

**HERE SHE IS** — The 1977 WTC Homecoming queen was announced Nov. 2. The eight candidates were (in far photo, left to right) Stacy Hoover, Barbara Brooks, Patricia Edwards, Becky Westbrook, Rachel Phillips, Frankie Ellis and Linda Vann. Also, in front, Kathleen Utsman. (photos by Joe Boldon and Cody Bell)

Homecoming Dec. 3

## 1977 Queen Chosen From Eight Nominees

by Dannette Mickler and Weldon Jefferson

Kathleen Utsman, Colorado City freshman, has been named WTC Homecoming queen for 1977. She is the second queen, since WTC's first homecoming was two years ago.

A 1977 Colorado City High School graduate, Kathleen is freshman representative to the Student Senate and second vice-president in the Judo Club.

While in high school, she was named to Who's Who in American History, football sweetheart, building trades sweetheart and Student Council treasurer.

She enjoys judo, scuba diving, bike riding, snow skiing and dancing.

How did she feel about being a queen nominee? "I was surprised when I first learned that I was a nominee for homecoming queen. I feel very honored that the people at WTC think enough of me to elect me as one of the eight candidates. This is the nicest thing that has ever happened to me and I'm very grateful for this honor."

Homecoming is scheduled for Dec. 3 and Kathleen will represent WTC in a nation-wide homecoming queen contest.

Other candidates were Barbara Brooks, Snyder sophomore; Patricia Edwards, Girard freshman; Linda Vann, Rotan sophomore; Rachel Phillips, Snyder sophomore; Frankie Ellis, Sweetwater freshman; Stacy Hoover, Spur sophomore; and Becky Westbrook, Kermit freshman.

The nominees were also asked

how they felt about having been a queen candidate.

Barbara Brooks: "I was very honored and surprised. I've enjoyed working with the other nominees and having a chance to get to know them."

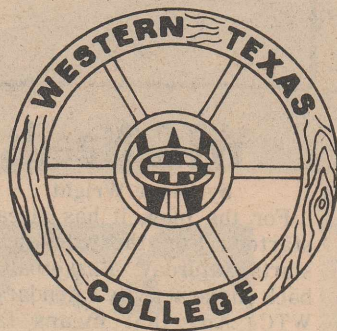
Patricia Edwards: "Being nominated by my friends as a homecoming queen candidate is something very special. The fact that I was nominated by the people is what makes it so important. I'm very excited about it but I don't really feel any different. If I get homecoming queen I'll be really happy and proud, but if I don't, I won't be real disappointed. Just knowing my friends thought enough of me to nominate me is what's most important."

Frankie Ellis: "I feel it is an honor to be chosen as a homecoming queen nominee. I am happy at the thought that my classmates have bestowed this honor on me. I hope that I reflect the friendship back to them that they have given me."

Stacy Hoover: "Being chosen as a queen nominee feels almost unreal. Homecomings are always special, but this is something that makes it so much more memorable. It is an honor that a person just doesn't take for granted, but cherishes and is grateful for. 'Excitement' isn't a good enough word for the feeling; words more like 'elated' and 'somewhat dazzled' might better describe it."

Rachel Phillips: "It was a great shock, but it has been a lot of fun. Being homecoming

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## Third Graders Chosen For Cast; 'Medea' To Open Nov. 16 In FAT

Two Snyder third grade students have been selected to complete the cast of "Medea," WTC's fall production set for Nov. 16-19.

Rehearsing the roles of the children of Jason and Medea are Benjie Fishman and Brad Vincent. Benjie is a third grade student at West Elementary School, and Brad, also a third-grader, attends Stanfield Elementary School.

According to Jeanne Kobuszewski, director, the roles of the young boys are an integral part of the production.

In visiting local schools to search for the boys to fill the roles, Ms. Kobuszewski and Junanne Brock, cast as Medea, looked for youngsters "who could be the children of Jason and Medea." Ms. Kobuszewski pointed out that "Age, physical traits, brightness, responsibility and maturity were important

considerations in selection of the young thespians.

Benjie was born in Trenton, N.J., and moved to Snyder last year from Hopewell, N.J., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary West, and brother Aaron, 9. Benjie enjoys music and takes piano lessons from Mrs. Virgil Mott.

An art enthusiast, as well as a "super hero" fan, young Fishman has hopes of becoming a comic book artist. He is also a member of the Youth Co-Op for Christ Choir.

Brad, born and reared in Snyder, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vincent. He has two brothers, Bryan, 16, and Britt, 12.

Brad is a Cub Scout and played Pee Wee baseball last summer.

He enjoys school and reveals that language is his favorite subject. Brad hopes to become a

policeman and looks forward to "riding a motorcycle around and wearing a neat uniform."

Sarah Coleman will be serving as assistant director for the production.

'Medea' also has a new set, formalistic in style, which hosts the house of Corinth. Massive in size, it utilizes large platforms, step units and pillars of stone in variations of grays. Formalism locates the action of a play and must compliment the strength of the characters who act and react within its boundaries, according to Ms. Kobuszewski.

Tickets for "Medea," scheduled at 8 p.m. each performance, are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Group rates are available.

Reservations may be made by calling the fine arts division office at 573-8511, ext. 234. Tickets are also available at Snyder Drug, Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank.

## Speed Zone Enforced

by Stephanie Stephens

The speed barriers may have to be returned on the road east of the maintenance building if students continue to speed to the HPE parking lot, according to Dr. Ben Brock, WTC vice-president.

Already, one accident has occurred involving a maintenance vehicle and a student auto. Luckily, only minor damage was reported to both vehicles.

In the 15 m.p.h. zone, speeds have ranged from 50-60 m.p.h.,

he said. Students are reminded that city police and Texas highway patrolmen may give tickets to anyone caught speeding. Also, students should not use the east road until after 2 p.m. daily.

Dr. Brock also stated that more student parking spaces will be provided on the second rows of the East and West parking lots as soon as the lines are painted. These spaces currently are restricted to staff and faculty.



**WELCOME TO THE CLUB** — Lee Kirby and Junanne Brock are shown with the newest additions to the 'Medea' cast, Benjie Fishman and Brad Vincent.

(photo by Joe Boldon)



editorially

# Are Laws The Answer?

Are laws really the answer? Are laws the only solution we can come up with to fight drug abuse? Are laws doing what we want and mean for them to do? Or, are they doing just the opposite — making drug abuse worse?

In "Outlook," a Libertarian party commentary, R.A. Childs, a Libertarian author and editor, stated that research showed neither a drug problem nor drug laws in the nineteenth century. Now, we have "drug abuse that is spreading like a plague" and laws to supposedly prevent it.

