



HAPPY HOLIDAY! — The Christmas tree aglow in the Central Courtyard while choirs sing the sounds of the Yuletide season.

VOCATIONAL, ACADEMIC

30 Students Named Who's Who

Western Texas College received notice early this week that 12 students were selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Vocational and Technical Schools and 18 to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Selections to Who's Who are made each fall. In nominating second-year college students eligible for the programs, campus nominating committees are urged to apply their own local standards of academic excellence.

Nominating guidelines for a student to be chosen to the Vocational and Technical School listing are: scholastic excellence in career courses studied, participation and leadership in civic activities, citizenship and service to school, and potential for future achievement.

Named to Who's Who Among Students in American Vocational and Technical Schools are:

Theresa Beal, Robert Carpenter, Bob Clark, Hector Hinojosa, Milton Ludecke, Steve Mackey and Steven Medford.

Also, Thomas Murphy, Ricky Price, Jerrell Row, Donald Van Zandt and Carol Warton.

Duster Theresa Beal, of Coahoma, was an all-conference player last year. She is a business major and co-captain

of the women's basketball team.

Robert Carpenter, from Stamford, is a mid-management major.

Highway Patrolman Bob Clark is working on a major in law enforcement. He resides in Snyder.

Phi Theta Kappi's vice-president, Hector Hinojosa, is an electromechanical technology major. He is from Roby.

Milton Ludecke, from Stamford, is a mid-management major. He has held a Lion's Club scholarship.

From Snyder, Steve Mackey is a golf and grounds major.

Steven Medford, from Stamford, is a law enforcement major. He serves as a dormitory counselor.

Thomas Murphy, of Ira, is an electromechanical technology major.

From Roby is Ricky Price. He is also an EMT major.

Jerrell Row, of Snyder, is a mid-management major and is active in a local Kiwanis club.

No information was available on Carol Warton, of Snyder, and Donald Van Zandt, of Stamford.

Chosen to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are:

Ed Balderas, Jan Bellamy, Jeff Box, Jimmy Browning, Jill Chenoweth, Richard Daves,

Barbara Davis, Michele Graves and Cindy Hanson.

Others selected were Deana Hardegree, Julie Jones, Lynn Leavell, Jan McPherson, Kenneth Patrick, Marilyn Payton, Lou Ann Pyburn, Debbie Stephens and Garry Wester.

From Stafford, Texas is Ed Balderas, a pre-dentistry major. Ed received a full-tennis scholarship and participated in the 1975 NJCAA Nationals. He serves as President pro-tem of the Student Senate and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Jan Bellamy, formerly of Snyder, is a liberal arts major and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She has served as president of Delta Psi Omega.

Baptist Student Union president Jeff Box, from San Angelo, has a double major of journalism and religion. He is member of PTK and assistant editor of **The Western Texan**.

Jimmy Browning, of Snyder, carries a double major of psychology and religion. A member of PTK, he has served as Evangelism Chariman the past two years.

From Ira, Jill Chenoweth is reporter for PTK.

Richard Daves, also of Ira, is an accounting major. He was a member of intramural basketball and football teams.

A member of both the Dean's

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Yuletide Formal, Fete To Be Held Tomorrow

By Sally Smith

Santa Claus has brought the Christmas Spirit to the campus!

The Christmas Formal will be tomorrow from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight in the cafeteria for all WTC students and their dates. Dress is formal, and Easy, from Lubbock, will provide music. No admission will be charged.

The Christmas and Spring Formals are annual events sponsored by the Student Senate. "This is the Friday night before finals start, so the students have a chance to get away from their studies," said Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities.

George Gann, Cafeteria Manager, says "Merry Christmas" to residence hall students each year by giving them a Christmas dinner Friday in the cafeteria. Gann suggests that everyone dress appropriately for the "sit-down meal." The

Faculty Association will serve as waiters and waitresses, and live music will accompany the occasion.

Christmas morsels to choose from will include roast beef, baked ham, candied yams, potatoes au gratin, green beans, corn, pumpkin or mincemeat pie, plus the usual line of drinks.

The Yuletide season got underway December 2 with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Central Courtyard, a joint effort of the Student Senate and the Fine Arts department.

Carollers presenting season selections were the WTC Ad Hoc Singers; First Baptist Church Bell Choirs, Pre-teen Choir, and Adult Choir; First Methodist Choir; Union Methodist Choir; and Snyder Junior High Seventh Grade Choir and Senior High Choir.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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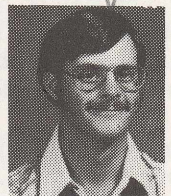
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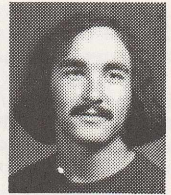
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The Spirit...

by Jill Groff

Christmas. . . one of the busiest times of the year!
 There are cards to mail out, presents to buy, finals to study for, parties galore, and time off from work!
 Really fine time of the year for merry-making, frolicking in the snow (?) and having a general good time with friends.
 To others, Christmas is a hassle. Having to cook for a dozen people, sending out cards to those they forgot, trying to figure what old Uncle Herman wants for a present. . . you know.

Ask most people what Christmas means to them and you'll usually get one of these answers:

It's sad to think that so many of us have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

It's a time of celebration, yes, but what we usually celebrate is the wrong thing. Sure, we remember that it is Christ's birthday, but that's usually when we are at Christmas Eve church services. Once we leave them, it's back to the party and fun-time route.

It's time that we all stopped and took a hard look at ourselves to see just what 'living' really means.

Is it just the surface type of things, like being popular, attending lots of parties and having fun 24 hours a day?

I believe if we tried to keep that 'certain feeling' we get when attending the special Christmas services at our churches, then life would flow much easier and happier.

What we often don't stop to think about is that we are held responsible for what we do now.

It's a pity to think we must be ever so careful when shopping or just sight-seeing. One never knows what dangers are lurking around the next corner. We can't turn around without having to lock all our accoutrements and abodes uptight. Remember, not so long ago, we didn't have to worry about locking our homes, cars, or anything else (except commercial businesses). We could go out just about any time we pleased without having to worry about 'muggers' and other dangers!

It takes some of the fun out of Christmas shopping when you're having enough trouble finding just what you want for that someone special while worrying about pick-pockets, someone breaking into your car, or just the plain 'old' pushing and shoving routine.

Something we must remember when out doing our last-minute things before the holiday is that we aren't the only ones in a hurry and that all the pushing and shoving we're doing is not only using up some of our energy that could be used on some of our other still out-standing tasks) but also making another innocent person suffer either the nervous strain of being hurried or the mental anguish of wondering constantly if the guy that just ran into him picked his pocket.

Another word to the wise: Sales people, try not to patronize your customers or rush them into a sale. It is a hectic time of the year and most of us poor 'peons' aren't 100 percent sure of what we want anyway! PLEASE, have a little patience with us, — we're trying to make up our feeble minds!

REMEMBER: Even though "It is more blessed to give than to receive," it does depend on what you give!

Enough of my complaints!

I want to wish all of you out there a very joyous holiday season. Please eat lots and have a good old-fashioned Christmas. Remember all those who don't have the privileges and freedoms we do, and say a quiet prayer for them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! (and hope to see 'yall next semester)

BENTSEN SPEAKS

Break the 'Mexi-connection'

By Sen. Lloyd Bentsen

AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS DECADE, only a third of the heroin seized in the United States was found to come from Mexico. Today, barely six years later, that share has tripled to stand at an incredible ninety percent.

What is becoming known as the "Mexi-connection" originates in Northern Mexico, where drug dealers amass their heroin and smuggle much of it across the Rio Grande, into our own State of Texas. From here, it travels through major supply routes to the midwestern United States, to key points for final distribution to pushers and addicts across the nation.

