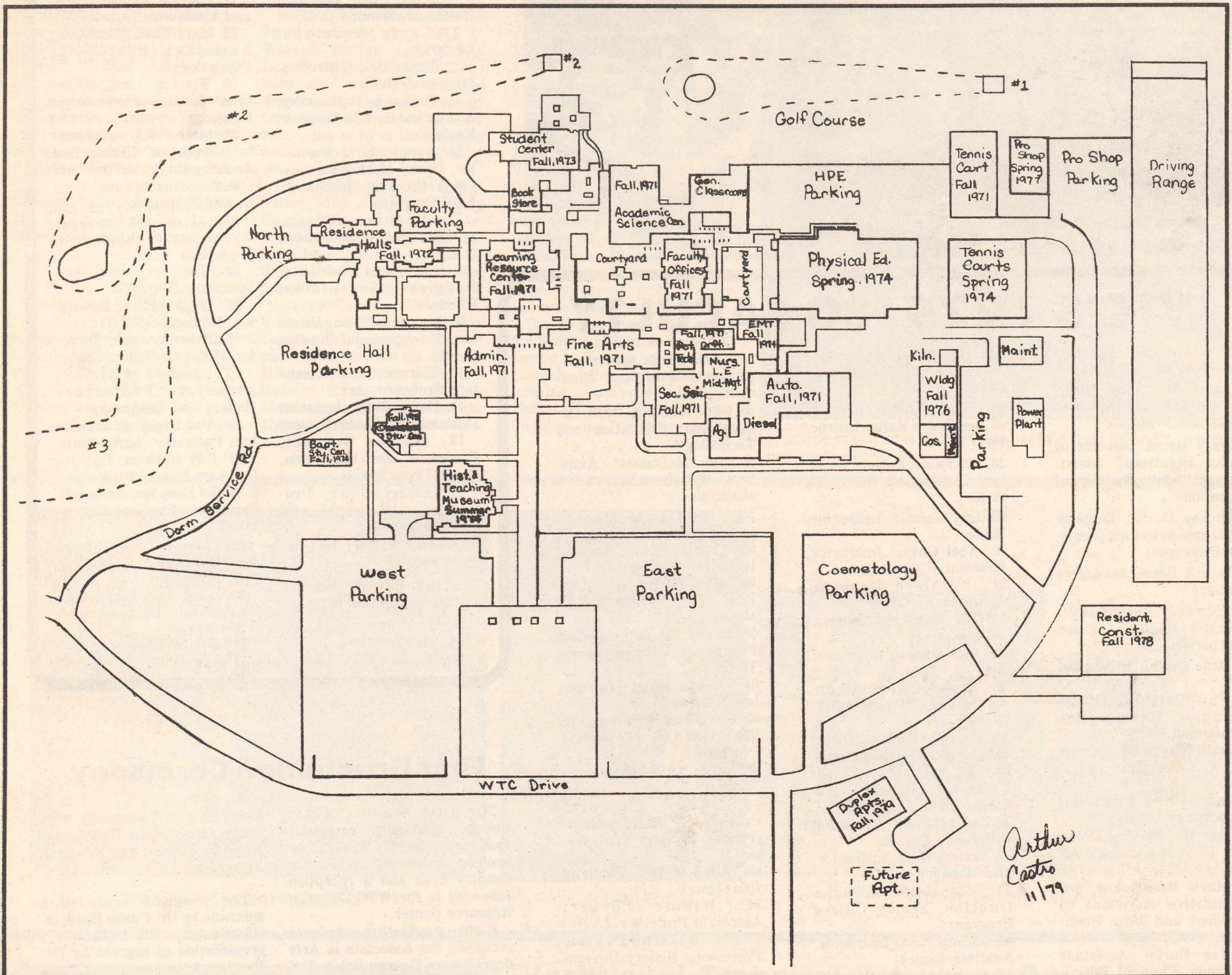


WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

TENTH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

FALL, 1979



IN THE BEGINNING...

Western Texas College, a fully comprehensive community-junior college with a balanced curriculum of both academic and occupational-technical subjects, is the result of several years of work by citizens interested in higher education.

On Oct. 20, 1969, the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, approved the application and petition for the holding of an election to create a County Junior College District in Scurry County. Held Nov. 22, 1969, the election carried by an overwhelming margin of approximately ten to one.

Voters created a County Junior College District, approved a tax rate, and the issuance of bonds to build the

facilities. Seven trustees were elected and sworn into office Nov. 23, 1969. M.L. Broman was elected to serve as president; Dr. R.H. Hargrove, Jr., vice-president and George Patterson, secretary. Other members elected were William A. Jones, Edwin Parks, R.C. Patton and William H. Wilson, Jr. Their first meeting was held Nov. 25, two days later. Temporary office space was offered by Snyder Savings and Loan Association.