Today, there are about a half-million heroin addicts, stated the article "Drugs and the law," compared to 54,000 in 1960. Nearly 45,000 people were arrested on marijuana charges just last year!

To support a daily drug habit, many young women have turned to prostitution. Young men are stealing \$200-\$500 worth of merchandise (retail) per day to support their \$50-\$75 daily heroin habits.

The article reported that at least 70 per cent of all thefts, muggings and more serious crimes are drug-related and have caused the rate of violent crime to rise.

Because of bribes made by organized crime to allow drug abuse to continue, corruption of drug law enforcers (and especially policemen, the article pointed out) has increased drastically.

Childs pointed out how wars could once be started just over a difference of opinion concerning religious beliefs.

Today we have learned to tolerate and accept other people's beliefs and live in a peaceful coexistence. The Libertarian party feels that "tolerance and peaceful coexistence between those who wish to ingest different substances can stop the increasingly costly drug war."

To support the passing of drug laws, Congress in 1962 stated that, "To be a confirmed drug addict is to be one of the walking dead... the teeth have rotted out, the appetite is lost and the stomach and intestines don't function properly."

Further, "The gall bladder becomes inflamed, in some cases membranes of the nose become inflamed... eyes and skin turn a bilious yellow and good traits of character disappear and bad ones emerge."

Often, too, death comes — "much too early in life." Such is the torment of being a drug addict. Such is the plague of being one of the "walking dead."

Or so they maintain. But Congress has failed to identify any significant harmful effects of the drugs themselves.

Researchers conclude that "The scientific basis for Congress' statement — is not easy to find."

Without any support for their allegations against drug addicts, can we assume that government has taken the alleged harmful effects for granted? One conclusion can be drawn: nearly all effects attributed to opiates or drugs are effects of drug laws.

The Libertarian party is in favor of allowing low price and availability conditions to flourish. Research, according to the article, has shown how several addicts, under sanitary and proper methods, have had no impairment of functioning capabilities or organic damage.

The party favors every person owning his or her own body and no one else's. If a person wants to do something to their body or put something in it, then it's their right. They are responsible for the results.

The late Professor Ludwig Von Mises said in *Human Action*, "Opium and morphine are certainly dangerous, habit-forming drugs. But once the principle is admitted that it is the duty of government to protect the individual against his own foolishness, no serious objections can be advanced against further encroachments."

Moreover, "If one abolishes man's freedom to determine his own consumption, then one takes all freedoms away. The naive advocates of government interference with consumption... unwittingly support the case of censorship, inquisition, religious intolerance and the persecution of dissenters."

Are laws really the answer? What do you think?

by Diane

## Great Day! An Ermine! What?

by Darlene Neatherlin

Have you ever heard of an ermine? Quite unusual, huh? If someone handed you one, what would you do with it?

Several students were asked that question and came up with a few really cool answers!

Some replied that they would eat it. Well, you better make sure that it has plenty of salt and pepper on it.

How about putting it in your pocket and carrying it around all the time? Hope it doesn't get too tired.

It might even sit on top of your dresser to be shown off. Let's decorate it all up first, though.

Would you really lock it in a cage? Oh, it can't be that harmful.

How about putting it in your ear? I think that would really tickle someone.

I know! We'll plant flowers in it. But it will have to be fertilized for that.

If you think these responses are nutty, you're right, because actually an ermine is a small weasel!



## WTC Needs A Spirit 'High'

by Diane Wright

For the men, it has already started. For the women, it starts Saturday. Basketball is back on the activity calendar for WTC. And that means fans should have their spirit high and heavy!

It is acknowledged that basketball is one of the big features of Western Texas College.

Having the men win nationals a few years ago and placing fifth in national competition last year is not what you'd call "a drop in the bucket"! Not every basketball team accomplishes these two highlights.

And the women's team hasn't done too badly in past years either — every team they've played has had to fight for the points they made.

In fact, the women have won all of their conference titles and have been stopped at regional finals up to last year, when they lost out in semi-finals.

Why can't this year be different? Why can't we have two national champion teams? We can! The only reason we can't is if we, the fans, and the teams have a negative attitude — a "can't" attitude!

Fans are an important part of a team's success — at least, that's how this fan feels. If a team doesn't have support, then where do they get the desire to win and be the best? Dig it out of their closet, maybe? Doubtful!

So, people, when the Dusters and Westerners start having games that are either here in Snyder or a reasonable traveling distance, make an effort to go! Show them you're behind them all the way!

Nationals — here we come!

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queen nominee is a great honor."

Linda Vann: "At first I was shocked when I was told. But now that the numbness has worn off, I feel very honored. This is an honor I will always remember."

Becky Westbrook: "I was really surprised and honored to be one of the queen nominees."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor  
The Western Texan  
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Dear Diane:

After reading your last issue of The Western Texan, I must express how proud we are of the quality of this paper. I doubt that there are more than two or three university papers that could come close to either the interest or the quality of The Western Texan.

Please express my thanks to your staff and your fine instructor for the pleasure and information we receive from your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Clinton  
President

Don't forget to sign up for the "Gong Show!!" Deadline is tomorrow. Dig out all that talent you've got hidden away in that closet and "GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!!!" Sign up in the activities office in the Student Center.

## WT POLL

### Accomplishments?

More than half of the semester is over now — just five more weeks left. So? Have you accomplished anything?

Tammie Matthews, Odessa freshman: "Scholastically, in my agriculture and biology courses I've learned more about animals and the way to treat their sicknesses. Academically I've strived to win the team trophy with JoAnn Whitehead at the Texas Tech rodeo and we did."

Melissa Windham, Odessa freshman: "I learned how to set myself a schedule and stick to it. I accomplished a method of getting new friends."

Sheila Cummins, Robert Lee freshman: "My goal was to meet many new people. I accomplished this goal by getting out and meeting others because that's what I like to do."

Debbie McDonald, Comanche freshman: "I set out to make many new friends and have accomplished it. If I haven't accomplished anything grade wise, it's because I haven't studied enough."

Chris Goodwin, Sunray freshman: "I have accomplished making new friends, but very little in my classes. I have also accomplished better dancing ability and drink more beer."

Albert Ramoz, San Angelo freshman: "Not a whole lot in classes, yet. I've been spending too much time goofing off."

Rodney Speck, Lubbock sophomore: "I've accomplished learning to cope with harder studies. This helps a person to learn what college life is all about."