Thousands of Americans are now heroin addicts, and the increasing availability of this drug makes our young people especially vulnerable to addiction. And this increased usage carries with it increases in crime of all descriptions.

In fact, it is reported that at least half of the street crime in the United States can be directly attributed to heroin use.

Our present border monitoring system has not been able to stem the growing tide of illegal immigrants coming into the U.S., much less the current flood of Mexican heroin. Too often, it is causing only needless delays for the millions of people from both countries who cross the border each day for legitimate reasons, while heroin smugglers themselves slip through.

THE PROBLEM SHOULD ALSO BE ATTACKED at its origin. New opium fields are right now being put into production in southern Mexico, and this can only mean more heroin is planned for distribution in our country. This can only mean growing addiction among our citizens, and rising crime throughout the nation.

Because of this, I have also asked Ford to meet with Mexico's President Luis Echeverria Alvarez, and to discuss methods to develop more effective cooperation between American and Mexican drug enforcement officials. Mexico has proved more than willing to pull its part in past efforts against the heroin problem. And I am sure that if we take the lead to eradicate it once and for all, the Mexican government will cooperate fully.

Good News

by Jeff Box

Who says prayers aren't answered?

Christmas break is just around the corner and you haven't flunked out of ALL your classes, at least not yet. Just think, nearly a whole month without any classes, labs or exams — no math, no English, no nothing!

The holiday season has more meaning than just no classes. It's a celebration of a birthday. A day when a baby boy was born.

If this child had been born today, he would've been assigned a social worker to handle his folks' welfare problems. Organized crime was so bad, that it wasn't long before the family of three had to leave town. A contract had been placed on the little baby. He was wanted dead or alive.

The family moved to another location and fooled the 'hit men.' More children were born and Dad had a good job. He was a carpenter and a pretty good one.

His eldest son, J.C., grew up steadily. He was strong of mind and body. Though not exactly a Rock Hudson or Cary Grant, he had a mind. At the age of 12 he was baffling the brains of some of the country's most intelligent men.

At the age of 30, he started to do what he was meant to do — he became a preacher. Actually, he followed the path of an evangelist more than the pastor of a church.

Unlike some of his colleagues, he didn't go for the high society, jet-set scene. His clothing wasn't fancy, and seldom did he go anywhere that he didn't walk. In fact, 200 miles was the farthest he ever fared from home.

Parties were not unknown to him. He could laugh as well as any other guy. It's not hard to imagine his telling a joke or two. But he also cried, and more than once, for his heart was as soft as cotton.

For three years he spread his message, one of love and understanding. People thought him crazy and great. Society hated him, for he talked to the peons.

Were he to walk this planet today, he would be found in the streets of Harlem, Haight Ashbury, Chinatown, and on the steps of the capitol bringing the Congressman and janitor together as equals, loving them both, telling each what they were doing wrong, and being fair and just to one and the other.

Thousands flocked to see him.

His hours were from 12-12. In a 24-hour day, he turned none away. For doing this, the corrupt and powerful hated him, took him and tried him.

Tried him? HA-HA! William Calley got a fairer trail than J.C. His sentence? DEATH!

This man lived for only 33 years. In which a mere three did he do anything of importance. Yet in these 36 months, he accomplished more to change the world than Alexander the Great, Napoleon and Hitler combined.

These three died, yet Christ didn't. Sentenced to die, yes, but he defeated the Angel of Darkness and came back, to live and offer a complete life to all.

Were he just a man, his teachings would be great. The things he offered would be wonderful. He would be one to follow, as a great philosopher and leader.

But he's more than a man — He's God. At least, that's his claim. And the proof he carries with him makes it hard to call him a liar.

Happy Birthday, Jesus Christ. Happy birthday and thanks, for everything!

Merry Christmas, my brothers and sisters, and may you have a Happy New Year. PRAISE THE LORD!



CHRISTMAS EVE

by Ivory Grear

On a winter night
 When the moon is low,
 Rabbits hop on the frozen snow.
 Squirrels sleep in holes in trees
 While fast asleep are the chickadees.

Twelve o'clock
 And the world is still,
 As the Christmas star
 Comes over the hill.

Once a lonely shining star
 Seen by shepherds from afar,
 Gently moved until it's light
 Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay,
 Pillowed soft upon the hay,
 And its mother sang and smiled,
 "This is Christ, the Holy Child!"

The angels sing and sing again,
 "Peace on Earth, good will to men,"
 As we bow our heads
 And silently begin to pray!

Glory be to God eternally
 Who gave His only Son for us.
 The angels were joyous to hear,
 The gracious gift of this year.

And dreamy eyes we sometimes see,
 Shadowings of the man to be.
 And eager dreams of what God's son
 Will be in years to come.

But what can I give Him
 Poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd,
 I would give a lamb.

If I were a Wise Man,
 I would do may part.
 Yet what can I give Him?
 Give Him my heart!

As we children turn to Mother
 For her approving nod,
 As sure of understanding
 As when mother turned to God.

On that great night of Christmas Eve.



RECORD REVIEW

K. C. And The Sunshine Band

by Greg Patterson

"DO A LITTLE DANCE, MAKE A LITTLE LOVE, GET DOWN TONIGHT"!

Ringing loud and clear from any AM top 40 radio and bombarding the dance floor of the disco can be heard that ever so familiar war chant! . . . Who Else? . . . It's K.C. & The Sunshine Band.

Not since the days of true rock-n-roll has there been such a seige of the popular music taste, with today's contemporary sound of soul r&b. In this explosion of fast, moving music, the trend is accelerating with K.C. and company.

Who is this group I'm referring to? Well, they're a new sound sweeping the nation. It actually started last year with the solo flight of the AWB (Average White Band), and their killer single, "Pick Up the Pieces." Although AWB wasn't the actual first with the style, their progress toward an achievement of recognition WAS!

Other bands (Tower Of Power, Grand Central Station,

& Earth, Wind & Fire) were also the forerunners of this movement, now receiving their own, well-deserved recognition!

Take Stevie Wonder, with his self style of progressive soul, linked with the open format of freestyle jazz of Chicago, and there you have it. . . well not really. . . but this would be close to the realism.

K.C. & The Gang are truly rock-soul at its best, incorporating rhythmical, gutsy, bumpin' music.

Answer To Last Issue's Puzzle

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Several VA Benefits Available At College

Why go to college when college graduates are walking the streets? According to Herb Beinstock, Head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, long-term projections indicate that the demand for college graduates will grow nearly three times for all workers in the labor force.

During the depth of the recession last March, a government survey showed a jobless rate of 15.2 percent for high school dropouts, 9.1 percent for high school graduates and for education up into college, but only 2.0 percent for college graduates.

Many veterans in the area have not begun to take advantage of their educational benefits, according to Veteran Outreach Coordinator E. H. (Dan) Dever, Jr. His office is located in the administration building, and office hours are 8-noon, 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 to 12 Friday. VOC secretary is Kathie Crockett.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

WTC offers a Tutorial Program to any veteran on a half-time or more enrollment basis, and is available only to veterans who require it to avoid failure in a required course.

The veteran's educational program may include courses which fulfill requirements for a predetermined academic, vocational or professional objective. Eligible persons will not be paid for courses that are not required to complete their program and must file a change of program in order to continue taking courses once the objective is attained.

H.B. 546

According to last month's Veteran's Newsletter, "House Bill 546 provides property tax exemptions for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and their surviving spouses. A veteran whose service-connected disability is rated less than 10 percent by the VA is not entitled to any property tax exemption.