On Dec. 20, 1969, the Board of Trustees elected Dr. Robert L. Clinton, assistant commissioner for Junior Colleges with the Coordinating Board, as president. Dr. Clinton assumed full-time duties with the college April 1, 1970. However, Dec. 15,

1969, Mavis Brumbelow was employed as office secretary for the college district — thus, she became the first employee of WTC.

Dedicated to excellence in design of educational facilities, Parker-Croston Associates, Architects-Engineers-Planners, hired Feb. 4, 1970, accepted the challenge of the Board of Trustees and college president to create a beautiful and functional campus. The architects were asked to plan, design and build flexibility into the site and structures, while keeping the design for moderate construction costs.

Site of the campus was selected by the architects, Board of Trustees and administration because of its

natural beauty, location and potential of a uniqueness to West Texas — an on-campus lake. The buildings are stepped at varying levels to take advantage of the rolling terrain and closely grouped around courtyards accenting the tan exteriors.

General contractor for construction of the WTC buildings has been Area Builders of Odessa; however, students and staff members in the college residential construction program have been responsible for some building projects. Bids were opened on Sept. 24, 1970 for the first phase of construction, but the contract did not go to Area Builders until the architects had revamped plans to include the present Student Center.

The \$13 million Western Texas College opened its doors for the first students in the fall semester of 1971. Then, the plant was valued at \$4 million. Of 649 enrolling that year, 431 were first-term college students.

WTC's first faculty was selected from approximately 1,200 applicants. They were carefully screened and appointed because of their ability, desire to teach and educational philosophy. Today, the professional personnel numbers over 80 — more than twice the size of the initial group.

The beginning of classes on campus — 8 a.m., Aug. 30, 1971 — culminated 55 years of community effort!

TEN YEARS OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS



WTC'S 1979-80 FACULTY

1. Elsie Anderson, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
2. Larry Anderson*, Director of Library Science (Associate Professor)
3. Jerry Baird, Director of Public Relations; Assist. Dir. of Adult Vocational Education
4. Mickey Baird*, Director of Student Activities (Assistant Professor)
5. Teresa Baize, Bookstore Manager
6. Edward Barkowsky*, Professor, English; Division Chairperson
7. Diane Beard, Instructor, LVN
8. Fay Beights, Office Manager, Maintenance Department
9. Jan Blassingame, Instructor, Cosmetology (part-time)
10. Judy Border, Instructor, Cosmetology
11. Ben Brock, Vice President; Dean of Academic Affairs
12. Mavis Brumbelow, Administrative Assistant to President and Vice President
13. Lee Burke, Assistant Professor, Physical Education; Director of HPE
14. Frank Cannon, Instructor, Mid-Management
15. Joe Carter, Associate Professor, Science
16. Gerald Corkran*, Assistant Professor, Director of Developmental Reading Center
17. William Cumiford, Associate Professor, History/Government
18. Joe Cushing, Women's Basketball Coach; Instructor, Physical Education
19. Glenn Davis, Director of Student Financial Aid (Instructor)
20. Jerry Dennis, Assistant Professor, Diesel Mechanics
21. Dan Dever, Assistant Registrar; Veterans' Outreach Coordinator, Veteran Service Officer
22. Betty Doan, Secretary/Coordinator, Retired Senior Volunteer Program
23. Bob Doty, Instructor, Agriculture
24. Lynn Dyer, Assistant Professor, Mathematics (on leave of absence)
25. Mike Ezzell, Interim Director, Christian Student Center
26. Gil Fleeer, Associate Professor, Sociology; Counselor
27. Buddy Foster, Director of Residence Halls (Instructor)
28. Christine Foster, Assistant Director of Residence Halls
29. Guy Gamble, Instructor, Music
30. Abel Garza, Instructor, Residential Construction
31. Kathleen Genuchi, Associate Director of Library Science (Assistant Professor)
32. John Gibson, Instructor, Art
33. Robert Grandjean, Associate Professor, Biology
34. Darrell Grimley, Director of Baptist Student Center
35. Bill Halbert*, Assistant Professor, Business Administration
36. Janet Halbert*, Assistant Professor, English
37. Robert Hays, Instructor, Mid-Management
38. Jane Heath, Activities Director, Senior Citizen Program
39. Jimmy Hess, Instructor, Auto Mechanics
40. Gay Hickman, Business Manager
41. David Higgins, Instructor, Engineering Technology
42. Shelby Hillis, Associate Professor, Science; Division Chairperson
43. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services; Registrar
44. Mary Hood*, Professor, Psychology; Counselor; Director of Testing
45. Rex Hopkins, Director of Continuing Education/Adult Vocational Education
46. Glen Johnson, Superintendent, Golf and Grounds Maintenance
47. Wendell Jones*, Associate Professor, Foreign Language
48. Harry Krenek, Professor, History/Sociology
49. Marsha Krenek, Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program
50. Richard Lancaster, Assistant Professor, English
51. Charlene Light, Assistant Professor, Office Occupations
52. Bill Mapes, Assistant Director, Maintenance
53. Donald May, Computer Programmer and Consultant (part-time)
54. Michael McBride, Associate Professor, Communications
55. Gene McClurg, Dean, Occupational Education and Technology
56. Jim McDonald*, Assistant Professor, Auto Mechanics
57. Bettie McQueen, Counselor (Instructor)
58. Charles Meek, Accountant, Business Office
59. Kent Mills, Assistant Professor, Farm/Ranch Management
60. Randy Mosely, Assistant Professor, Engineering Technology
61. Delwin Murry, Instructor, Welding
62. Bob O'Day, Director, Pro Shop; Golf Coach (Assistant Professor)
63. Mike Otto, Instructor, Science
64. James Palmer*, Professor, History/Geography; Division Chairperson
65. Aline Parks, Publicity (part-time)
66. Winnie Poyner, Associate Professor, LVN
67. Franklin Pruitt, Professor, History/Government
68. James Rambo, Assistant Professor, Speech/Drama
69. Joe Reaves, Associate Professor, Psychology
70. Nolan Richardson, Men's Basketball Coach; Athletic Director (Instructor)
71. Ray Robbins*, Associate Professor, Law Enforcement
72. Betty Sandel, Instructor, Mid-Management
73. Gloria Shaw, Director, Senior Citizen Program/Senior Citizen Center
74. Sharon Sutton, Director, Scurry County Museum
75. Mike Thornton, Assistant Professor, Art; Division Chairperson
76. Gilley Treadaway, Instructor, Physical Education
77. James Tully, Dean, Learning Resources
78. Sam Walker*, Assistant Professor, Welding
79. Brenda Weber, Assistant Director, Student Activities
80. Jane Womack, Instructor, Music
81. Linda Wright, Instructor, Office Occupations

