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Students Take Greeley's Tip

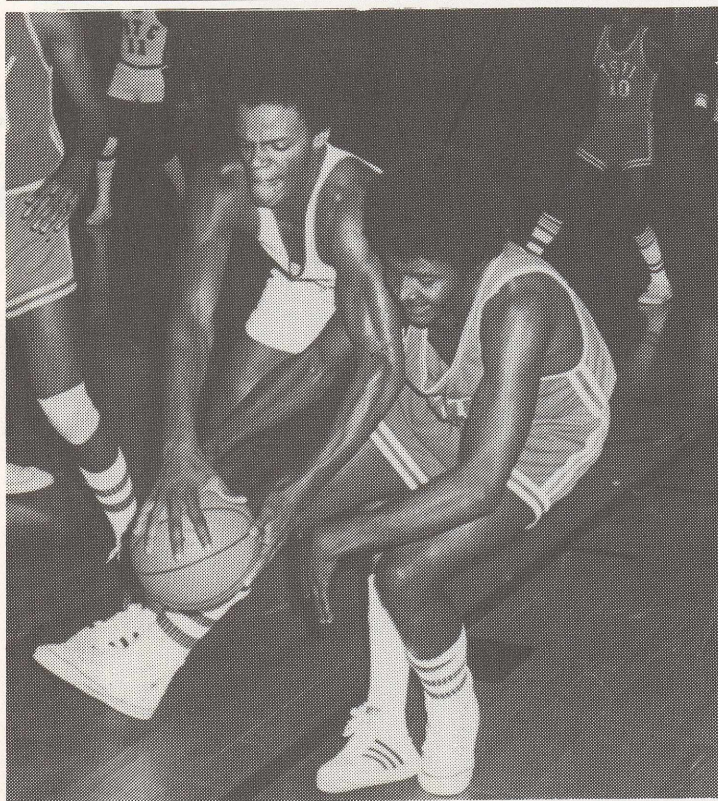
Western Texas College is offering a 21-day summer program of traveling interdisciplinary instruction in the American West. The program will take the student into seven states in the southwestern and western regions of the United States and earn him six hours of college credit.

Registration will be conducted December 12 through May 26. Class size is limited and filled on a first-come basis. A deposit is required to hold reservations.

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take the student from the fixed environment of the classroom and place him in the actual locations of historical, cultural, and archeological interests in the American West.

Adults are particularly invited into the seminar who may not have academic ambitions or prior college experience but who wish to enjoy the American West for their own personal enrichment. Those who join the tour for the pleasure of travel are invited to participate in all activities of the seminar.



GRAB IT LAWRENCE — WTC's high point scorer, Lawrence Butler, a Missouri high school All-American, paced the Westerners to a 118-30 waxing of Waco's TSTI. (see related story and pictures, page 4.)

HOMECOMING '75

Tradition Established At WTC

by Amy Ellison

WTC initiated a tradition Saturday, November 15 by celebrating its first homecoming in the institution's five-year history.

Great response through 'student participation' was one way to describe the Homecoming activities. Numerous exes returning to the campus helped make the celebration a success, according to several reports.

Winning the honor as first WTC homecoming queen was Kim Carney, sophomore art major from Breckenridge. Presentation took place during half-time of the Westerner basketball game Saturday night.

Miss Carney serves as president of the Artisans Club and was their nominee for queen. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Carney. Kim has been active in cheerleading and was a WTC Student Senator last year.

Randy Weaver escorted Miss Carney as David Faulk of Andrews, first WTC Student Senate President, presented her with a bouquet of roses.

Other nominees for the title were Temi Baker of Knox City, Minette Geeslin of Jayton, Christie Holder of Wichita Falls, Patty Hulme of Colorado City, Marilyn Payton of Lubbock, Becky Sledge of Sweetwater, Darlyn Stewart of Tarzan and Michele Graves, Karen Price, Barbara Spence and Debbie Stephens all of Snyder.

Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities, commented on the election. "All 12 young ladies selected were number one choices. It was very difficult for the student body to decide. Kim's been actively involved for two years at WTC, and is very deserving of the honor."