Diane Wright, Brownfield sophomore: "I feel like I've accomplished a whole lot by just getting the paper out everytime. I haven't had much time to accomplish any other great feats!"

LaDonna Powell, Big Spring sophomore: "I have met some new people. I haven't accomplished a bunch as far as classwork's concerned, but I've made several friends."

Nancy Baird, Big Spring sophomore: "Hahahaha! My gosh, what have I accomplished?! I know now that staying out too late can get you down too quick — too much partying."

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## Student Aid Policies Adopted

New student financial aid policies were adopted by the WTC Board of Trustees at their regular September meeting, according to Glenn Davis, director of student financial aid.

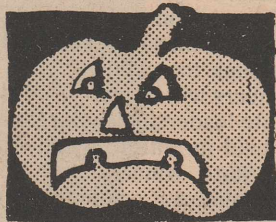
Davis stated that the new policies define the minimal progress that students receiving financial aid must achieve in meeting their educational objectives. Failure to satisfy these new requirements will result in financial aid probation or having aid withheld for a predetermined period of time.

Since student financial aid programs were created to help students meet academic goals, measureable academic progress is expected from each student receiving financial aid. Academic progress will be measured according to the following new policies:

1. Full-time students will be expected to complete a full-time course load each semester an award is made and to accumulate the necessary grade point average to remain in good academic standing with the college.
2. Part-time students will be expected to complete all courses in which they enroll during each semester an award is made and to accumulate the necessary grade point average to remain in good academic standing with the college.
3. Students who fail to meet the above requirements for the first time will be placed on a probationary status and will be given the following semester in which they enroll to satisfy

the above requirements. However, attendance during a summer session will not satisfy the academic standing portion of the requirement.

4. If the above requirements are not met during the following semester in which the student enrolls, no award shall be made for a period of one long semester following the semester in which the student failed to meet the requirements.
5. After one long semester of suspension of aid, the student may again receive aid under the probationary status, but if the student fails to meet the minimum standards, he will be ineligible to receive aid for one full calendar year.
6. The student will be eligible to receive aid at the end of the calendar year. However, if he fails to satisfy the minimum standards, he will be suspended from receiving aid for three calendar years.
7. The director of financial aid may make exceptions to parts three through six above. Factors taken into consideration for any exception shall include: (a.) class attendance and completion of assignments, (b.) any unusual circumstances, (c.) student participation in supportive services such as counseling, tutoring, faculty advising, the Learning Resource Center, and other such services, and (d.) response to financial aid office.



## Spooks, Ghouls Invade Dance

by Stephanie Stephens

What's Halloween?

It's not baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet, but more like Superman, Frankenstein, Raggedy Ann and Werewolf!

If you happened to fly down into the cafeteria at 9 p.m. Oct. 31, you know exactly what I mean, when the annual Halloween masquerade dance was held, sponsored by the Student Senate with J.J. Mac providing the "spookin' music."

A chili supper followed at midnight, no less.

Between songs like "The Best of My Love" and "It's Too Sad To Write," students found their way to the witches' brew of punch or curiously tried to figure out who that weird looking thing was with the mask.

Tressie Griffin won one of the awards for Best Costume with her 'get-up' from "Star Wars," and Terry Scarbrough won the other with his "Dolly Parton" or 'female impersonator' suit.



**GET DOWN GOBLINS!** — There wasn't a full moon Halloween night, but all the ghoulish, gory ghouls made their appearance at the WTC Halloween Extravaganza in the cafeteria. (photos by Cody Bell)

## Midwinter Session Announced

WTC's fifth annual Midwinter Session has been scheduled from Jan. 3-13, according to Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services and Registrar.

Classes will meet daily from 9-12 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. from Jan. 3-7 and Jan. 9-13.

Students are limited to one course during the session, and will pay fees of \$36. Photography students will also pay a lab fee of \$5.

The schedule for the Midwinter Session has been expanded this year, Dr. Hood said.

Students may choose from 12 courses: Accounting 232 (Principles of Accounting), Business 232 (Business Law), English 132 (Composition II), English 231 (American Literature), English

232 (British Literature), English 233 (Masterpieces of Literature), Government 231 (U.S. Government), Government 232 (Texas State & Local Government), History 131 (U.S. History to 1865), History 132 (U.S. History from 1865), Journalism 230 (News-Color Photography), and Sociology 232 (Contemporary Social Problems).

Registration will open Dec. 10 and continue through Dec. 23. Dr. Hood said students are urged to register as soon as possible.

Copies of the schedule are available from Dr. Hood's office in the administration building.

## Joe Carter Discusses Twins; PTK Members Attend Confab

Joe Carter, chairman of the agriculture division, presented a program concerning human genetics at Phi Theta Kappa's meeting, Thursday, Oct. 28.

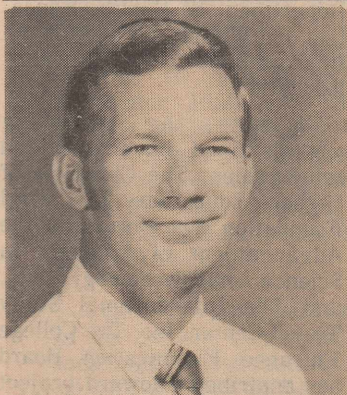
Carter discussed identical and fraternal twins. Statistics show that one in 93 births is a twin, one in 9828 births are triplets, and one in 670,734 births are quadruplets.

Data also shows that the IQ of identical twins reared apart usually does not vary more than

7.5 points. However, the IQ of siblings reared apart varies as much as 15.5 points. Thus, IQ could be considered, to a certain degree, an inheritable trait, he said.

Carter also discussed inheritable traits that are the same between identical twins, such as blood type and eye color.

He concluded with a humorous anecdote: "Insanity is inherited — parents get it from their children!"



Joe Carter



79 Declared Majors

# Management: People-Oriented

Story and Photo  
by Diane Wright

"Of all the occupational programs, mid-management is a people-oriented program in that we have to deal with customers, employees and other management people," said Charles Henderson, mid-management coordinator and instructor.

"We teach the art of human relations as well as the skill of management toward the profit motive to help promote the well-being of a business enterprise," — and that's what mid-management is all about!

Mid-management is the single largest department on campus, with 79 declared majors. The course is also offered in extension centers in Sweetwater and Haskell. They are hoping to be able to offer the course in Crosbyton next spring.

Purpose of the program is to provide a two-year college-level course of study to qualify students for employment in managerial and/or supervisory positions in the general business community. When successfully completed, the graduate is qualified for an Associate in Applied Science degree.