For those rated 10 percent or more, the following tax exemptions apply under this new law: for 10 percent through 30 percent disability rating, tax exemption is the first \$1,500 of the

assessed value; for 31 through 50, first \$2,000; for 51 through 70, first \$2,500; for 71 or more, first \$3,000.

A veteran whose disability is 10 percent or more, and who is 65 or older is entitled to exemption of the first \$3,000 of the assessed value of his property.

A veteran whose disability consists of the loss of use of one or more limbs, total blindness in one or both eyes, or paraplegia is entitled to exemption of the first \$3,000 or the assessed value of his property.

LARGE EXEMPTION

This law also provides tax exemptions for certain dependents of veterans and persons who die on active duty, as follows:

1. The surviving spouse of a person who dies on active duty is entitled to exemption of the first \$2,500 of the assessed value of the spouse's property.

2. A surviving child of a person who dies on active duty is entitled to exemption of the first \$2,500 of assessed value of the child's property, as long as the child is unmarried and under 21.

3. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who, at time of death, was entitled to exemption if she is unmarried.

Instructions and necessary applications forms will soon be to all city and county tax assessors. Eligible persons may contact them to establish entitlement to the exemptions, to be effective January 1 for the 1976 taxable year.

G.I. BILL ENDS

The GI Bill for Education has been ended by a vote of 298 to 106 in the House of Representatives. It prevents a person entering the service after December 31 from drawing educational benefits after December 31, 1987. However, graduate students will be allowed to use the extra nine months worth of benefits.

If this bill does not clear the Senate, it will go to a Joint Committee, and Senator Vance Hartke is expected to propose passage of the additional nine months as a separate bill.

To contact the VA Regional Office for information on Veterans Benefits, call toll free 1-800-792-1110 between 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

No Charges In Thefts

By Jeff Box

WTC's residence hall received an unexpected, uninvited and unwelcome visitor during the recent four-day Thanksgiving holiday. After the stranger made his inspection of the second and third floors of the east wing, he left, leaving little for some dorm students to be thankful for.

Upon notification of the burglary and thefts, Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, contacted the local police.

"We started an investigation immediately," said Snyder Police Department detective, Lt. Bill Marvin. "We questioned a number of students concerning the incident and we'll turn our findings over to the District Attorney."

Upon completion of the investigation, all materials will be turned into the District Attorney's office for further consideration.

Dr. James Palmer, chairman of the Student Welfare Board, said, "The students involved in the incident will appear before the Student Welfare Committee."

According to Dr. Ben Brock, WTC Vice-President, "All of the information we have will be presented to the Student

Welfare Committee today for their decision."

The official Western Texas College catalog states, "Non-compliance with adopted policies and standards of conduct are sufficient causes for disciplinary action, including suspension from college as a final action," should appropriate measures be necessary.

No charges have been filed. Numerous rumors have flooded the campus and, according to most sources, are unfounded.

New Fall Magazine Sent To Publisher

The fall issue of Phase Five, WTC magazine, has been sent to the publisher, according to Mike McBride, publications adviser. It should be available for distribution by late January or early February.

"The department felt that such a publication could better serve general interest of the campus with selected depth and human interest stories, inappropriate for a yearbook or for The Western Texan, rather than more brief and 'all-encompassing' coverage attempts as in an annual," McBride said.

A Traveling Seminar: The American West
June 7 - June 27, 1976

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(Six hours of college credit)

- English Composition (131)
- American Literature (231)
- American History (131, 132)
- Geography (131, 132)
- Anthropology (232)
- Sociology (231)

TUITION AND FEES:

Housing	\$220
Meals	165
Transportation	120
Tuition	60
Fees	100
TOTAL	\$665

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WTC Journalism Professor Cited

Mike McBride, assistant professor of journalism, was recently selected to appear in the 1975 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. The program recognizes men between 21 and 35 who have been leaders in their communities and profession.

Coming from San Angelo Lake View in 1973, McBride is WTC publications adviser. While at Lake View he taught journalism and was adviser for the school newspaper and yearbook. Other duties included teaching English and reading.

"He brought the high school's paper up to be one of the finest in the state," said Jeff Box, former high school student of McBride and now assistant editor of the WESTERN TEXAN.

"He was given a special award in '73 by the

Loan Program Being Revised

The Short-Term Loan Fund, which provides loans to WTC students, is being revised for the spring semester, according to Glenn Davis, financial aids officer.

Students will have to meet certain additional criteria in order to receive this loan.

Also, the service charge has been changed from \$1 per loan to one percent of each loan with a minimum charge of \$1. Interest rates will rise from six to ten percent if the loan is not repaid within the semester in which it is granted.

Maximum loan for any semester is fixed at a ceiling of \$250.

Loans will be repaid on an installment basis. Installments will be due on or before the fifteenth day of each month beginning with the first month following registration. Final payment will be due on the first day of the last month of the semester.

Interscholastic League Press Conference for special service rendered to students. I think all his staffers wrote at least ten letters apiece nominating him for everything and anything!" said Box.

Under his guidance, the Western Texan was 1974-75 Sweepstakes Winner in Division I newspapers at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Texas Junior College Press Association. The Trailblazer (yearbook) was awarded third place in Division I Sweepstakes. This group includes all junior colleges with an enrollment under 2,000.

McBride teaches journalism, photography, mass communication and, starting next semester, creative writing.

★ WHO'S WHO

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List and the President's List, Barbara Davis, of Stamford, is a nursing major. She was given an award in psychology last spring.

Explorer president Michele Graves, of Snyder, is a pre-veterinary medicine major. She is PTK treasurer and Los Vaqueros secretary-treasurer. She was named Outstanding Math Student last spring and has been a member of both the Dean's and President's list. Michele was a homecoming nominee this fall.

Cindy Hanson, a drama major and scholarship recipient, is from Fort Worth. She is a member of Delta Psi Omega, PTK and is a resident assistant in the dormitory. She has received numerous acting awards and participated in several WTC productions.

Deana Hardegree, of Colorado City, is an elementary education major. She has been named to both the Dean's List and the President's List.

From Abilene, Julie Jones is a theatre arts major. She is a Delta Psi Omega member, a residence hall assistant, and serves on the residence hall

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Angelo State University. He earned his master of arts from Texas Tech University, where he is presently working toward a doctorate in higher education and mass communication.

About the honor, he commented, "I feel even more honored that members of my staff wanted to publicize this, but I am thrilled about it."

McBride has one child, Michelle. His wife, Elaine, is executive secretary to the dean of the WTC Learning Resource Center.

A biography and record of his accomplishments will be placed in this year's edition of Outstanding Young Men.

council. A PTK member, she received several honors in drama.

Lynn Leavell, of Snyder, is a special education major. She is a member of Kappi Chi and PTK.

PTK and BSU member, Jan McPherson, a pre-dental hygiene major, is from Snyder. She has served as Missions Chairman and is secretary for The BSU.

Kenneth Patrick, of Snyder, has a double major of art and speech. He has been a member of the Dean's List and is in the Artisans.

Duster co-captain Marilyn Payton, from Lubbock, is a physical education major. She was an all-conference player last year, serves on the BSU executive council and is a member of PTK.

Lou Ann Pyburn, of Sweetwater, is a music education major. She is a member of the WTC choir.

From Snyder, Debbie Stephens is a business major. She serves as secretary for the Student Senate and was a homecoming queen nominee.

Garry Wester, of Rotan, is a physical education major. He is intramural chairman for the BSU.

News Briefs

Gay Idom

Gay Idom has been named assistant director of student activities, filling the post vacated by Mozell Hall.