Homecoming Day started early Saturday with a breakfast for Kappa Chi exes at 8 a.m. Afterward all exes registered in the Student Center foyer and attended a reception in their honor in the lounge area.

During the campus open house, all former WTC students were invited to tour new campus facilities and visit with old friends and instructors.

Phi Theta Kappa held a reception for ex-members in the faculty lounge of the academic science B-building. Also, a barbeque luncheon was held in the Student Center cafeteria.

A car caravan convened in the west parking lot to escort the Westerner and Duster basketball teams to the Scurry County Coliseum. Again student response was very good, judging by the number of students participating.

"It was a thrill to know that many people wanted to get involved. The car caravan was almost as big as the one that welcomed the National Champs back from Hutchinson. Furthermore, as many exes were present as currently enrolled students," observed Mrs. Baird.

Following the caravan was an exciting spirit rally designed to boost the varsity basketball teams toward victory. The Dusters and Westerners defeated Clarendon and Texas State Technical Institute of Waco, respectively, in true Homecoming style.

As a crowd of over 1200 looked on, the Duster women's cage team defeated the talented Clarendon Bulldoggettes, 72-45. Marilyn Payton led the scoring with 19 points, Tootie Stevenson made 17, and Rosemary Scott scored 14.

The Westerner men's basketball squad demolished TSTI with an outstanding performance by all team members. The hosts set a new school record with a final tally of 118-30. High school All-American Lawrence Butler scored 24 points for the home folks.

After the game a homecoming dance was held in the Student Center cafeteria. WTC's C & P Productions furnished music for the affair which ended at 2 a.m.

Exes, faculty, students and dates were present.

For those who did not attend the dance, an after game reception was held in the Christian Student Center on campus.

Homecoming '75 would have been impossible without the hard work of many organizations. Special thanks is extended to Mrs. Baird, the Student Senate, and members of the WTC staff and faculty for their contributions to the historic event.

Numerous exes and students are already anticipating the next WTC Homecoming, according to several sources.

Truly, an exciting celebration!



Thanksgiving

by Ivory Gear

The turkey's in the oven,
On the sill are pumpkin pies.
The air flows rich with fragrance
Of roasting and of spice.

Outside there is a crispness,
A hint that winter's near.
Autumn sun shines rich,
Spreading the day with cheer.

Folks are in a jolly mood,
Hearts are fond and gay.
We stop to count our blessings
That we enjoy each day.

It's good to be at home again
With familiar things so dear,
To reminisce of other days
And bring old memories near.

While turning memory's pages,
I add a page brand-new
In honor of the here and now--
Today holds blessings, too.

It's great to be with loved ones,
With friends and family.
I'm thankful for Thanksgiving
And what it means to me.

So when we sit round the dinner table
We silently begin to pray:
Lord, bless the bounties of this table
And the length and width it extends,
Making room for all the children,
Plus the neighbors and our friends.

Bless the beauty of springtime
And the sweetness of harvest day,
Bearing crops to feed the family
And enough to store away.

Bless the warm home that holds us
Through the rains and winter storms,
With a fireplace glowing
To keep us nice and warm.

Bless the health that gives us courage
For the task we have to do,
And power to enjoy it
When a hard day's work is through.

We're thankful Lord--

For health and happiness which comes our way,
For love of family and friends each day,
For peace that comes from speaking with You,
For the blessings of Thy scriptures, true.

For the grace of Thy Son,
the Saviour of Men,
Dying on a cross to save
us from sin.
From our hearts we sing
Thank you, dear God, for
everything.

And make us grateful for
the little things
That chance to pass our way,
Making life seem extra special
When once again--

Comes Thanksgiving Day!



editorially

A Bicentennial

"Thanks" ...

by Jill Groff

Hi folks ... It's that time of year again when nostalgia starts talking to us and making us stop and think!

Main thing on my mind right now is the Thanksgiving Holiday that starts tomorrow.

Thanksgiving is, for me, a very special time. I really get a funny feeling deep down inside, and a lump starts to form in my throat.

Thanksgiving — a time to be thankful. Believe me, I am thankful!