One of the requirements for the course is to work in a regularly paid part-time job in a sponsoring firm, with a minimum of 20 hours per week. The student also receives 12

semester hours credit for his work.

The courses that a mid-management major takes are Principles of Management, Effective Supervision, Public Relations, Personnel Management, Communications, Human Relations, Marketing, Salesmanship and Employer, Employee and Customer Relations.

Henderson stated in the future they hope to have a seminar covering all of these topics entitled "Small Business Management in Operation."

He explained that, in teaching the courses, he and Michael Boles, also instructor in mid-management, try to emphasize not just theory but also the practical aspect and provide timely information that is immediately useful.

Local and area merchants who are employing (and have employed in the past) mid-management students are TG & Y, Piggly Wiggly, Munden's Discount Center, American Magnesium, Snyder Janitorial Service, Triple S Tire and Supply, Men's II, Furr's, Post Office, Chamber of Commerce (in Sweetwater), and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Henderson said they are beginning to receive calls from other employers needing positions filled by students. These students are working not only in Snyder but also in Colorado City, Maryneal,

Rotan, Hamlin, Aspermont, Rule, Haskell and Stamford.

As for the future, Henderson said many four-year schools are giving full credit for occupational-technical courses taken. "They call it an inverted degree. You take it here and go back and take the basics at a four-year school."

He added that occupational education is very well respected and that more credit is being given from several colleges.

According to the instructor, a recent survey was made by the Texas Education Agency showing that the earnings of occupational students after graduation are above others' earnings after a couple of years in the field and that they advanced faster on the salary scale than others.

Part of the management program is the DECA club (Distributive Education Clubs of America). Henderson stated that they are currently working to get more management training through the club.

Members will be competing at the state leadership conference, to be held in March in San Antonio. State winners will advance to national competition in Washington, D.C. in early May. At these contests, participants use written and oral decision-making skills.

Management people of the world today — look out! WTC is training the management people of tomorrow!



**ON THE JOB TRAINING** — Two mid-management students go about their daily routine at work. Top, Joey Arnold is stamping prices and below, Billy Hall puts out merchandise.

## Museum Exhibit Includes Batik, Metal Designs

An arts and crafts exhibit opened Sunday in the museum and will continue through mid-December. Included are batik and metal designs, woven work, watercolors and photographs.

Batik paintings by Martha Gowen and unique designs in metal by Mike Gowen are featured items.

Most on display are for sale. Many items are priced from \$10 to \$35, along with some at higher prices.

Other exhibitors are Karen Sears, Katherine Elkins, Weldon Sears and Del and Jo Ann Hirst all of Snyder, Donna Dye of Colorado City, Karen Teague of Austin and C. Warren Cullar of Bertram.

Some quilts from the Senior Center are also included.

The Gowens are exhibiting batik in the museum for the first time.

Batik is an ancient art form of dyeing fabric. Molten wax is

painted onto the fabric to keep the dye from penetrating certain areas when the fabric is submerged in the dye.

As the fabric is rewaxed and dyed in various colors, tiny cracks develop in the wax, allowing the dye to seep into the fabric causing a marbling effect along with the design and color.

Mrs. Gowen's batiks have such detail that they resemble watercolors, and she also does watercolors.

Gowen is relatively new to the art scene, but he has already received numerous awards and honors at shows throughout Texas and New Mexico.

His metal sculptures reflect the rugged individuality of the West Texas plains where he grew up, and his attention is frequently captured by the ramshackle farm buildings, windmills and barbed wire fences characteristic of the area. Delicate butterflies and flowers are also in his works.

Weather-beaten wood holds a charm for Gowen and provides the inspiration for many of his larger works.

The museum is open weekdays and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

The permanent exhibit gallery traces the history of the Scurry County area from pre-historic times to the present, while temporary exhibits such as the arts and crafts show are placed in the lobby and multipurpose room.



**OH SO CAREFULLY!** — A farm & ranch student files a horseshoe as part of his work on a nearby ranch. (photo by Kent Mills)

## Contest Open To Students

The National Student Educational Fund is sponsoring a national competition for college students who produce informational materials for other students.

Each year, college students provide information for other students through orientation guides, financial aid manuals and information for specific groups such as women, the handicapped, minorities and older students. The competition, Better Information Project: Prizes in Education (BIPPIE), will recognize and encourage these and other student-produced materials.

Entries in any media may be submitted by individual students or by student groups. Entries must have been produced by and for students during the academic years 1976-77 or 1977-78; students must have been involved in the planning, production and editing of the submitted materials.

Application packets and con-

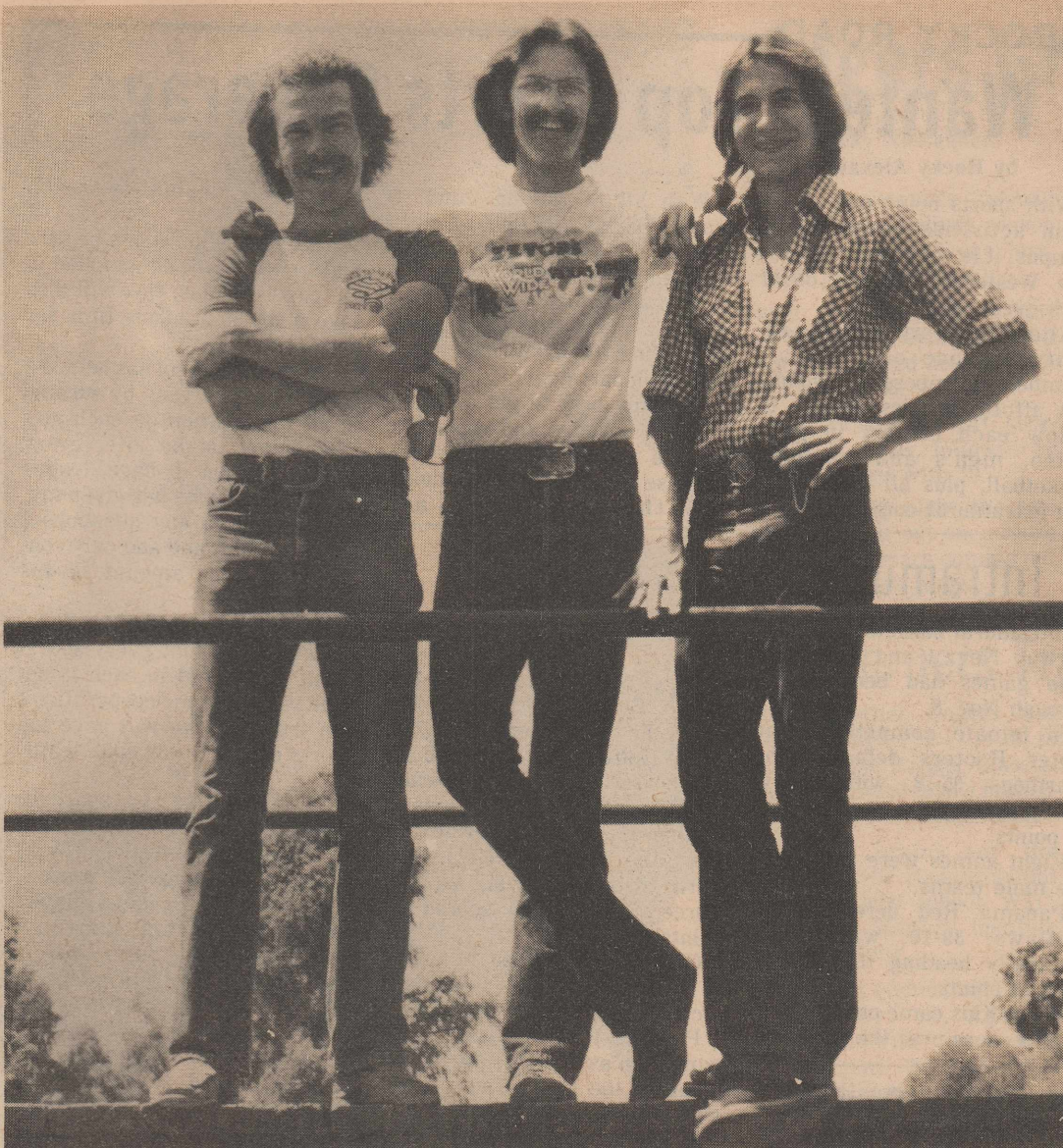
test rules are available on request from the National Student Educational Fund, 2000 P. Street, Northwest, Suite 305, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Each of twelve winners will be awarded a trip to Washington to accept, on behalf of their school, a \$1,000 scholarship, which will be given to a student with financial need.