She will assist Mickey Baird, student activities director, in scheduling programs for the student body and will continue to serve as secretary of project Follow-up, a program designed to help the college keep in touch with ex-students.

Continental

This morning during activity period, a gospel music group called the Continentals performed in the Fine Arts Theater.

"They're a good musical group with a lot of appeal to young people," says Mrs. Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities. "They have appeared during the Christmas season at WTC before."

Film Course

Anyone interested in enrolling for English 233, Masterpieces of Literature, "Film Genre: The Western," should contact Janet Halbert, assistant professor, before the holiday break.

Mrs. Halbert said the class will be limited to 30 and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A permission slip will be required to register for the spring semester course. For more information contact her at 573-8511, extension 240.

"We'll be studying the western film in terms of its presentation of the myth and reality of the West," Mrs. Halbert said. "We'll look at the film concept of evil and virtue.

Films to be shown this year include: "The Virginian," "Stagecoach," "My Darling Clementine," "Shane," "High

Noon," "Soldier Blue," "Lonely Are the Brave" and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

King Grant

WTC recently received a \$25,000 scholarship grant from the Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation to be used in the field of petroleum technology.

Designed to provide funds for scholarships in this discipline, the grant is a permanent endowment and is expected to yield two annual scholarships of \$800 each.

The faculty of the college will select recipients of the awards on the basis of financial need and scholarly achievement.

NM Visitors

"Your Student Senate is set up to operate very differently from ours and it seems to help make things 'click' together," said Rocky Appleton, Senate president of New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs.

A group of four student senators, accompanied by Robert Turner, Director of NMJC's student center, met with the WTC senate Tuesday morning.

"We're here mainly to exchange ideas," Appleton said. "Our campus activities just don't have the 'life' they should and, from what we've heard, yours do."

The group, consisting of Appleton, Madelaine Harris, Senate vice-president, Steve Kelly and Kellie Campbell, secretary, toured the campus.

NMJC's enrollment is about 1,000. The only junior college in New Mexico, they are in their tenth year. No dorms are located on the campus, but a boys' athletic dorm is off campus.

College Week Slated In Jamaica

On December 20, the annual Mid-year Break will become known as Annual College Week in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Tourist Board and the College Marketing Research Corporation (a subsidiary of Playboy Enterprises, Inc.) have agreed that a vacation in an exotic foreign country need not be intellectually bland, financially depressing, or emotionally wasteful. In fact, the theme of College Week in Jamaica is "Travel can be more than just a Trip."

The three week-long sessions will be held in the beautiful, tropical mid-north-coast settlement of Ocho Rios and the curriculum includes Sand Seminars, Open-air Rap Groups, Moonlight Mixers, Beach Carnivals and Feasts. There will even be a daily newspaper.

Magic key to all of it is a special ID card available through the campus travel center or cooperating travel

agents. The card is non-transferable and is a ticket of admission to all activities except the after-dark beach feast, and that is offered at half price to card holders. Cost of the card is a bargain \$10.

Ocho Rios hotels are mostly on the beach, so it should be simple to make the Seminars in the Sand, whether you elect the esoterics of numerology and Astrology, the techniques of Meditation, Chanting, I-Ching, Hatha Yoga, Shiatsu or the communicatory mysteries of Tarot, Graphology and Massage.

The daily Open Air Rap groups will have a format of non-sexist, non-role-playing socializing with a wide range of pertinent topics. Daytime Beach Carnivals will include everything from kite flying to talent showcases, crab racing and other appropriate contest for beach life.

After-sunset activities - or Moonlight Mixers - feature rum-punch parties, miami mixers (a late-40's Japanese tradition),

Reggae, the Soul beat of Jamaica, limbo and other entertainments. The Beach Feasts will be a lucullan spread of appetizers, Jamaican soups, roast suckling pig, Jamaican barbecue chicken or steak, Jamaican rice-and-peas, salads, hard-dough bread and tropical fruits and desserts.

For information on air and hotel package rates for College Week, check with your travel agent or the campus desk. If you want to hone your talents in any of the above subjects as a lecturer or performer, contact College Week - HQ, Playboy Enterprises, 747 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (212-688-3030). And if you have already made plans to spend time between December 20 and January 10 somewhere else in Jamaica, you can still take in College Week at Ocho Rios by purchasing an ID card and asking for a transfer.

Incidentally, the average temperature in Ocho Rios during College Week is 78 - 80 F.

Midwinter Session Set

Ten courses in seven subject areas are planned for offering during a midwinter session in December and January.

Classes will be held Monday through Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. from December 30 - January 10, excluding New Year's Day and January 4. Each class will cost \$36.

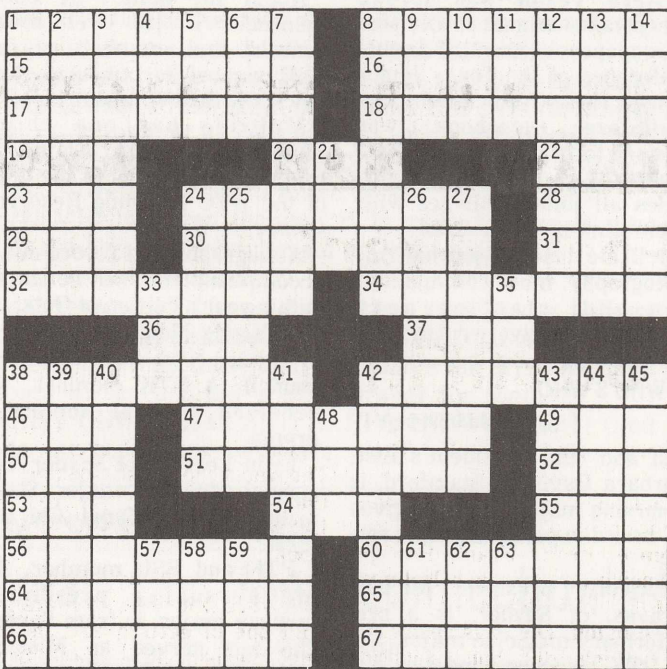
Registration will be held December 12 - 30. A minimum of fifteen students is required for each class.

- To be offered:
- ANT 231, Introduction to Anthropology, M. Kayser.
 - BUS 131, Introduction to Business, B. Halbert.
 - BUS 135, Business Machines, V. Ramey.
 - BUS 237, Secretarial Procedures, C. Martin.
 - ENG 132, Composition II, R. Lancaster.
 - ENG 233, Masterpieces of Literature, W. Jones.
 - HIS 132, U.S. History Since 1865, H. Krenek.
 - MGT 131, Human Relations/Motivations, C. Riley.
 - ACC 232, Principles of Accounting, B. Halbert.
 - SOC 231, Introduction to Sociology, G. Fleer.