For my family and friends, our beautiful FREE country, and ESPECIALLY for my staff here on the Western Texan.

All of you out there just don't know all the sacrifices these guys make for us! There have been many nights they have stayed until the wee hours of the morn just to make our paper, we believe, the GREAT THING it is. I really don't know what we would do without the people associated with this department.

From the reporters to the typists, and all the others who run errands, get coffee and anything else that needs to be done.

Most aren't just active in journalism but are senators, club officers, and participators in nearly everything happening here.

Thanks, Staff ... You're really great.

We should all be thankful for the sacrifices made throughout the years just so we would have the privileges and freedoms we enjoy in this fantastic country. Just think of all those people way back 200 years ago (and longer) who left their home countries and survived a long, painstaking trip across the ocean to a land they knew little about.

They placed their lives on the line to form our country and some of them lost the battle, but the survivors hung in there and formed the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The conflicts and dangers didn't stop there with the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the victory of the American Revolution. Our country has survived two world wars, one internal war and many "armed conflicts."

In spite of the alarming growth rate of opposing forces to the United States, we are still one of the mightiest nations in the world and people are fighting for her each and every day.

Let's get behind her and help her to win and become the BEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

Support America ... she's fighting for our freedoms.

"Turkey Jive"

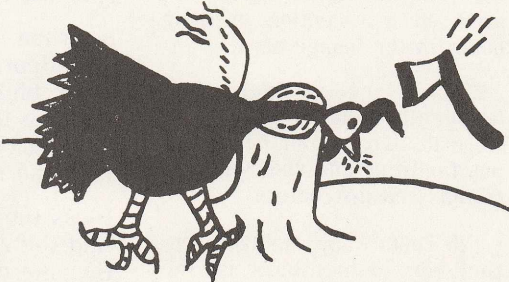
The hens and gobblers are cackling to a new change in feeding grains as they turkey strut to such latest brands as:

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 Nights On Broadway Bee Gees
 Do It Anyway You Wanna People's Choice
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- Country and Western**
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 San Antonio Stroll Tanya Tucker
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 The Letter That Johnny Walker Read Asleep At The Wheel
 I Still Believe In Fairy Tales Tammy Wynette
 We Used To Dolly Parton
 You Ring My Bell Ray Griff
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 Jesus Is The Best Thing That Ever Happens To Me James Cleveland
 God Has Smiled On Me James Cleveland
 No Charge Shirley Caesar
 Take Me Back Andrae' Crouch
 Lord Help Me To Hold Out Harold Smith Majestic
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 Amazing Grace Aretha Franklin



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 Soulful Experience Rance Allen
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 Arruyo De Dios Sunny & The Sunliners
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Don't get caught with that sudden splitting headache! Beware of these hunters coming up.

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 Grandfather Clock Bo Kirkland
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 Same Thing It Took Impressions
 I'm On Fire 5,000 Volts
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 Just As Long As The Fire's Hot Issac Hayes
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 Change With The Times Van McCoy
 Keep On Trying Poco
 Love Machine Miracles
 I Love Music OJ's
 Something Keeps Worrying Me Little Richard
 If Your Man Don't Want It (Take It Away From Him) Chuck Johnson

Good News

by Jeff Box

I'm sorry. I made a mistake. I was wrong. I apologize.

These are probably the hardest words most people ever speak. To admit you've made a mistake, that you're wrong, to apologize, especially to men, is a catastrophe!

Poor guys! We're supposed to be perfect, infallible. We're "He-Men," never making mistakes, much less admitting one if we slip up occasionally.

BULL!

Perfect, infallible ... we're not! Not even those beautiful ladies are mistake-proof! Every day we blow something, if not every hour! It's a natural part of our lives.

At one time mankind admitted his errors and learned from them. It's just the opposite now. There is little admittance or learning experience. The blunders are repeated over and over again.

Truth, that's where it's at! The disciple Peter, at the Last Supper, was told by Christ that before the rooster crows the

next morning he would deny the Lord. Being a proud and boastful person, Peter was shocked and denied any such thing would happen!

Not only did it happen, but three times he denied his Lord. Realizing he was wrong, he asked Christ to forgive him. He apologized and started anew.