The project is sponsored by the NSEF with a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

To date, the following organizations have provided scholarships: The Chronicle of Higher Education, The Ford Foundation, The Forum for the Advancement of Students in Science and Technology, Inc., and The International Study Travel Center, Inc. The College Entrance Examination Board has contributed toward project evaluation activities.





'ALL OVER AMERICA' — A single, featured by Walters and Hickman and Clark, above, who tour the nation with their "pop-ups" or "mini-concerts." The trio, with an original song style, perform folk and country music at 10:30 a.m. and noon today in the Student Center lounge area.

# Student Activities Planned for Month

by Johnnie Panter

Several student activities have been planned for November.

Intramural basketball competition begins today at 10:30 a.m. with the girls playing. At 6:30 p.m. it's The Outlaws vs. Busch Boys; 7:30, The Odd Couple vs Golfers; and 8:30, Los Chicanos vs Coors Kids.

The rest of the month's basketball schedule for intramurals follows:

Nov. 14 — 6:30, Los Chicanos vs The Force; 7:30, Coors Kids vs Odd Couple.

Nov. 15 — 10:30, girls; 6:30, Golfers vs. Panama Red; and 7:30, Cowboys vs The Outlaws.

Nov. 16 — 6:30, Los Chicanos vs Busch Boys; and 7:30, The Force vs Odd Couple.

Nov. 17 — 10:30, Coors Kids vs Golfers; 6:30, Panama Red vs Busch Boys; 7:30, Odd Couple vs Cowboys; and 8:30, The Outlaws vs The Force.

Nov. 21 — 6:30, The Outlaws vs Golfers; 7:30, Los Chicanos vs Panama Red; and 8:30, Odd Couple vs Busch Boys.

Nov. 29 — 6:30, The Force vs Golfers; 7:30, Coors Kids vs

Busch Boys; and 8:30, Cowboys vs Los Chicanos.

Nov. 30 — 6:30, Golfers vs Busch Boys; 7:30, Coors Kids vs The Force; and 8:30, Panama Red vs The Force.

Tomorrow, Frank Pruitt, professor of history, will speak at noon in the Faculty Dining Room in the cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

A dance will take place Nov. 15 in the Student Center at 9 p.m. Music will be furnished by "Travelin' Sound" from Odessa.

On Nov. 17, the drama production, 'Medea' will start at 8 p.m. and continue through Nov. 19 in the fine arts theater.

Something that should be interesting is the "Gong Show," scheduled Nov. 22 in the fine arts theatre. Deadline for signing up is tomorrow in the student activities office. A prize will be awarded for the "best act."

Thanksgiving holidays are to begin Nov. 23. Dorms will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday and open Sunday, Nov. 27 at the same time. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 28.

## Freshman GPA Above Average

by Shirley Ballard

Grade point average (GPA) scores for freshmen enrolled at WTC are well above those on the national average, according to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services/registrar.

WTC freshmen have a 2.79 GPA, while the national average is 2.50. High school students entering WTC last year had a GPA of 2.88 — above the state average of 2.75 and only slightly below the national 2.9 mean.

Comparing WTC with all Texas junior colleges, the English score for WTC is 16.7 and junior college score is 14.8.

In math, WTC compares 15.6 to 13.7. Social science for WTC is 14.9 compared to 13.6 for all two-year schools. In natural science, the score for WTC is 18.7 while junior college score is 17.5.

Over-all, the composite score for WTC is 16.6, while the score for all Texas junior colleges is 15.1.

American College Testing (ACT) scores for freshmen entering Western Texas are three points below the national average of "all" colleges in the United States, he said.

However, when compared with scores of all other community colleges, WTC student scores were only 1.2 under the national average. The national all-college average is 19.6, compared with 16.6 for Western Texas.

The community college average is 17.8. These are the figures for 1976, the latest available for comparison.

On the other hand, when comparing mean high school grades for freshmen enrolled at WTC with those on the national average, grades are almost identical — 2.85 nationally to 2.84 locally.

It is interesting that ACT scores showed WTC freshmen

were below the national average more in social studies (14.9 to 18.8) and closest to the national mean in English (16.7 to 18.3).

The same was true when comparing those figures with community colleges, although the differences were smaller. Highest ACT scores were in natural science, same as the national and community college averages.

More detailed information can be found in the ACT Standard Research Report prepared by Dr. Hood, with local data furnished by Karen Burkett, PBX operator in the registrar's office.

## WTC Exempts Self

A resolution exempting the college district from requirements of a new law creating a voluntary firefighters relief and retirement fund was approved by the board of trustees Oct. 27.