FALL FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULE

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8:00- 8:50 MWF	8 A.M., Monday
9:00- 9:50 MWF	8 A.M., Wednesday
10:00-10:50 MWF	12 Noon, Wednesday
11:00-11:50 MWF	12 Noon, Monday
12:00-12:50 MWF	10 A.M., Wednesday
1:00- 1:50 MWF	10 A.M., Monday
2:00- 2:50 MWF	10 A.M., Tuesday
8:00- 9:20 TTh	8 A.M., Tuesday
10:30-11:50 TTh	12 Noon, Tuesday
12:00- 1:20 TTh	8 A.M., Thursday
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collegiate crossword



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| 16 Usually (3 wds.) | 55 Decay | 25 Popular cocktail |
| 17 Merry-maker | 56 Of a certain speech sound | 26 Jazz improvisers |
| 18 Calls it a day | 60 Obliteration | 27 Marry |
| 19 Malt liquor | 64 Miss Powell | 33 Go: Scot. |
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| 22 College degrees | 66 Stanzas of six lines | 38 Russian plains |
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| 31 By birth | 2 "Sweet —" | 44 One who shows preference |
| 32 Books of accounting records | 3 Did construction work | 45 Previous days (poet.) |
| 34 Woman with great power | 4 Imitate | 48 Army cops |
| 36 Jazz pianist Tatum | 5 Krakow's country (abbr.) | 57 College entrance exam |
| 37 Hawaiian food | 6 Compass reading | 58 Chemical ending |
| 38 — fizz | 7 Those who create intense fear | 59 Finn in Ingria |
| 42 Bring together again | 8 Vivid red | 61 Peleg's son |
| 46 Greek letter | 9 Peer Gynt's mother | 62 Perform on stage |
| 47 Inflames with love | 10 " — and Mike" | 63 Drunkard |
| 49 No, in Scotland | 11 Biblical name | |
| 50 New York time (abbr.) | 12 Type of engine | |

(See Solution On Page 6)

Arts, Crafts Fair Planned

KERRVILLE, Texas—The Texas Arts and Crafts Foundation is now taking applications for invitation for the 1976 Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair from resident Texas artists and craftsmen.

The Fifth Anniversary edition of the official State Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in Kerrville on the Memorial Day weekend, May 29-30-31, 1976. Deadline for entry is January 1, 1976.

The Fair is fast becoming one of the outstanding showcases of artistic talent in the country, with over two hundred of the finest artists and craftsmen in Texas displaying their work in the atmosphere of an old fashioned country fair. Sheltered in colorful striped tents on the tree covered campus of Schreiner College, the fair provides a relaxing day or weekend for the fair visitor.

The Texas Arts and Crafts Foundation, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the betterment of the arts and crafts of Texas. Consequently, the largest part of the fair is dedicated to the producing Texas artisan. But the arts and crafts that shaped early Texas are not forgotten. Historic crafts are searched out and brought to the fair for actual demonstrations in the Pioneer Village section of the Fair.

For artist application packets, brochures or other information, please write: Texas Arts and Crafts Foundation, P.O. Box 1527, Kerrville, Texas 78028.



SQUISH! — Cake decorating is just one of the many courses now being offered by Community Services. For more information on course offerings contact Rex Hopkins at extension 237.

DAVE'S DOINGS

A Little Bit Of Everything

By David McDaniel

College football is nearly over, but there will still be plenty of exciting action in the bowl games. This year college football has had some wild finishes in some of the conferences and some real tight ball games among some of the nation's best independent teams.

Also, college basketball is in the air, and many of the colleges are hanging up their football gear, aiming for a good OR SUPER SEASON on the court. Obviously, all of them want to be in the 'TOP 20'.

Back closer, both the Dusters and Westerners are LOOKING VERY IMPRESSIVE and I firmly believe that each can win the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

WTC was at home and defeated McMurry J.V. 90 to 56, Cameron J.V. 84 to 53, and ASU J.V. 87 to 55.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays Our Westerners participated in the Wool Bowl Tournament in Roswell, N.M., soundly defeating Oscar Rose Junior College 88 to 7, but losing their first of the season by 67 to 51 to NMMI.

However, Our Mighty Westerners rebounded and destroyed Clarendon 80 to 69.

In girl's action the Dusters defeated McMurry 81 to 41, and Clarendon 62 to 50.

One December 4, WTC edged out New Mexico Junior College 73 to 70, while the Dusters destroyed Tyler 63 to 42.

Monday WTC was on the road against a tough Amarillo crew, while the Dusters were the same against Ranger. GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF OUR TEAMS!!!

On the college gridiron, Penn State edged out Pitt 7 to 6. Pitt's field goal kicker blew three of 51, 23 and 45 yards.

Oklahoma easily CRUNCHED Nebraska 35 to 10. In this little war, Oklahoma survived three costly stakes and forced Nebraska in numerous errors to defeat them early in the third quarter.

Before the game, Husker Head Coach Tom Osborne and his team had decided to turn down a bid from the Fiesta Bowl, instead concentrating on defeating O.U., in order to earn an Orange Bowl Trip.

But matters got even more complicated when Fiesta Bowl officials thought Nebraska would accept the invitation. As a good will gesture a truckload of chickens were sent to Lincoln. Sounds funny, but obviously Coach Osborne didn't think so, and immediately turned down the invite.

But after they lost to Oklahoma? Reconsidered and decided to go after all ...

Okay, Gang, let's hear three cheers FOR THE ARMY!

Army avoided some embarrassment by getting a touchdown in the third period, but Navy still won the game 30 to 6. Prior to this, Navy had shut out Army for the last two years by 51 to 0 and 19 to 0.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Woody Hayes is a firm believer, because with less than five minutes to go Ohio State rallied for two big touchdowns and knocked Michigan 21 to 14.

Also in a game that was in a way significant, TCU snapped a 20-game losing streak and defeated Rice 28 to 21.

Over Thanksgiving, Georgia destroyed the "Wreck" 42 to 26. Texas A & M defeated the 'Horns 20 to 10 with two excellent quarterbacks and a SUPER FIRED-UP DEFENSE led by Ed Simonini and Pat Thomas, and UCLA overcame numerous errors to defeat USC 25 to 22.

In other games Baylor over Rice 25 to 7, Florida edged out Miami, Florida 15 to 11, and Auburn got thrashed by Alabama 28 to 0.

Behind the perfect pitchouts of Scott Bull and a swarming Razorback defense, Arkansas easily manhandled second-ranked A & M 31 to 6.

College Basketball opened

when South Plains neighbor Texas Tech defeated Kansas State 66 to 58. Elsewhere, St. Louis over SMU 80 to 79, Pan American over TCU 75 to 68, and Southern Mississippi 87 to 69 over Rice.

How about Indiana over UCLA 84 to 64? In this game Richard Washington was high point with 27 points. Can tell where John Wooden isn't!

Also, No. 2 Maryland trounced DePauw 99 to 42, Texas A & M destroyed Southwest Texas 107 to 74, and Arkansas over Tulane, 67 to 55.

Moving down the line, ninth-ranked Notre Dame defeated Texas Tech 88 to 63. Before he fouled out 'Raider Rick Bullock hit for 27 and Irish All-American Adrian Dantley netted 26.

Baylor defeated Cleveland State, 84 to 68, with former Western Texas cager Danny McDaniel high point with 22.

Here are a few predictions on some of the bowl games:

Miami, Ohio over South Carolina by 7.

I believe Texas A & M will be looking for revenge, but would like to see USC win ... so, A & M by 14 in the Liberty.

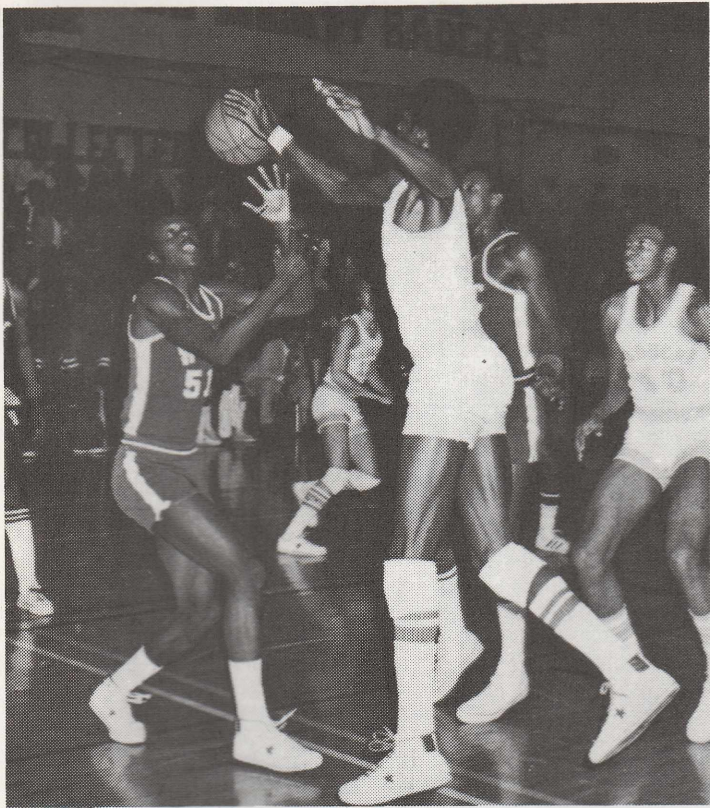
Oh, yes, Oklahoma by 6 over Michigan in the Orange. Michigan may have a good defense, but Oklahoma has the better offense.