As a result, he grew closer to Christ and a few days later he preached a sermon where 3,000 people were saved! That's some kind of preachin'! What power it takes!

When people are so stubborn and hard-headed they refuse to accept the fact they aren't perfect, they lose friends and

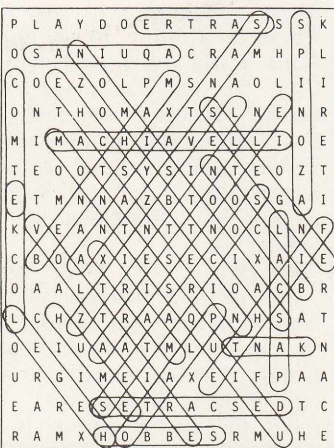
respect. Admitting a blunder is part of maturity and life.

The word sin turns many people off. What is it? God set some laws to live by. We refuse to follow them, we break them. That's sin. Repentance is saying, "I was wrong. I broke Your laws, Lord!"

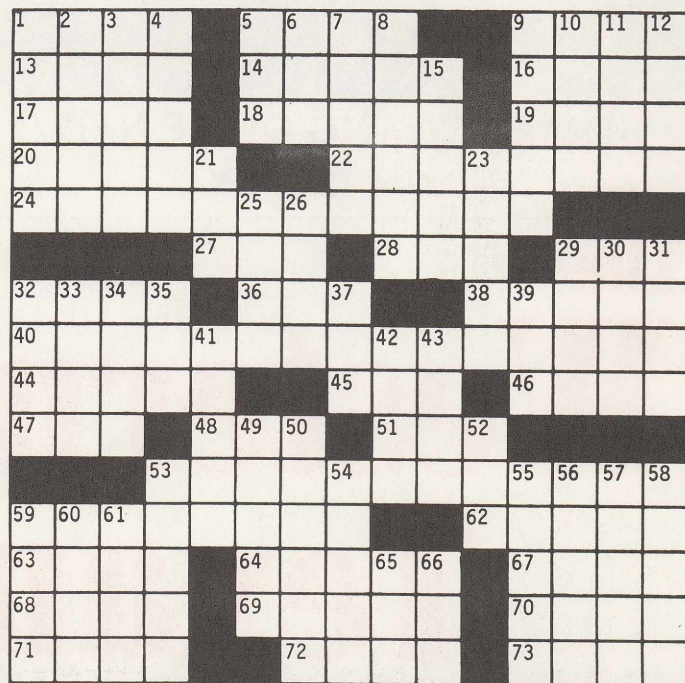
Admitting an error is an integral part of life. As long as we learn from them and extend apologies where needed, we'll do a lot better and have more friends and an easier conscience and heart.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and please don't forget to give thanks to those who deserve it. PRAISE THE LORD!

Answer To Last Issue's Puzzle



collegiate crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Large letters, for short
- 5 Smell
- 9 Red Cap and Bass
- 13 Do not include
- 14 Clean the floor again
- 16 — shark
- 17 Wingless insects
- 18 Jose or Buddy
- 19 Beige
- 20 W.C. Handy's forte
- 22 Wedding band, usually (2 wds.)
- 24 Wasp (2 wds.)
- 27 — Paulo
- 28 — Park, Illinois
- 29 Smart — whip
- 32 Colorful solo
- 36 Roman 555
- 38 Holliman and Hines
- 40 Colors on Costa Rica's flag
- 44 Pablo Casals' instrument
- 45 More than enough
- 46 State of unconsciousness
- 47 Old TV show, "King"
- 48 Mauna —
- 51 Siesta

DOWN

- 15 Lawrence Welk's dance
- 21 — your old man
- 23 Pulled a hockey maneuver
- 25 Arabian watercourse
- 26 Sudden jerk
- 29 Guthrie
- 30 Poor living area
- 31 Confused
- 32 Forms a curve
- 33 Smell
- 34 Inactively
- 35 Shoemaker's tool
- 37 Old pro
- 39 Telephone-dial trio
- 41 Nonsense
- 42 Welk's — and a-two
- 43 Wallace's brother
- 49 Clean a blackboard
- 50 Stage parts
- 52 Cribbage piece
- 53 Bridge structure
- 54 Slow, in music
- 55 Near East natives
- 56 Miss Adoree
- 57 Part of a carpentry joint
- 58 Mortimer —
- 59 Spanish cubist
- 60 Declaim vehemently
- 61 Verdi heroine
- 65 Part of a phonograph
- 66 City in New York

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Exes and others registered in the Student Center.