That was the last day that government agencies could exempt themselves from the measure. Otherwise, they were automatically included.

Several public schools and college districts have been taking last-minute action on the resolution, since most were not aware until recently that the law applied to all local government agencies.

## NOTICE

It is with regret that we have not had very good rodeo coverage. Rodeo is an active sport on the WTC campus and should be given as much space as basketball or golf.

But due to lack of response from the program itself, we have been unable to give the sport its deserved recognition.

— The Editor

## \*\*\* NEWS BRIEFS \*\*\*

The fine arts department opened a special November exhibit featuring works by Charles Jones from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

The display of Jones' works will remain in the fine arts gallery through November, and may be seen weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A student print show from the University of Houston is also on view in the hallways of the fine arts building and will remain for the rest of the month.

The Executive Council of the BSU was installed Oct. 27 during a banquet for parents, association pastors and BSU members.

Installed were Larry Thompson, president; Stephanie Stephens, social chairman; Veronica Melgar, publicity chairman; Vickie Greenfield, missions chairman; Jan Loyd, outreach enlistment chairman; Steve Allen, worship chairman; Sharon Matthews, evangelism chairman; and Brand Lee, intramurals chairman.

Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., everyone is invited to join in a Car Scavenger Hunt and should meet at the BSU building.

Nov. 13, the Plainview Baptist Church of Colorado City is having a BSU Day. Worship services will be held Sunday morning and evening.

A blood drive was held Oct. 27 in the Student Center for two local men injured recently in an oil field accident in Kent County.

Jerry Hill and Hermelondo Aguirre were sent to Dallas' Parkland Hospital.

Blood was donated from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Approximately 50 donated.

A new series of Cake Decorating lessons will be offered through the community services department starting Nov. 14. Genie Grizzle of Ira will be the instructor.

Also, "Fundamentals of Blueprint Reading" has been offered starting Nov. 1. Don Elrod, draftsman for American Magnesium, is the instructor.

Five Office Education Association members and Charlene Light, sponsor, attended the State OEA Leadership Conference in Austin, Nov. 3-5. Attending were Becky Rhodes, Cathey Golden, Cindy Leahard, Leigh Holladay and Denise Kight.

OEA members are preparing for competition in secretarial skills at the spring state leadership meeting in Ft. Worth in March.

Several WTC students attended a Phi Theta Kappa District VIII meeting, Nov. 5 at Odessa College.

The meeting was organized by the Odessa Chapter so that students could exchange ideas concerning their annual fraternity plans and activities.

Students also attended an energy seminar sponsored by the American Chemical Society and participated in an astronomy program held in the school planetarium.

Attending were Joni Huffman, Lila Guinn; president, Sonny Lee, and sponsor Melisa Barker.

WTC's women's rodeo team won their first trophy in the Texas Tech University NIRA rodeo late last month on the strength of Jo Ann Whitehead's 140 points of WTC's 160 total.

Whitehead was named All Around Cowgirl, and the team totaled 160 points for first place.

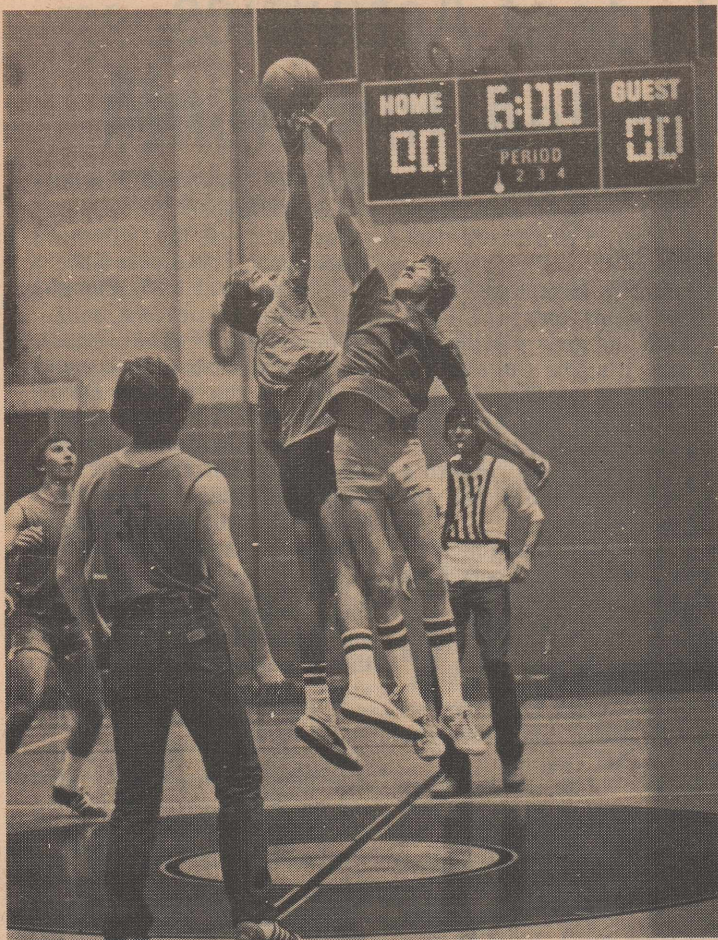
Whitehead was first in barrel racing in the long go in 14.52 seconds. She was third in the short go in 14.73 seconds and first in the average in 29.25.

Tammie Matthews was sixth in barrel racing in the long go in 14.96 and had 15.4 in the short go. Lynn Davis was seventh in the long go in 15.01.

The WTC men's team placed sixth in the Tech rodeo men's division with 65 points.

Dare Nolen was fourth in the long go in 11.09 seconds. Buddy Reynolds, 1976 AJRA bareback champion, split third and fourth in the long go with 68 points. In the short go he was third with 71 points and finished second in the average with 139 points.





**TIP-OFF** — Miller Scott (left) and Jerry McCowan (right) jump for the ball in the Golfers VS Cowboys game. The Golfers were victorious with a score 38-25. (photo by Lee Burke)

**ROCKY ROAD**

# Wanted: Top Sports Coverage

by Rocky Alexander

With sports being one of the main activities on the WTC campus, it is very important for **The Western Texan** to cover each event.

Attending every athletic activity, by one of our staff members, is impossible. No one can afford to miss classes to follow each contest in golf, rodeo, men's and women's basketball, plus all intramural and extramural competition.

With all of this in mind, I would like to ask that all persons with results of games or tournaments and/or information on up-coming events please write up all the facts and figures and bring them to the journalism department.