After this semester is over, I will be going to Sul Ross and want to major in sports writing. A lot of credit has to go to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird for helping me to get started.

I have met a lot of people here, and Snyder and WTC has been very nice to me. A lot of credit could also go to the faculty members and especially, to the Journalism department, Mr. Mike McBride, and every one.

Come out, support our teams, and send them to Nationals!

To all faculty, board members, and WTC students: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MISS IT — Westerner Larry Orton (51) attempts to shoot past a Badger defender in a recent Amarillo - WTC battle.

Cagers Bop Clarendon

Rebounding off an upset defeat at the hands of New Mexico Military Institute, the Westerners handed Clarendon JC an 80-69 setback in a conference opener for both squads, Dec. 1, at Clarendon.

"Two things pleased me," said WT Coach Mike Mitchell, "after having our winning streak broken - we could have let down mentally, but the team didn't. They bounced back well and played very hard and competitively."

"Also, in the second half when Clarendon pulled within two of us, the boys rose to the challenge and pulled back out in front."

WTC took an early 16-4 lead. Then, with the Green running into a cold spell, CJC led by four, 37-33, as the buzzer ended the period.

Returning hot-handed, the Westerners came on like dynamite in the second portion

of action. But the hosts showed why they are called the Bulldogs as they came within two points of the visitors, 57-55, as the clock read 10 minutes remaining.

The following eight minutes of play saw a nip-and-tuck battle, each team trading slugs. With 120 seconds left to play, WT put it away with six charity shots.

Lawrence Butler led the Green offense with 24 points. Darryl Smith roped in 15 as he also led the team in rebounds with 12.

Clarendon attempted a full court press on the visitors. The result was a number of 3-2 and 2-1 situations for the Westerners and the opportunity to fast break more than they usually do.

On defense the Blue and Green used a man-to-man strategy with some 1-3-1 half court trap tactics thrown in for spice.

Dusters Nab Narrow Victory; Ranger Seventh Straight Win

WTC's Dusters managed a 56-53 triumph last Monday in Ranger, in what Coach Sid Simpson termed as a "funny game".

"It was a funny game, we seemed to be playing but we weren't mentally up for it. Ranger was up. We were lucky," said Simpson.

It was Green all the way, as the Dusters scored first. Keeping the edge until late in the second when they lost it 46-45. They regained the reins and brought victory number seven.

"I'm really proud of our girls," said Simpson, "They showed great character and determination. Everytime Ranger got within a point, the girls would really start hitting and would pull away. This wasn't one of our best games. But they never gave up."

Marilyn Payton and Theresa Beal both fouled out. "I very seldom say anything about referees, but it was really bad!" said Simpson. The first six fouls called were all on either Beal or Payton. "They played five minutes the first half and maybe ten the second."

"We were playing against the refs all night," stated Payton. Dale Mitchell and Brenda Jurecek had four apiece. Rosemary Scott and Becky Cranford were tagged for three each while Karen Arp was nipped for two. Temi Baker and Tootie Stevenson never caught the official's eye.

Despite the odds, the WT gals held a 25-22 half time advantage. Both teams traded baskets in the final period as each scored 21 points.

"As a team we didn't shoot too bad. We made about 50%," said Simpson. Payton, the quints offensive ace, was held to only three points. Beal led the charge with 12, followed by Scott with eight.

"Individually they all need to improve their shooting percentage. Right now I'm working with Rosemary and Temi. Both are excellent shots but aren't going what they're capable of," stated Simpson.

Scott hit 3 of 11 from the floor against Ranger while Baker hit 3 of 10. "I'm not sure what the problem is, but we're working on it," explained the Coach.

Defensively, the Dusters out rebounded their opponents 28-18. Running a 1-3-1 zone and full court press, the WT ferns caused the 30 second buzzer to scream five times. "I've never seen it sounded so often in one game," exclaimed Simpson.

The defense wasn't effective so much in causing steals of interceptions, but rather it made getting the ball down court a time consuming process.

A tough victory to add to their already impressive stockpile, makes the Dusters look like a sturdy opponent to any who wish to offer the challenge.

IN COLISEUM TONIGHT

Green Tide Faces Frank Phillips, True Grit vs Strength, Height

by Jeff Box

Tonight is the night, as WTC's men's cage squad faces off against a surprisingly stout Frank Phillips College team in the second game of a double-header with the Dusters. Tipoff is scheduled for 8:00 pm in the Coliseum.

"FPC is probably the only team that'll be bigger and stronger than we are," said WTC mentor Mike Mitchell. "Their smallest starter is 6-4."

Sporting a 4-5 record, WT is an obvious favorite, but numbers are deceiving. Oklahoma City Southwestern defeated the Frank Phillips squad twice, both times by less than 10 points. OSC is ranked in the top five nationally and have beaten Amarillo.

Moberly, Missouri also beat F.P. Rated as a tough squad, they managed a mere two point victory over the Texans.

Loop action saw the Borger squad fall to South Plains and Amarillo Colleges. The AC Badgers squeaked by with a two point margin over FPC, but fell by three earlier this week to WTC.

"They've got one of the toughest schedules in the con-

ference," said Mitchell. "Their record is deceiving."

Charles Smith, last season's number two scorer in conference, heads Frank Phillips offensive line-up. Jack Holmes, a 6-7, 225 pounder from Washington, D.C. has been called nothing less than "outstanding". Averaging 70-80 points a game, the visitors will have four returning starters from last year's squad.

"They're tough, and that game average shows that they are a hustling team," said Mitchell.

The Westerners will have their hands full tonight. Though looking impressive, they have some weak spots, one of which is rebounding. "We've got to rebound better. I'm not satisfied with that at all," said Mitchell.

The Westerners are also losing men. Harrison Johnson and Walter Benjamin are both out due to injuries.

Harrison was injured during the game against Oscar Rose in the Wool Bowl Tournament. "We're expecting him back after Christmas, but you can never tell," said Mitchell. The doctor said the surgery was

minor, if surgery is ever minor. The most optimistic report is that he'll be back in a month. But we'll have to play it week by week.

Both Johnson and Benjamin have knee injuries. "Benjamin's isn't one of getting hurt in any one game. He's had knee problems for some time. It just now got bad enough to require surgery. We're hoping he'll be back some time next semester," explained Mitchell.

The Green Machine isn't without it's strong points. In a line that resembles John Wayne in his truest form, Coach Mitchell described the cagers' big advantage. "We've got GRIT!"

"Determination is our strongest feature. The men want to win. They never give up. New Mexico JC, Clarendon and Amarillo are good examples of this." And indeed they are. When others would fold, WT has moved forward with a phenomenal second breath, to pull a victory out of their bag of surprises.

FPC could prove to be another stepping stone on the road to the championship!