Everyone enjoyed a barbeque lunch.

FOTO FEATURE

Homecoming On Parade

Photos by Gilbert



Car caravan featured duchesses.



Duchesses received roses at halftime.



A dance topped off the evening and ...



The first WTC Homecoming Queen was crowned.



WHOOOPS! — Surrounded by Clarendon players, Temi Baker fights for the ball in a rough homecoming affair.

WTC Fems Defeat Bulldogettes, Westerners Win In Homecoming

by Jeff Box

As different as night and day describes WTC's first homecoming tilts as the Dusters defeated Clarendon College 72-44 and the Westerners demolished Texas State Technical Institute 118-30 in the Scurry County Coliseum Saturday, November 15.

Said to be "much better" than last year's original fem team, this season's Dusters were supposed to have walked all over Clarendon.

Somebody really should've told the visitors as they nearly tripped up the favorites in the first half.

The hosts opened up with four quickies in the initial 90 seconds of play. Their opponents met the challenge and, in slightly less than two minutes, they took the lead 6-5. It took WT's ladies 78 seconds to regain their handle, 7-6. Shooting desperately, the Dusters stretched their lead to 14-6, for one of their largest margins of the half, as the clock read 12:36.

Clarendon fought back five times, then narrowed the gap to six points. With 6:01 remaining the WT quint captured a nine point lead, 32-14, their largest thus far. Not to be denied, Clarendon gave the home crowd a scare, as the half showed a slim 27-23 lead for the hosts.

DUSTERS LEAD

Returning warmed, but not sizzling, the Dusters led 35-29,

four minutes into the second portion of play.

At 12:02 the gap widened to 49-33. Someone had turned up the fire and the hosts outscored the visitors 14-4 in less than three minutes!

The Dusters appeared unstoppable as they jumped ahead 24 points, 59-35, with 10:30 showing, then 66-41 with 5:50 left.

Trying to stop the burning Green Machine, Clarendon turned to a full court press defense and fast break offense. It did the trick, as WT was allowed only six points in the final five minutes. But Clarendon fired only half that amount as the final tally read 72-44, a homecoming victory!

Marilyn Payton, Tootie Stevenson and Rosemary Scott hit in the double figures for WTC with 19, 17 and 14, respectively.

Diane Graham and Teresa Condron proved to be the visitors' dynamos with 15 and 10. Graham neutralized WTC's post play in the first half, as she kept Duster Theresa Beal scoreless and allowed Annie Tillman only two free throws.

GREAT DEFENSE

"Our defense the first half was lousy. But the second half it was great," said WTC's women's coach Sid Simpson. "We're having trouble guarding against the tall girls and getting rebounds. Also our post play wasn't too good."

Freshman Temi Baker 'dreads' playing Clarendon again. "They're a tough team! I dread playing them 'cause it'll be tough." The Dusters and the Bulldogettes will meet two more times in conference battles.

Were it not for the fact that WTC's first homecoming queen was to be crowned at halftime, it is doubtful whether or not anyone would have stayed longer than 15 minutes to watch the Westerners set a new game point total high as they demolished, trampled,

destroyed...well, obliterated TSTI 118-30.

As the clock read 11:30 the score said 18-4. Approximately four minutes later the tally stood 30-6. Still, 120 seconds later, the tally stood at 41-11.

TSTI had their hottest streak of the night, as they fired in eight points in the closing five minutes of play, compared to WTC's 15. Halftime scores? 56-19!

The queen was crowned and fans began to leave as the two squads returned to play. With seven minutes gone the board read 72-27.