I try my best to get in touch with all coaches and reporters on the sports activities, but because of conflicting schedules or other matters I am

sometimes unable to reach them.

With your help we can be sure that a story will be included in the paper — plus, this will also save a lot of precious time for everyone.

Coach Bob O'Day has helped a great deal this year by turning in all information on each golf tournament to me after every contest. When I have looked over the totals he has given me, if I then have any questions I can go to him and and only consume a short amount of his time.

As sports editor for the W.T., I want to see that every sports event is covered in each issue. With your help and cooperation I can truly say we will have top sports coverage for each team.

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I want to take this space to congratulate the Westerners in their fine representation of WTC in Juarez, Mexico, last week.

The basketball squad played two teams from Juarez— Juarez Tech and Juarez University— in two contests each.

WTC was victorious over the Tech team in both outings by scores of 88-40 and 108-64, but only managed to defeat the University team in one of the two contests, 101-78, while Juarez took the second game, 72-62. (See related story on page 7.)

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Congratulations also go out to the WTC rodeo team who won first place at the Texas Tech University NIRA rodeo and brought home the first women's team trophy ever by a WTC team in rodeo competition.

(See related story on page 5.)

## Intramural Cagers Compete

Intramural basketball got underway Nov. 1 and a total of nine games had been played through Nov. 3.

In female competition the Roter Rooters defeated the Warthogs, 35-18, with Cheryl Terry leading the scoring with 17 points.

Eight games were played by the male teams.

Panama Red defeated The Outlaws, 39-16, with Scott McAnally heading the scoring with 13 points.

Coors Kids came out on top of a 28-14 score over the Cowboys.

Otis Chunn was top scorer with 14.

The Force squeaked by the Busch Boys, 40-38, with Wes Isbell the top pointer sinking 22.

The Golfers sent the Cowboys to their second defeat by a score of 38-25, with Keith Crum tops in netting 11 points. Later in action, the Cowboys lost their third, without a win, to The Force, 51-38. Isbell scored 20 points in that game.

Grady Miles scored 10 points to lead The Outlaws to a 35-33 victory over Los Chicanos.

Panama Red won its second game, in as many outings, by stopping the Coors Kids, 36-20, with McAnally scoring 11.

In the last game, The Outlaws walked over the Odd Couple, 37-16. Tim Dacus lead the point-makers with 12.

After three days of competition, only four teams remained undefeated. They were Panama Red, 2-0; The Force, 2-0; The Outlaws, 2-0; and The Golfers, 1-0.

The Roter Rooters, in women's competition, stood at 1-0.

## 'Westerners' Enter Extramural Contest

Twenty-six students traveled to Hobbs, N.M. yesterday to represent WTC at the extramural day competition on the campus of New Mexico Junior College.

Competition was set in tennis, ping pong, volleyball, badminton, bowling, foosball and pool.

Persons involved in tennis were Joe Barrera and Linda Vann, while Tim Bumpass participated in ping pong.

Those who made the volleyball team include Della Braziel, Frankie Ellis, Debbie Ezell, Larry Gee, Rick Huelster and Ivy Johnson.

Others were Scott McAnally, Leo Molina, Darlene Neatherlin, Kelly Ragland, Georgeann Smith, Joey Swain and Dora Arregay.

Badminton competitors were Otis Chunn, Johnny Panter and Sammie Simmons.

Bowlers included Brad Etheredge, James Posey, Jim Richardson and Joe Salinas.

Richard Garcia competed in foosball, while pool enthusiasts were Ricky Moreno and Deanna Williams.

Results of these competitions will be included in the next issue of **The Western Texan**.

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IS THIS HOW YOU DO IT? — Robert Brown dunks the ball at practice, warming up for the Ranger Classic. (photo by Joe Boldon.)

# Cagers Grab Three Out of Four

by Rocky Alexander

Ole!  
WTC's Westerners opened their 1977-78 basketball season with three wins and one loss, Nov. 2-5, in Juarez, Mexico.

Under the direction of new coach Nolan Richardson, Nov. 2 the squad defeated Juarez Tech in El Paso, 88-40.

Lonnie Nichols led WTC scoring with 11 points, followed by Melvin Patridge with 10.

The following night the two teams battled it out once more with the Westerners coming out on top of a 108-64 mark.

Leading scorers for the Snyder team were Reginald Reed, 19 points; Adam Beadle and Joe Mendoza, 14 each; and John Gifford and Julio Gallardo with 10 apiece.

Gifford led in rebounds with eight, while Doug Worthington came up with seven assists.

WTC faced the Universidad de Juarez in two games, Nov. 4-5, which included a number of the Mexico Olympic team players and boasted a 13-0 record.

In the first outing, the Westerners toppled the Mexico

squad, 101-78, but Juarez was playing without their leading scorer, Manmo Olivas, who averages 30 points a game.

Five of the Westerners scored in double figures with Worthington leading the way with 14 points.

Gallardo and Charles Gibson had 13, while Nichols and Jon Moorehead scored 10 each.

In the second meeting of these two teams, the Westerners fell to defeat, 72-62, with Moorehead scoring 17 points followed by Gallardo with 11 and Dwight Williams sinking 10.

"It is hard to tell how good we are," commented Richardson. "We shot so well we didn't have to play hard at defense."

The coach also noted that these games gave him an idea of who can play under pressure and who can't.

## Westerners Travel To Ranger

The Westerner Cagers will travel to Ranger, Nov. 14-15, to compete in the Ranger Classic, according to head men's basketball coach, Nolan Richardson.

Featured teams for the matchup will be Ranger Junior College, the host school, WTC, New Mexico Military Institute and Weatherford.

WTC's first contest will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 14, against Weatherford with the second game at 9 p.m., Nov. 15, when they meet Ranger.

"Because of the home field advantage, Ranger will probably give us the most trouble," stated Richardson.

The coach commented that he has not decided on the starters for either contest.

"If we can play some defense, we should come out with victories in both games," he said.

In preparing for this season the Westerners have competed

in three scrimmages, winning each one.

The team defeated Angelo State University Junior Varsity, 80-68, Wayland Baptist College 80-66, and McMurry 78-69.