* original faculty member

WTC'S FIRST FACULTY

1. Leslie Albin, Assistant Professor, Science
2. Larry Anderson, Librarian
3. Mickey Baird, Director, Student Activities
4. Edward Barkowsky, Associate Professor, English
5. James Clark, Instructor, Diesel Mechanics
6. Velma Clay, Instructor, LVN Program
7. Frances Clegg, Associate Professor, Science
8. Rita Colley, Instructor, Business (Secretarial Science)
9. Gerald Corkran, Director, Developmental Reading Center
10. Warren Cullar, Assistant Professor, Art
11. Harry Dietz, Assistant Professor, Mid-Management
12. Marvin Genuchi, Professor and Chairman, Music Department
13. Albert Giere, Professor, Physics and Mathematics
14. Janet Halbert, Instructor, English
15. Bill Halbert, Instructor, Business Administration
16. David Hiltbold, Assistant Professor, Electromechanical Technology
17. Charles Holland, Assistant Professor, Drama
18. Mary Hood, Counselor; Assistant Professor, Psychology
19. Wendell Jones, Assistant Professor, Foreign Language
20. Merrill Kayser, Assistant Professor, History and Anthropology; Director, Evening School and Continuing Education
21. Jim McDonald, Instructor, Automobile Mechanics
22. Ted Martinez, Jr., Instructor, Business
23. Linda Miller, Instructor, Mathematics
24. Dean Morgan, Director, Christian Student Center
25. James Palmer, Associate Professor, History and Geography
26. Van Rigby, Jr., Assistant Professor, Agriculture
27. Ray Robbins, Instructor, Law Enforcement
28. Sid Simpson, Associate Professor, Physical Education
29. Larry Thompson, Assistant Professor, English and Journalism
30. Toni Turk, Assistant Professor, History and Government
31. Sam Walker, Instructor, Welding

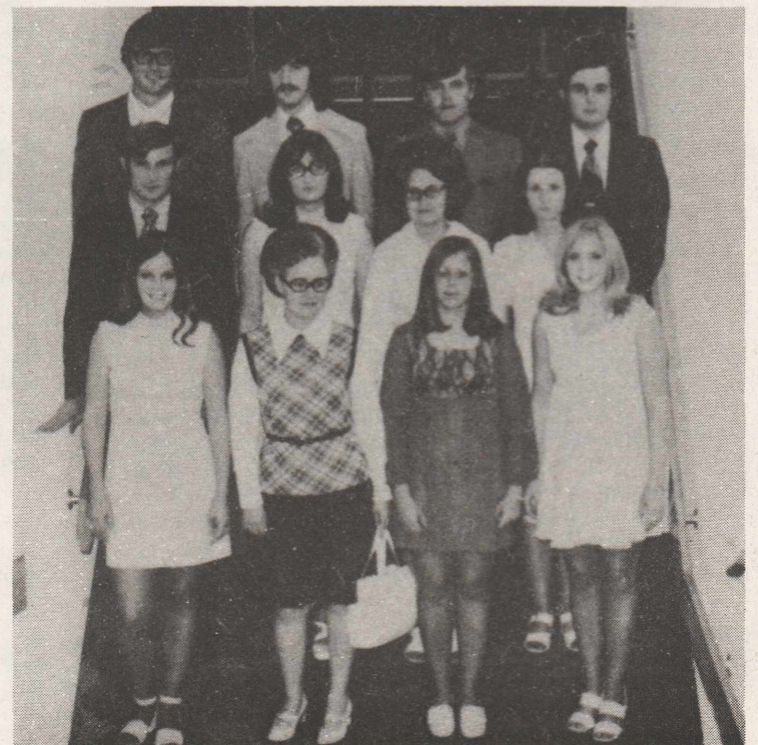
First Graduation Ceremony

The first Western Texas College graduation ceremony took place May 18, 1972 with an evening dinner at the Snyder Country Club and a reception following in the WTC Learning Resource Center.