TURNOVERS FACTOR

Dusters Nip Clarendon

By Tracy Moore

Improving their undefeated record to 5-0, WTC's Dusters thrashed Clarendon Junior College, 62-50, in the first conference meeting of the season, December 1.

Coach Sid Simpson said, "Turnovers were a big factor in our win. We made alot (21), but Clarendon made 31."

The girls started out in a 1-3-1 zone but were hurt on the inside by Vicki Henderson, leading Clarendon scorer with 14 points, and the hosts took an early 20-13 lead.

Coach Simpson changed the Duster defense to a tight 2-3 zone for the remainder of the affair and closed off the inside game. Consequently, a rally by the WTC females brought the score to a 36-29 lead at halftime.

Most scoring was from the free throw line, and Temi Baker led, making nine of ten. Marilyn Payton led the Dusters in rebounds with 11, and Karen Arp grabbed seven.

Payton and Baker led the Duster scoring with 14 and 13, respectively. Simpson said, "We made alot of mistakes and need to improve our post and rebound play."

His plea for improvement was heard the following Thursday as the girls put it together to hand highly-ranked Tyler Junior College their first defeat of the season, 63-42.

Setting a single game scoring record for the Dusters, Payton poured in 26 to lead the Dusters to a big win. She nabbed 20 of her points in the first half as Dale Mitchel's seven assists and Tootie Stevenson's ball-handling complemented Payton's hot hand.

Baker pulled down nine rebounds as the Dusters took a commanding 33-14 halftime lead.

The normally-hot Apaches were cooled off by the near-perfect Duster 1-3-1 zone. Although many Duster turnovers were caused by the Tyler defense in the second half and cut the lead to 34-24, Theresa Beal, Mitchel, and Stevenson broke the tough Tyler press for easy lay-ups.

Beal, playing one of her top games this season, scored 12 of her 18 points in the final six minutes and fed post Jurecek three other baskets to take the game.

The ladies' strong rebounding game was led by Payton with 14, Baker's 11, and Beal's 9.

"This was the best effort since last year's regional tournament," said Coach Simpson. He continued, "We played with poise and intelligence. Tyler has a fine team. Before coming here, their only loss had been a last-second 3-point loss to Stephen F. Austin."



LISTEN TO THIS — Duster Coach Sid Simpson discusses game plan with Barabara Derman (L), Dale Mitchel (10) and Tootie Stevenson (13).

Fems Face Weatherford

Tonight the WTC Dusters meet Weatherford Junior College in the Scurry County Coliseum, the team favored to win region. The extremely tough ladies finished fifth in the national tournament in Kansas City last year and have all their

best players back, according to Duster Coach Sid Simpson.

Weatherford is led by 6-3 Sara Williams, averaging 27 points per game, and 6-0 Kathy Burns, averaging 15. They also have two more six-foot girls on the tree-tall team.

With only one loss this season to Panola, a team they later defeated, Weatherford is considered extremely tough by Coach Simpson. "They're strong with a lot of height. Like Darryl Royal says 'We'll have to dance with who brung us!' We have no choice but to wait and see what happens."

Simpson plans on running their effective press and also using their zone defense.

Following the Weatherford game, the Dusters host Eastern

New Mexico, December 13 in the WTC gym.

A team with everyone back, a crop of freshmen and several junior college transfers, they should also be strong opponents.

"If we can survive this week, I'll have to say we have a good team," Simpson said. "We're playing some strong teams."

A team with everyone back, a crop of freshmen and several Dusters are good. I guess we'll just have to show everybody else!

Answer To
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Westerners Overtake Thunderbirds, 73-70

by Jeff Box

In a game that featured more heart stoppers than "JAWS", the Westerners defeated a surprisingly tough New Mexico JC team 73-70 last Thursday night in the coliseum.

The tilt marked the second conference battle for both units. WTC was 2-0 in loop play and 8-1 for the season, while NMJC dropped to 0-2 and 5-4, respectively.

For awhile it looked like a runaway for the visitors. NMJC won the tipoff and tried a quick score. Missing the net the hosts nabbed the rebound and tried a basket of their own, meeting the same fate. A minute and a half into the game, New Mexico scored and led 2-0.

The Thunderbirds struck twice in the next two minutes of action to lead 6-0. The clock read 15:15 before WT hit the nets for two and trailed 6-2.

With 10:28 remaining in the first half, the Westerners took the lead 15-14 on a corner shot by Lawrence Butler. They quickly lost the reins as NMJC made two.

Butch Person hit on two charity shots to put the hosts back in front. A long shot by the visitors took the lead away.

Stanley Covington made a long shot of his own, regaining the edge for the Westerners. Another shot and New Mexico once again had the handle.

Westerner Larry Orton was fouled. Advancing to the free throw line he attempted two shots, making only one and tying the game at 20-20 with 7:02 remaining in the half.

New Mexico came on strong to take their biggest lead of the half, 29-22, with 5:05 showing. Not to be counted out, the Westerners fought back and, as the buzzer screamed, the scoreboard read 38-35, visitors' favor.

Things looked up for the Green in the second period. They nabbed the tipoff and scored a quick two points to trail by only one.

With 18:18 showing the Westerners put the battle in a

knot at 40-40. Once again the out-of-staters jumped ahead, but three minutes later the tally read 44-44.

Point after point, slug after slug, and elbow after elbow was exchanged in the hard-fought battle. Once again the Green Tide brought the score together, 52-all, with 10:55 left to play. New Mexico never had a lead bigger than four points during the final period, and the lead was never kept longer than 27 seconds!

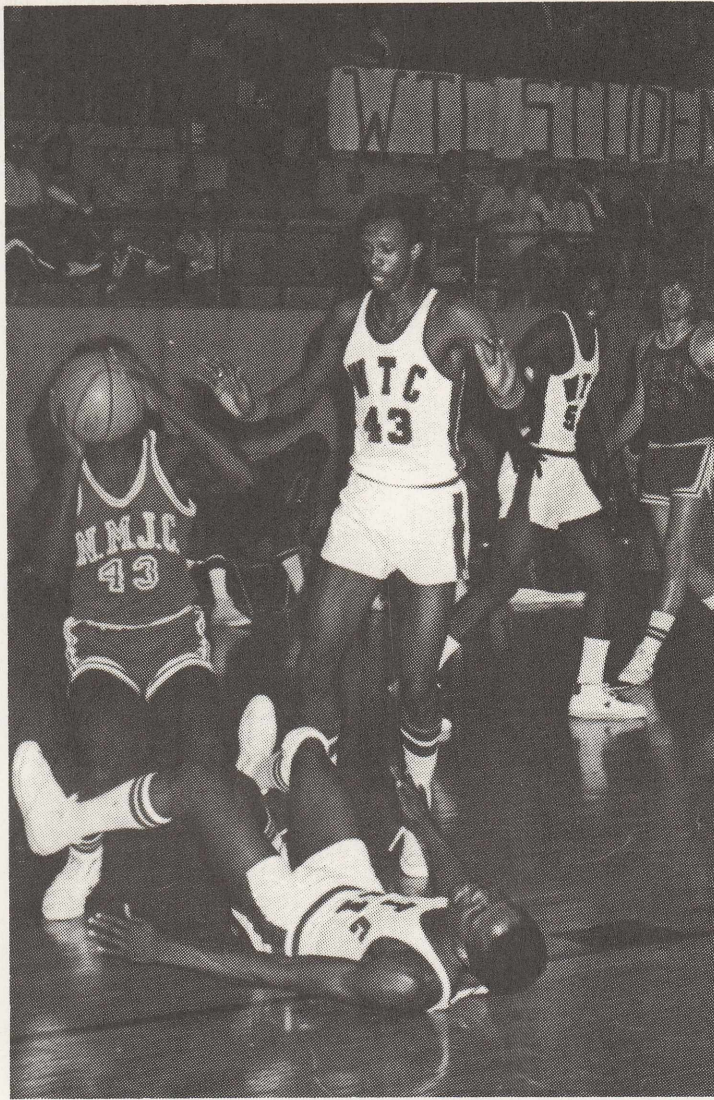
As the clock read 9:24 the referee sent the hometown crowd soaring as Western Coach Mike Mitchell was called on a technical foul.