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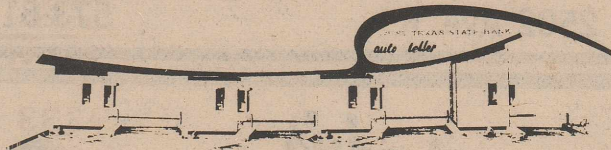
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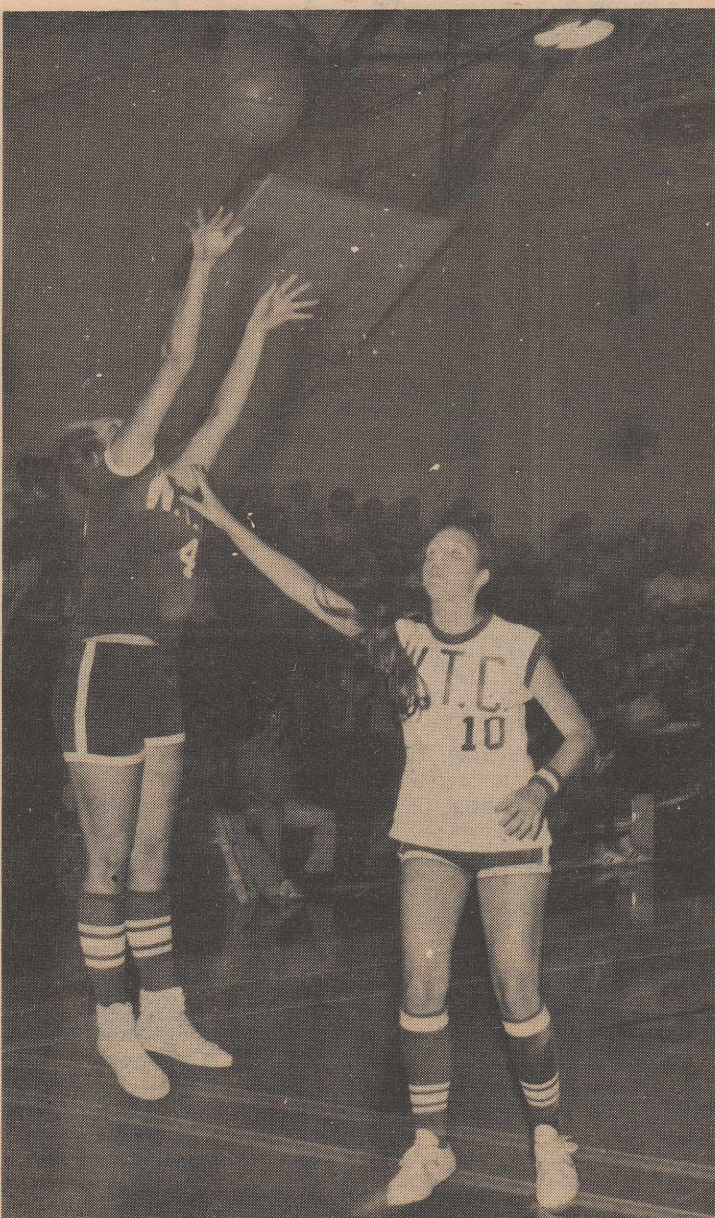
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**TICKLE, TICKLE** — Or so it would seem. Kathy Minton, in white and Penny Sexton, in green, prepare for the Ranger classic. (photo by Joe Boldon)

## Dusters Begin Campaign Trail, Battle Against Texas Tech Fems

by Rocky Alexander

Coach Sid Simpson's Duster basketball team will be in Lubbock, Saturday, to open their 1977-78 campaign against Texas Tech University.

"Tech will give us the most problem of any team we will face this year," noted Simpson.

He pointed out that Tech had revitalized their program with help from new coach Gay Benson, formerly of Slaton, a perennial state AA power.

Playing for the Lubbock team this year are two Ex-Duster stars in Marilyn Payton, a JUCO All American, and Rosemary Scott, one of Benson's former high school stars.

Probable starters for the WTC cagers are freshmen Jackie

Rose and Nodia Vaughn at guard positions, with Gay Lea Lunday, freshman, playing center. Forwards will be sophomores Cindy Luttrull and Pam Tatum.

"We hope to start this lineup," noted Simpson, "if we can keep the flu-bug away!"

After three years of competition, the Dusters hold a 7-1 edge over the Tech squad, with the only loss coming last year when illness struck the WTC team and coach.

The second contest for the fem-team will be Monday in Abilene as they take on Abilene Christian University.

"ACU beat us bad in a scrimmage this year, but if we can correct our own mistakes, I

think we should beat them," said Simpson.

After the match-up, Monday, ACU and WTC will travel to Rotan for a rematch.

"We are playing this game in Rotan because we feel we can have a bigger crowd there than in the WTC gym," explained the coach.

The Dusters hold a 4-0 series lead over ACU.

"Our executions need to be worked on, but the girls have a great attitude," said Simpson.

"I feel playing the first few games on the road will help the team in the long run. It will give them an idea of what college road games are like and let them get loose for the upcoming conference games."

## Golfers Take Second In Demaret Tourney

WTC's linksters finished second behind McLennan College of Waco in the Third Annual Jimmy Demaret Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Brownsville, Oct. 27-29.

The golfers fired a three-day 54-hole total of 890 to end 24 strokes behind the 866 of McLennan. New Mexico Junior College was third with 904 followed by College of the Southwest with a 986.

The tourney was played on two courses — the Angel and the Diablo. These are the courses where the qualifying for the PGA (Professional Golf Association) tour was held last December, according to Coach Bob O'Day. A 73.5 average qualified players for the tour. Individual scores for WTC included a 72-74-71-217 for

sophomore Ronald Koerth, which gave him a 72.3 average.

Sophomore Chris Brown had a 73.6 mean with scores of 70-76-75-221.

Firing a 75-79-70-224 and a 74.6 average was sophomore Miller Scott. Freshman Britt Lindsey shot a 76 mean with a 73-77-78-228.

A 78.6 average belonged to sophomore Terry Kendrick after totals of 81-84-71-236.

This tournament concluded WTC's fall schedule as they ended with three first and three second place tourney victories, plus winning two of three conference tilts and capturing a 4-0 record in dual matches.

WTC leads the Western Conference by three and one-half points with four loop tournaments this spring.

Final averages for the Westerner Linksters included a 73.5 for Koerth after 14 rounds. Completing 13 rounds with a 73.6 was Brown.

Scott ended the fall schedule with a 14-round average of 73.6.

Shooting six rounds and averaging 74.3 was freshman Steve Wise, while Lindsey had a 74 mean after 12 rounds.

Competing in 10 rounds with a 74.8 was freshman Greg Reynolds. Freshman Billy Sitton averaged 74.9 after 14 rounds.

A three-round mean of 75 went to sophomore Kim Coulter and freshman Lee Baird had a 75.1 after seven rounds.

Freshman Mike Waller shot a 10-round mean of 75.3 and Kendrick had a 14-round, 75.2.

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