Eight graduating students receiving the Associate in Arts degree were Deanna Boles, Ted Donaldson, Sara Fincher, Karen Pevehouse, Roxy Small, Jearld Smith, Larry Williams and Joe Wilson. Four recipients of the

Certificate of Technology were Mitzy Gray, Neva Huddleston, Rebecca Mebane and Emma J. Thompson.

The program included a welcome by Dr. Duane Hood, invocation by Ed Barkowsky, presentation of degrees by Dr. Ben Brock, presentation of certificates by Gene Robertson, congratulations by Dr. Robert Clinton and benediction by Bill Wilson.



Members of WTC's first graduating class

Drama, Art, Music, Museum Form Fine Arts

Fine Arts at Western Texas College has had a very busy and eventful 10 years of growth.

The drama department has been under the leadership of three instructors, Charles Holland, Jeanne Kobuszewski and Jim Rambo.

The vast repertoire presented throughout the past years have included: "The Glass Menagerie", "The Odd Couple", "The Children's Hour", "Last of the Red Hot Lovers", "Little Foxes", "Play It Again, Sam", "The Matchmaker", "Bus Stop", "How the Other Half Loves", "The Fantastiks", "Butterflies are Free", "Charley's Aunt", "Look Back in Anger", "Rumpelstiltskin", "The Rivals", "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "Oh, Dad, Poor Dad", "The Mousetrap", "Barefoot in the Park" and "Never Too Late".

Also presented were

"Medea", "The 20th Century America" and "Brazos Bill and the Indians".

Michael Thornton has led the art department since 1971. C. Warren Cullar and Melvin Branch (both no longer at WTC) have also worked within the department, and all three artists have had shows of their own in the lobby of the fine arts building or in the Scurry County Museum.

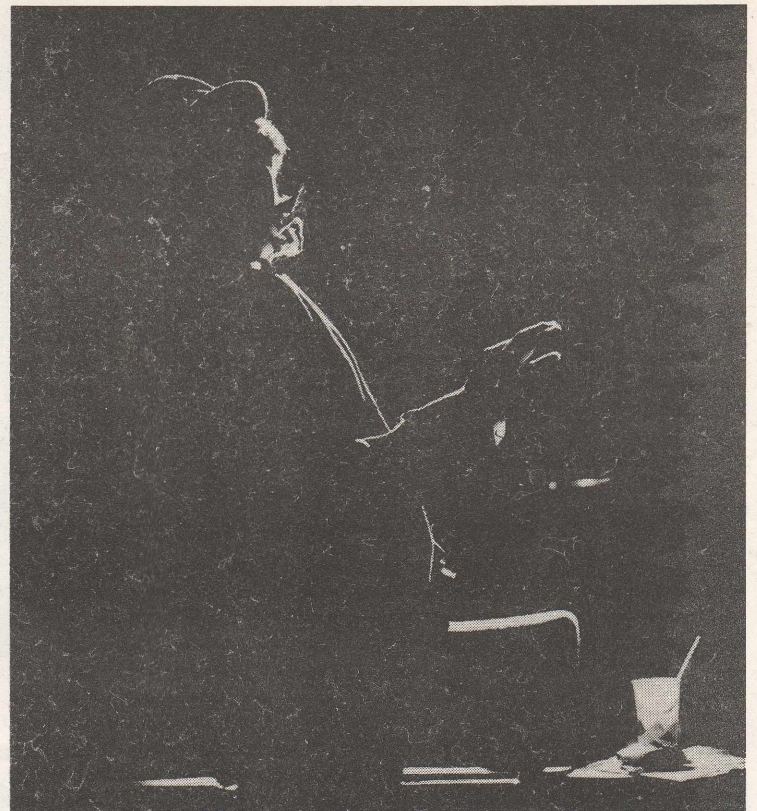
Mickey Schmidt and Sharon Sutton have served as Scurry County Museum directors. Artists and their varied media that have been presented in either the fine arts building or the museum include, among others: "Scurry County Medicine, Yesterday and Today", "Scurry County During the War Years" and works by Martha Gowen, Mike Gowen, Dubb Tubb, Dr. Robert Taylor, La Wanda Murfee, Evelyn Anderson, Theresa Taylor, Charles Jones,

Frank Bielec, Ronald Thomason, Martha Hendrix Denman, Mary Ruth Smith, Ellen Stivison, Dorothy Peterson, Roger Allen, Paul Milosevich, Laura Reinowski, Rebecca Munro and craftspeople for the National Park Services.