With 3:24 left, the hosts took the lead 61-60. Then on a corner shot from Tyrone Clopton, the margin grew to three.

New Mexico grabbed the ball and regained the handle in two quick shots, 64-63, then, 16 seconds later, WT took the reins back and led by one, then three again.

Shooting from ten feet out Butler increased the lead to five and put it away for the hometown squad.

Butler proved his ability to shoot as he roped in 30 points. Orton was top rebounder for the victors as he grabbed 16. Clopton and Darryl Smith pulled in 10 each.



NOT ME! — Westerner Darryl Smith (43) plays "hands off" as teammate Eagle Covington (11) takes a spill. WTC clipped NMJC 73-70 in loop action Thursday.

WTC Trips In Tourney

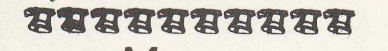
The WTC Westerners absorbed their first loss since early last season when New Mexico Military Institute won the championship of the Wool Bowl Tournament November 28-29 at Roswell N.M.

Starters for the finals tilt for the Westerners were Stanley Covington, 6-0 soph; Lawrence Butler, 6-3 Frosh guard; Tyrone Clopton, 6-6 soph; Darryl Smith, 6-8 frosh forward, and Larry Orton, 6-8 frosh post.

NMMI garnered an early 7-0 lead. The Westerners never came closer than six points. Orton was the only WTC player to chalk up double figures by scoring 15. "Our inexperience showed up in this game and New Mexico took advantage of it," explained Blue and Green Coach Mike Mitchell.

Another telling blow came when Clopton and Butch Person fouled out. Clopton went with 8:25 remaining and Person left the game three minutes later.

New Mexico went on to a 67-51 tally and the tournament title.



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Mean Green Score 82-78 Upset Victory

by Jeff Box

"As tough as nails!" That's how WTC's men's basketball coach Mike Mitchell described the Amarillo College Badgers. Fortunately the Westerners make a heavy sledge hammer and swing they did, as they defeated the AC quint, 82-78, in Amarillo last Monday night.

"We weren't supposed to win, but we did it! We played great!" exclaimed Tyrone Clopton.

The Badgers were the preseason pick to win the loop crown and were a heavy favorite over the Green. It looked like a prediction was to be fulfilled as AC took the tipoff and roped in two quick points.

A see-saw battle, bad enough to make a spectator sea-sick, describes the battle as the lead

was lost 10 times in the 13 minutes of play! Each squad rallied from six point deficits to take the lead. Finally, WT took the handle and as the buzzer sounded the half they led 45-34.

"We played well this first half," said Mitchell. "Amarillo didn't play well at all. This was probably the worst half they've played this season."

Turnovers and poor defense was the Badgers undoing. The hosts lost sphere seven times as compared to the visitors one.

Mitchell commented during halftime. "They're going to run at us! And hard! We've got to hold them to win."

Run they did, scoring first, starting a streak that used five minutes. In that span, WT allowed four points while AC

grabbed 16 and a 50-49 lead. It appeared the hometown boys were on their way to a come from behind victory.

WTC gained their lost momentum and cool, taking back the lead on a corner shot from Clopton. With the clock reading 14:39, the Westerners led 53-52. From then on the Westerners handled the game with a coolness that astounded many.

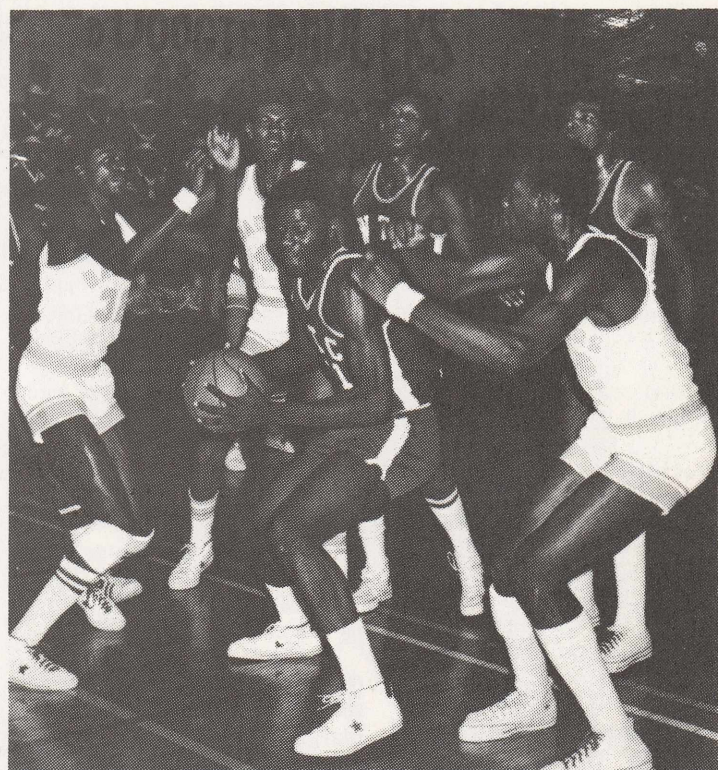
The Badgers pulled within one point of the Green Machine three times. Once at 7:36 the score read 65-64. Then again at 5:00 when the board showed 67-66 and finally at 4:24 when the tally stood 69-68.

A burst of flaming comets came from the Westerners' hands as they racked up 12 points in the final three and a half minutes of play, compared with AC's four.

With 30 ticks remaining, the Badgers were actually given three baskets by the Westerners, who needed only to allow the clock to dissipate. Final score, 82-78, a Green upset!

In a pregame interview, Mitchell stated doubts about a Westerner victory. "They (AC) have great home support. People will be hanging off the rafters yelling for Green blood. Our freshmen haven't gone against this type of pressure. We've got to overcome this to win."

Amarillo boasts three retur-



GET AWAY — Westerner Larry Orton tries to keep the ball away from three Amarillo defenders as Darryl Smith (L) and Tyrone Clopton (R) rush to his aid.

ning starters, two of which were all-conference last season. In pre-season balloting of conference coaches, Amarillo was picked as the favorite with WTC close behind.

Orton led all scoring with 22 points as only five Westerners scored, four in double figures. Clopton tallied 20 hits as Smith

and Laurence Butler roped in 16 apiece. Stanley Covington rounded WT scoring with eight.

Amarillo had three players in double numbers with Mark Creighton leading with 21. Darrell Hollimon roped in 18 and Alonzo Campbell hit for 14.

The Green Machine out leaped the Badgers by nabbing 28 rebounds to the hosts 19. Once again Orton led the way, bringing in 10 grabs. Smith followed with nine.

"It was a great win for us!" said Mitchell. "Our players hung in there when Amarillo ran at us in the second half. They never quit!" Mitchell exclaimed, sporting a large grin.

Once again a poll is proven in error as WTC put on an impressive show as they brought the dream of a return trip to Kansas a step closer.



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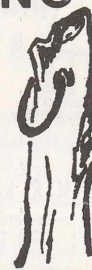


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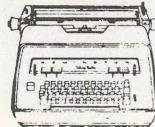
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