Substituting freely, the Westerners ran up the score 92-27 with 8:10 showing. The century mark was hit four minutes later as number 12, freshman Anthony Mack, burned the nets. The score board read 100-29.

The clock ticked down to 2:14 as rookie Chris Tisdale sent a jump shot through the nets, making the score 112-30, breaking the Westerners all-time match high of 111 set in the 1972-73 season against New Mexico Junior College.

Final score was 118-30. Unbelievable...

BUTLER TOPS

Former high school All-American Lawrence Butler led the Green offense with 24 points as six other Westerners shot in the double digits. Tyrone Clifton hit for 17, Butch Person 15, Harrison Johnson and Darryl Smith each 12, and Stanley Covington, 10.

Butler burned the nets with 11 field goals, one more than the luckless TSTI quint.

"It's hard to evaluate this type of game," said WTC Coach Mike Mitchell. He said there was little doubt who was going to win after the first few minutes of action. "We did play good defensively."

The victory gave WTC a 2-0 season record and carried their winning streak to 27. The quint is averaging 109 points per game.

'Mural BB Standings

Red League	
CRABS	5-0
BSU-1	3-2
EMT-1	3-2
EAST 2nd	3-2
KAPPA CHI	1-4
WRECKING CREW	0-5
Blue League	
BULLDOGS	4-1
BROWN BERETS	4-1
RODEO	3-1
BOMBERS	2-2
EMT-2	1-4
BSU-2	0-5
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DUSTERS, WESTERNERS

Cagers Victoriously Begin New Season

WTC's Westerners opened their new season with a stunning 100-63 triumph over Wayland Baptist College J. V. November 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

For the first three and a half minutes of play, the Mean Green defense held the visitors to nothing, while the offense tallied 13. Tables reversed as WB tallied eight points in the next two minutes, holding the hosts to zero.

WTC had one final burst in the initial period. With 12:53 remaining, Smith added two more to start an 11-point two-minute streak, bringing the score to 29-13.

Each squad exchanged baskets with the Westerners coming out ahead at the half, 54-29.

Neither team exploded during the second frame as once again, baskets were exchanged. The Westerners barely maintained the lead, outscoring the

invaders 12 points in the final half.

With the clock showing 36 seconds left, WTC's Butch Person missed a charity shot, WBC nabbed the rebound and sped down court for a shot. Missing the basket, WT's Smith fought for the ball and passed it to sophomore Harrison Johnson, who flew downcourt to sink a layup and hit the century mark for the first time this season.

Harrison also broke the century mark for the first time last season, when the Westerners defeated McMurry 102-66, also in the coliseum.

Lawrence Butler and Tyrone Clopton led the Green attack with 23 points each. Clopton also lead the defense as he played havoc with the Baptists on the boards.

"We looked better overall than I expected," said Westerners Coach Mike Mitchell. "We need to polish our skills, but that'll come in time."

A third season victory came to the Westerners at the dismay of a visiting McMurry J. V. squad as they fell 90-54 last Thursday night in the coliseum.

Green power showed as the Machine ran up four quick points in the first 40 seconds of play. McMurry hit for two, WT fired in four, the Indians added two. And that was all she wrote for the visitors, who couldn't buy a basket. With 17:40 showing in the first half, the score read 10-4 and at 9:48 the score was 23-10.

The game continued and so did the Westerners as the tally read 31-18 with 5:42 remaining, and 44-25 as the buzzer sounded for the first half.

Though they couldn't hit the basket the first half, early in the second they showed they could. As they racked up eight points to the Westerners' seven in the initial two minutes of play.

Unfortunately for the visitors, they quickly lost their newfound vision, hitting for only six points in seven minutes compared to WT's 18.

An unrelenting Green Machine produced 21 more points, while allowing their opponent 15, to capture their third straight victory of the season and to add number 28 to their winning streak. The tilt marked the first contest without the Green Machine reaching 100.

Butler led the charge as he fired the nets for 26 points. Clopton hit for 20, Covington shot for 12, and Larry Orton sank 10.

Again Clopton was the defensive bulwark as he fought for 13 rebounds, and Anthony Mack pulled in 10.