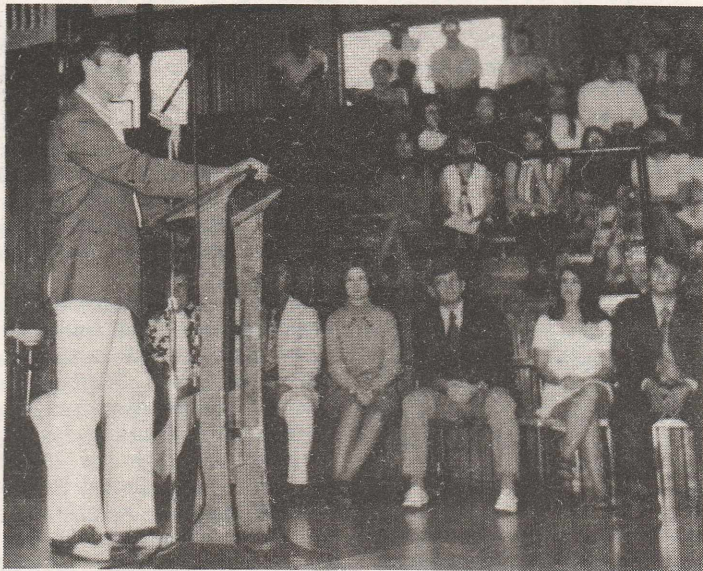
An Indian presentation was also made by four Indian artists, Archie Blackowl, Hollis Asenap, Virginia A. Stroud and George Geionety.

The music department has been under the direction of the late Dr. Marvin Genuchi, Jane Womack and Guy Gamble. A school choir and jazz band have been organized from college and community participation.

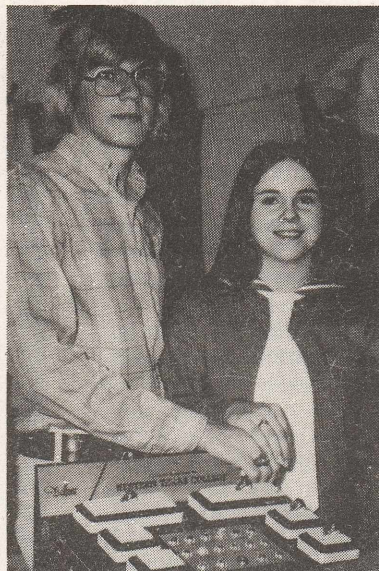
The groups have performed for special affairs and clubs in Snyder and have appeared on campus. Other musicians performing at the college have included Ronald Clinton, Sam Chatmon and Neely Reynolds.



A scene from one of the Fine Arts department's drama productions



The First Student Body Election



First School Rings



Tour of Campus During Open House



The work never ends for those in Voc-Tech classes

Vocational-Technical Programs Going Strong

Of 14 occupational-technical programs now being offered at WTC, seven were established in August of 1971. These include:

Automobile Mechanics: A two-year program designed to teach the basics of auto maintenance and repair.

Diesel Mechanics: A program that trains students for work in the diesel service field.

Electromechanical Technology: A curriculum that develops the ability to assist engineers in the design, maintenance and operation of electromechanical equipment.

Law Enforcement: A two-year program that concentrates on teaching students law enforcement procedures and administration.

Mid-Management: This program trains students for middle management and supervisory positions in their chosen fields. Each student works at a part-time job which is evaluated by the Mid-Management coordinator.

Office Occupations: Four two-year curricula provide training for students in either

stenographic, general business, medical or legal secretarial skills.

Welding: A two-year program designed to teach students electric arc and gas welding techniques.

A few months after these programs were established, a new one was added, Vocational Nursing. This program trains those wishing to become LVNs. It runs 52 weeks a year and provides clinical study.

The fall of 1973 saw the addition of three more programs in the Oc-Tech division:

Farm and Ranch Management: A program designed for the student interested in farming and ranching as a career.

Golf and Grounds Management: This program offers training for students in various fields related to golf grounds maintenance, such as landscaping and landscape maintenance, parks and recreation and greenhouse operation.

Petroleum Technology: Petroleum production techniques form the basis of this

program. Exploration and drilling procedures are also studied.

Three years later, in September of 1976, a Cosmetology curriculum was added. This program trains students in all aspects of beauty care. Upon completion, the student is licensed as a qualified cosmetologist.

In the fall of 1977, the Oc-Tec division was expanded to include a Real Estate program. Today, this program continues to teach basic real estate decision-making procedures. Instructors help students to obtain real estate salesman or broker licenses.

The most recent addition is the Residential Construction program that was established in the spring of 1978. This year-round program teaches skills in building trades. On-the-job training is included.

Several Oc-Tec programs have been phased out through the years for one reason or another, including Child Care and Development, Industrial Drafting, Teacher's Aide and Banking and Finance.



