Led by former WTC player Danny Walters, Texas Tech took second place shooting a 903.

New Mexico University outscored the host school, NMSU Team One, 907 to 909, for third and fourth places respectively.

Odessa was fifth and WTC sixth while NMSU's second team was seventh with 958. New Mexico Junior College was eighth with 962. West Texas State scored 981 for tenth place and Midland College and New Mexico Military Institute tied for eleventh, shooting 1,033.

Mark Hargrove's and Kyle Howard's rounds of 76-77-79 and 79-75-81, respectively, paced the

Green linksters. Bryan Hargrove's first-round score of 75 was "one of the best tallies of the day," according to Western Texas golf coach Bob O'Day.

WTC maintained a sixth place rating throughout the tournament with M. Hargrove leading the way with a 232 total. K. Howard shot a 235 for the Westerners second best tally. B. Hargrove shot a 238, Ross Wortham 242, Arnold Madril 245 and Jeff Richardson rounds out the Western scores with a 254 total.

## Flunkies Take 'Mural Title

The Flunkies captured the 1975 Intramural Basketball Championship last Monday night with a 37-34 victory over the faculty squad.

The victors built up a convincing 35-17 margin in the second half, before the faculty put on a surge which saw them fall three points short.

Members of the championship team are Joe Taylor, Charles Kuss, Dale and Danny Peterson, John Black and Benny Ellington.

Each squad earned the right to be in the title tilt by winning their respective divisions.

## WTC Journalists To Compete In Intercollegiate Press Contest

Several college publications staff members will attend and compete in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention and contests in Amarillo April 10-12.

Gerald Warren, Deputy Press Secretary to President Ford, will be principal speaker. Other noted journalists appearing on the program are David DeVoss, correspondent for Time magazine, and W.C. Burk, public relations director for Santa Fe Railway in Chicago.

Special sessions in all phases of mass communication will be conducted throughout the affair, culminating in the awards banquet Saturday.

Benny Ellington, Western Texan editor, and Mike McBride, assistant professor of journalism and publications adviser, will appear on a special "freedom of the press" panel Friday. McBride will moderate the panel.

Other panelists include Wilma Wirt of the University of Texas at El Paso and her editor, and Dorothy Estes of the University of Texas at Arlington and her editor.

WTC students are entering general publications as well as

individual contests in newspaper, yearbook and radio-TV categories.

### Final Intramural Basketball Standings

	Red		Green	
Flunkies	6-1	Faculty	6-2	
Bullets	4-2	Golf and Grounds	4-2	
Kappa Chi	3-2	EMT-1	2-3	
Ribby's Roundballers	3-2	Beta Mu Sigma	0-6	
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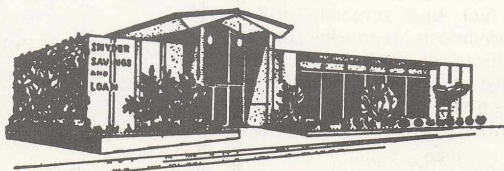
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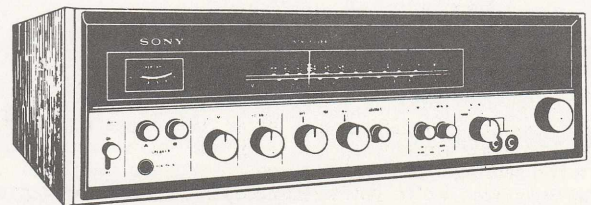
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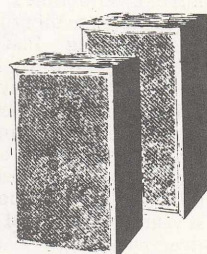
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**LET'S DANCE** — Kenny Fowler (24) is caught in an awkward position by a Western Texan photographer during the Region V tourney. The Westerners won the meet and are competing in Hutchinson, Kan. at the national tourney this week.

**IN AMARILLO TOURNEY**

**Quint Claims Region V Crown**

Eugene Harris and Norman Barnes blocked for him and Bob Miller sailed a 22-footer through the nets in the Amarillo Civic Coliseum, defeating Grayson County 57-55 and placing WTC in the final game against McLennan College, who they walked over 101-84 to claim the Region V crown.

In the final game against McLennan, the Westerners showed their 'stuff' as they took down the Northern Conference kingpin, never losing the lead after the first 15 minutes of play.

Miller broke the school record of 39 points a game, which he set earlier in the year against New Mexico Military Institute, when he burned the nets for 40, making 25 in the first half of action and 11 in the first six minutes of the second stanza.

The Blue and Green made the final game when they edged by Grayson County, 57-55.

In what one spectator called "a real heart-stopper!", Miller scored the winning points with only two seconds remaining in the game.

Grayson and WTC swapped leads early in the game, but with seven minutes left in the

first half, Grayson took the lead 20-18 and they kept it until Miller's shot.

Miller was closely guarded and was grudgingly allowed only nine points for the tilt. But Harris had hot hands and showed them by burning the nets for 30 points. Barnes led the rebound department with 18 nabs.

"I don't feel we played very well against Grayson," said WTC Coach Mike Mitchell. "They played an excellent defensive game, especially containing Miller. But Harris was pretty much the show for us and 30 points really helped."

"We executed exactly the way

we wanted to against McLennan. They have an excellent offense, but so do we and we played better!" said Mitchell.

Region V reign for a year wasn't all the Green Clad warriors brought home with them. To add to the trophy case was Region V's Coach of the Year Mike Mitchell, the Region's All-American nominee Bob Miller and All-Region team members Harris and Miller.

About the coaching honor, Mitchell said, "It's certainly an honor and I am well pleased. But it's good players that make a good coach. If the team doesn't win, then the coach gets nothing."

**Golf Squad 1st, 3rd In Conference Meets**

The WTC golf squad competed in their sixth and seventh conference battles March 7-8 in Big Spring and Snyder.

Howard County hosted loop action number six at the Big Spring Country Club. The Westerners tied for top honors with Odessa College, each shooting 293.

New Mexico Junior College nabbed third with 298, Midland was fourth shooting 302, South Plains College tallied 310 for fifth, and Amarillo College sixth at 316.

New Mexico Military Institute took seventh shooting 321, Howard College followed with a 325, and Frank Phillips College and Clarendon rounded out the field with 328 and 332, respectively.

WTC freshman Arnold Madril was in a three-way tie for medalist honors shooting even-par 71 with John Stinson of OC and Randy McClelland of NMJC.

Western Texas hosted the seventh meet the following day at the Snyder Country Club.

NMJC won the tourney tallying 296 shoots. WTC followed with 297. SPC was third with 308, and OC fourth with 309.

NMMI had 310 for fifth while MC was sixth with 319. CC was next with 325. HC, AC and FPC closed out the contest with 330, 332 and 335, respectively, for the eighth, ninth and tenth slots.

Stinson, from OC, was medalist with 70. WTC's Bryan Hargrove was runner-up with 72.

Tournament standings for seven meets show NMJC and OC tied for first. WTC is third and MC fourth.

HC holds down the fifth position and SPC the sixth. AC is seventh, NMMI eighth, FPC ninth, and CC tenth.

Individually, four Westerners are in the top ten. Bryan Hargrove is tied for first place with a 73.1 average with Stinson. Mark Hargrove with a 74 average is fifth.

Other Western players are Ar-

nold Madril, 74.6, in seventh and Kyle Howard, 74.8, in ninth.

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