"McMurry is the best team we've played so far," said Mitchell. "Defensively we did reasonably, but offensively we did lousy! I can't put my fingers on the problem."

Once again, WTC's Dusters were victorious as they outplayed Texas Tech in Lubbock 83-40, Nov. 19. It was the third win for the girls and gave them a flawless 3-0 record.

Running the full-court press seemed to do the trick for the fens coming up with an impressive 21 steals and numerous turnovers.

Tech also ran a full-court press but was able to cause only two turnovers.

Duster Coach Sid Simpson said, "Our girls did an excellent job of advancing the ball."

Leading the Dusters' defense were Dale Mitchel, Theresa Beal, Annie Tillman, Temi Baker and Rosemary Scott.

Simpson added, "Our quickness made the taller Tech team look much worse than they actually were." Each girl traveling with the squad had considerable playing time.

Offensively, the Dusters were led by Becki Cranford with 15 points. She hit 100 percent of her field goals for 12 points and added three of four from the line.

Tillman played her top game thus far, hitting six from the floor and two from the line for 14 points.

Marilyn Payton was also impressive as she contributed 11 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists.

Also playing the boards well were Beal, Tillman and Barbara Denman, as they pulled in six rebounds apiece.

Simpson seemed pleased with the improvement of the team work, both offensively and defensively, and said, "I hope we can continue to execute this well all year."

Dave's Doings

by David McDaniel

Supposedly, the typical hero was supposed to do some very great feats and death-defying acts in order to save the beautiful young girl. But the way college football has gone so far, the different bowl committees and the AP are still trying to SEPARATE THE HEROS FROM THE VILLIANS!! When a couple of big upsets materialized, the bowl committees are trying to decide who to give invitations to.

Closer to home, both the Dusters and Westerners are looking like DYNAMITE!! The only thing I have to say to the opposition is this: Both teams will be national champions, so get back, copycats, we're on our way to victory!

Recently our Dusters defeated ASU 75 to 51 and our Westerners annihilated Wayland Baptist JV 100 to 63. Homecoming was also very successful as the men defeated TSTI 118 to 30. Then last week the gals ran over Texas Tech 83 to 40. Congratulations to both units!

In the Merry Ole Southwest Conference, Texas A & M came from behind to defeat Rice 33 to 14, while Texas Tech defeated Baylor's Bears 33 to 10.

Also, Arkansas kept their hopes alive for the Southwest Conference crown by defeating SMU 35 to 7. A SUPER-FIRED-UP Longhorn defense, led by freshman end Tim Campbell, took luckless TCU 27 to 11.

Both A & M and Texas are preparing for the showdown Friday. In a poll taken on campus 65 percent picked A & M over Texas ... AND MY OPINION? HOOK EM HORNS!!

On a final note, let's keep both our Westerners and Dusters undefeated by going out and supporting our teams.

Good luck to both of our teams in conference play!

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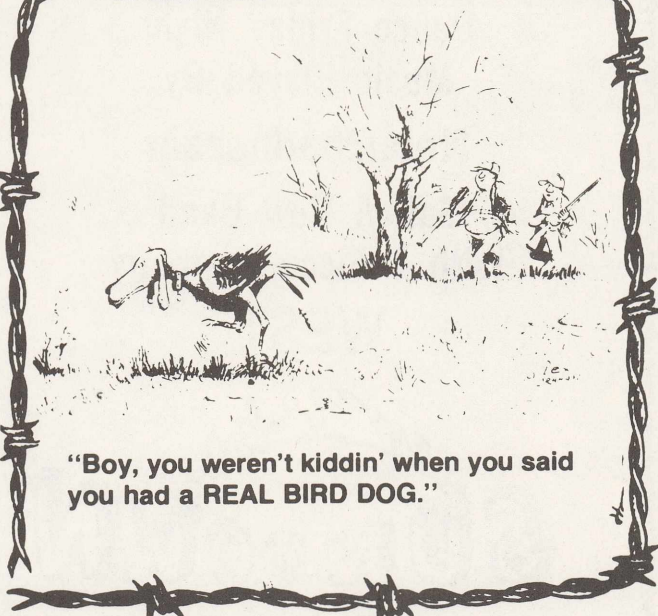
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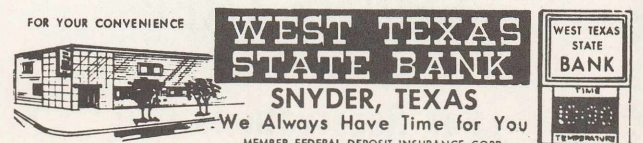
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"Our conference as a whole is one of the toughest in the US," says men's cage Coach Mike Mitchell. "I base this on the fact that we beat each team in our conference by only an average of 7.5 points per game and by winning Nationals with an average of 13.5 points per game. We're in a tough conference and we don't have any breathers."