President Clinton and Vice President Brock

Administrators Run School

Gay Hickman

Gay Hickman has served as business manager of Western Texas College since 1974. Before assuming duties as business manager, he was accountant in the WTC business office for more than a year. He served as acting business manager for four months. A graduate of Snyder High School, Hickman received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University and a Master of Education degree from Sul Ross State University.

Hickman was associated with Allman and Evertson Public Accountants in Roswell, N.M., before working with Buster Anderson, CPA, for four years.

Dr. Duane Hood

Dr. Duane Hood, director of student services-registrar, has been on the staff at Western Texas College since July, 1971.

A graduate of Athens High School, Hood attended East Texas State University where he received three degrees — Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Ph.D.

With several years of experience in teaching high school mathematics, Hood was an instructor of mathematics at ETSU for four years. For two years while completing doctoral work, he served as Coordinator of Exploratory Programs in Teacher Education.

Dr. Gene R. McClurg

Dr. Gene R. McClurg, dean of occupational education and technology, has served in that capacity at Western Texas College since January, 1975.

Prior to serving as dean, McClurg was professor of electromechanical technology at WTC for one semester. He worked at Odessa College as a teacher of physics, mathematics and engineering from August, 1970 to December, 1972. Before assuming his duties here, he was self-employed and worked in industry. From 1963 to 1966, he was a teacher in Ysleta and El Paso public schools.

A native of El Paso, McClurg was graduated from Ysleta High School. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in physics from Texas Western College, a master of science degree in physics and Ph.D. degree from Texas A&M University.

Dr. James E. Tully

Dr. James E. Tully, dean of learning resources at Western Texas College, assumed his duties in August, 1971.

He received a bachelor of science degree from East Texas State University and a master of education degree from the University of Houston. He earned his doctorate in education at ETSU where he was an assistant instructor in the department of audio-visual education.

A native of Dike, Texas, Tully was graduated from Santa Fe High School in Alta Loma. Prior to doctoral study, he was a teacher of mathematics for 16 years in the Houston Independent School district.

Rex Hopkins

Rex Hopkins, director of continuing education and adult vocational education at Western Texas College, has served in several capacities since he was employed as business manager in August, 1970.

Hopkins has been acting director of occupational education and technology and was selected to fill the position of director of public service programs for WTC in August, 1973.

A graduate of West Texas State University, Hopkins was business manager at Howard College in Big Spring from 1960 until 1966 and business manager at Odessa College from 1966 to 1968. Before accepting the position here, he was teacher-coordinator for Vocational Office of Education at Permian High School, Odessa.

A native of Missouri, Hopkins was graduated from Gallup, N.M. High School.

Jerry Baird

Jerry Baird, director of public relations and assistant director of Adult Vocational Education, was first employed as counselor at Western Texas College in February, 1971.

Until he began his present duties last January, Baird was director of counseling and recruiter for WTC. He continues to serve as one of four counselors at the college.

Born in Graham, Baird is a graduate of Iraan High School. He received a bachelor of science degree from Sul Ross State University and a master of education degree from the same institution.

Baird came to WTC from the University of Texas Division of Extension. Before his work in Austin, he was a science teacher at Wall and was director of counseling and guidance for the Iraan-Sheffield Schools.

Top Officials

Dr. Robert L. Clinton, Jr., is in his ninth year as president of Western Texas College.

Former assistant commissioner for the development of junior colleges with the Coordinating Board of Texas College and University System, Dr. Clinton is a native of Putnam. He served as principal of Snyder High School and later was superintendent of Snyder Public Schools.

President Clinton received Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education degrees from North Texas State University. He earned a Doctor of Education degree from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Clinton is listed in Who's Who in Texas, Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in American Education.

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Dr. Ben Brock, vice president of Western Texas College, began his duties with the college in August, 1970.

Dr. Brock, former Snyder High School principal, is a native of Haskell. He was a teacher and administrator in the Sweetwater schools before coming to Snyder.

A magna cum laude graduate of Hardin-Simmons University,

he earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Texas at Austin and Doctor of Education degree from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Brock has been named to Who's Who in Texas, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Personalities of the South, Outstanding Americans in the South and Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era.

Financial Aid Program

Financial assistance has been available since 1971 in numerous forms to thousands of students attending Western Texas College, and even more are expected to be served in the future.

In the fall, 1979, over 500 students (some duplicated) received some type of financial aid for their educational pursuits, according to Glenn Davis, financial aids officer. In fact, he projected that approximately \$400,000 should be distributed for the full 1979-80 academic year, well above the pace of any prior year.

Financial aid expenditures have been made in such areas as Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (beginning in 1973), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (since 1971), College Work Study Program (since 1971), National Direct Student Loans (since 1971), State Student Incentive Grants (beginning in 1975), Texas Public Educational Grants (beginning in 1972), Endowments (beginning in 1972), Special Scholarships (since

1971), General/Designated Scholarships (since 1971), Valedictorian / Salutatorian Scholarships (beginning in 1973), and Athletic Scholarships in Men's Basketball, Golf and Rodeo (since 1971) as well as Women's Basketball (beginning in 1974) and Tennis (ending in 1976).

A 58 per cent increase in funds disbursed was noted from 1971-72 to 1978-79, evidence that the student-centered philosophy of Western Texas College has been carried out in the financial aids program. Through the 1978-79 academic year, almost 200 additional students received aid over student numbers the first year, 1971-72; yet 1979-80 promised to be the largest-income year of all.

The single area of aid involving the largest number of students is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG), showing growth from 42 students and \$11,699 in 1973-74 to 169 students and \$120,918 in 1978-79. In the fall, 1979 semester alone, 198 students received \$85,973 through October.

Good Old Days

When students prepared to enroll at Western Texas College for the first time — in the fall, 1971 — a G-rated motion picture, "Escape from the Planet of the Apes," was showing at the Ritz Theatre on the Snyder square. What a change from today's fare, basically R and PG ratings like "Apocalypse Now," "North Dallas Forty" and "The Amityville Horror."

And television? Popular network programs were, among others, "Gunsmoke," "Marcus Welby," "Mayberry," "Room 222," "Dan August," "That Girl," "Odd Couple," "Ironside," and "High Chaparral." In 1979, "Mork and Mindy," "Three's Company," "Eight is

Enough" and others are catching their share of the viewing audience.

Headlines in the local newspaper grabbed readers' attention with: "North Viets Launch Heavy Attacks," "Nixon Meeting with Advisers on Economic Policies," "Search Launched for Irish Republican Army Leader"... and "Apollo 15 Crew Still being Examined Closely!"

Eight years later, though, the public was reading such stories as "Iran Threatens to Execute 60 Americans," "Ted Kennedy Announces His Candidacy for the Presidency" and "Chrysler's Sales Drop 40 Percent."

Then... and now!

Curriculum Changes From Past to Present

Substantial growth in Western Texas College has occurred as the result of expanding academic and occupational-technical programs on the main campus and new demands in the areas of continuing education and adult vocational education over eight years of operation.

In the fall, 1979, academic credit day courses were offered in accounting, agriculture, art, biology, business, chemistry, drama, economics, English, geology, geography, German, government, human development, health and physical education, history, journalism, math, music, physics, psychology, reading, religion, sociology, Spanish and speech. Astronomy and engineering graphics were also offered at night.

Daytime occupational-technical courses listed were in automobile mechanics, office occupations, cosmetology, diesel mechanics, drafting, electromechanical technology, farm and ranch management, golf and grounds maintenance, law enforcement, mid-management, petroleum technology, residential construction, vocational nursing, welding and related courses. Child care and real estate were also available at night.

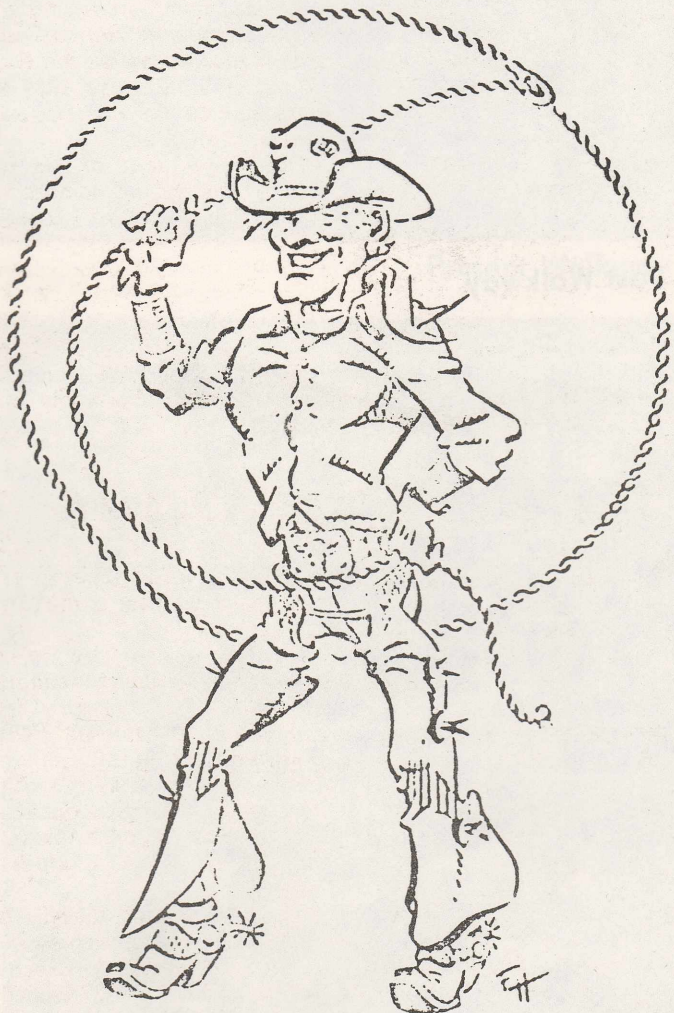
In all, some 180 course sections were listed for academic credit day classes, while 36 were available in the evening. Sixty-seven daytime technical class sections were offered, excluding cosmetology, golf and grounds, residential construc-

tion and vocational nursing — plus 56 evening occupational sections. Not included are various courses available at several extension centers off-campus.