Clarendon Junior College will be the first conference road game for the Westerners December 1. A strong team this year, they have three returnees, two of which may start, including Donald Warrior, center, and Terry Blanks, forward.

"They are going to be tough this year due to their good recruiting," remarked Coach Mitchell. "We beat them by only 11 points last year."

New Mexico Junior College is next in line for conference play. New Mexico and the Westerners will clash in Snyder December 4. NMJC is picked to finish in the conference cellar, according to a preseason poll.

Although they have a small team, and their largest player is 6'4", they have outstanding quickness and are very good shots. Only one returned and the

remainder of the team are freshmen. NM will need time to get it together before becoming a threat, but upsets are not impossible.

"New Mexico is going to upset a lot of people. I only hope that we are not one of them," said Coach Mitchell.

Amarillo College is the toughy. Picked to win the conference title, they meet WTC here December 8. AC has four returning starters and some talented freshmen.

Returning for Amarillo is all-conference center, Alonzo Campbell, all-conference guard Darrel Holloman, Leon Freeman and Ricky Kenon. Also starting for AC is freshman Johnny Williams, All-American in high school.

AC has an excellent team this year and will be harder than ever to beat on their home court. Last season the Westerners defeated them by one point.

Probable starters for the games will be Stanley Covington and Lawrence Butler II at guard; Tyrone Clopton and Darryl Smith, forwards, and Larry Orton, center. According to Coach Mitchell "We have

seven or eight players who could do the job. It is not important who starts a game but who ends it."

"We could lose about four games, have a record of 14-4 and still win the conference. In the 27 years of this conference only two teams have been undefeated. Us, last year and South Plains College in 1971. In our conference there is not much chance of it happening two years in a row!" Mitchell said.

How about nationals — two in a row? "Remote!" says Mitchell. "First we must get by Amarillo and Howard College, two good teams. Then McLennan."

WTC defeated McLennan of Waco in last year's Region V finals in Amarillo. "They have nearly all their players back from last season. It'll be hard." Remote, but not impossible.



LOOK OUT, CLOP! — Tyrone Clopton struggles with three Wayland cagers to lead the Westerners to a 100-63 victory.

Dusters To Face Foes; Problems Befall Fems

Clarendon JC will be the Dusters' first conference opponent of the season. The two squads will face off Dec. 1.

The Green defeated CJC in their homecoming tilt, 72-44, Nov. 15. "The fact that we did

beat them and that it will be a conference game will put the pressure on us," said Duster Coach Sid Simpson.

"They could have beaten us and they know it!" said Simpson. Extra fears entered into the

coach's heart as the team's top post player, Annie Tillman, was sidelined with a torn lateral cartilage. She is not expected back until next semester play begins.

"We could very easily lose the next five games if we aren't careful," said Simpson. "The loss of Annie hit us hard."

Tyler will be the second toughie for the fems when they meet Dec. 4. Though in their first year, the Tyler team is not a pushover. They are led by Evelyn Troell, Texas-Oklahoma All-Star competitor, and Cynthia Parker, North-South All-Star.

Ranger will be waiting for the Dusters two days after the Tyler battle. The squad is made up of all Louisiana girls. "I expect them to be tough. Louisiana girls play full court (in high school) so it is nothing new to them," said Simpson.

Of the three tilts, only Tyler will be a home contest. Road games (and tough ones at that), a star player out, and some defensive problems — all indicate a rough road ahead for the WTC fem squad.

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