Adult vocational and continuing education class offerings have included such areas of study as real estate law, beginning typing, cabinet building, railroad car reconstruction, diesel training, nursing home activity planning, medication aid, basic bookkeeping, beginning macrame, cake decorating, aviation ground school, defensive driving, scuba diving, floral design, tole painting, gift wrapping, income tax preparation and free-hand drawing.

In both areas, WTC is indeed active — at a time when, unlike 1971, an ever-growing segment of today's college student body is composed of adults who are returning to school not necessarily to pursue a degree but to fulfill a desire to acquire knowledge and skills in particular fields or to satisfy cravings for special hobbies. This trend personifies the community college concept and is expected to continue for years to come.

Whether highly technical courses developed especially for business or industry, academic courses for fun or those which meet vocational needs of workers desiring to sharpen their skills in various trades — adult vocational and continuing education at WTC is meeting TODAY'S needs!



The Westerner mascot symbol was designed by Fred Harman of Pagosa Springs, Colorado in the spring of 1972. According to the artist, it was "really a trademark design!"

Seven Trustees Lead College

R.C. Patton

Board President R.C. Patton is among the quintet of Western Texas College's first board of trustees.

Patton was elected to the original board Nov. 22, 1969, after a group of concerned Scurry County citizens asked him to be a candidate for the position. The presidency is the only office he has held on the board.

A native of Rochester, Patton moved to Floyd County and to Spur, later graduating from Lamesa High School. He has been a resident of Snyder three times since 1941 and has been manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company for 25 years.

President Patton's wife, Amy, is an artist and has her art studio in the back of their house. She gives art lessons to adult students and has won several prizes for her work.

The Pattons have two children, Sherry of Ft. Smith, Ark., and John Mac, who recently completed a Ph.D. at the University of Texas.

Dr. Robert Hargrove

Dr. Robert Hargrove, Snyder dentist, is one of the five men on the original board of trustees at Western Texas College.

Since he was elected to the board Nov. 22, 1969, Dr. Hargrove has been president, vice-president and secretary. He had previously served on the Snyder school district board and on the city council.

A native of Fisher County, Dr. Hargrove was graduated from Rotan High School and received a degree in agriculture from Texas Tech University. He later graduated from dental school and opened his practice in Snyder in 1950.

Dr. Hargrove's wife, Bobbie, is a graduate of WTC and has been an employee in his office since the opening of his practice.

The Hargroves are parents of four children, Diane, Robert Kent, Mark and Bryan. Both Mark and Bryan attended WTC on golf scholarships and are graduates of the college.

Edwin Parks

Edwin Parks, born and reared in Scurry County, was one of the original members of the board of trustees of Western Texas College.

He was graduated from Snyder High School and has been engaged in agriculture all his adult life. He was instrumental in getting the WTC rodeo team into action and has also supported the other athletic programs of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks make their home 12 miles north of Snyder. Their son, Garry, and son-in-law, John Walker, are now involved with them in the operation of a feedlot north of town. Garry and his wife, the former Denise Perry, live near Fluvanna. John and his wife, the former Luann Parks, live south of Snyder.

Parks is secretary of the board.

William A. (Bill) Jones

William A. (Bill) Jones has had a special interest in Western Texas College in that all four of his children have attended the college.

His youngest son, Phil, is a freshman at WTC this semester. His two older sons, David Michael and Chuck and daughter, Susie, are WTC exes.

Jones was graduated from Fluvanna High School and Trinity College. He and his wife, Shirley, live near Fluvanna and are engaged in farming and ranching. Mrs. Jones is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Central Elementary School in Snyder.

Jones was one of the original members of the board of trustees and served as board president for six consecutive years.

W.H. (Bill) Wilson, Jr.

W.H. (Bill) Wilson, Jr., was one of the community leaders who served on steering committees to help Scurry County obtain a junior college.

Wilson served on the first steering committee appointed in the summer of 1957, then was named co-chairman of a Chamber of Commerce Committee in 1960. He was the only steering committee member who became a trustee of the college, and he served as vice president of the board for several years.

A graduate of Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Wilson attended New Mexico A&M. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to World War II, transferring to the U.S. Air Force when the United States entered the war. He served in the Pacific Theatre and attained the rank of major.

In August, 1945, Wilson bought the Ford agency in Haskell. He has owned the Ford agency in Snyder since 1957 and also has ranching interests.

He and his wife, Mary Lois, have a son, Bill Wilson III, and a daughter, Mrs. Dave Strelecki. Their daughter and daughter-in-law have attended Western Texas College.

Howard Sterling

Howard Sterling has been a lifelong resident of the Ira community in Scurry County and a member of the Western Texas College board of trustees since April, 1979.

Sterling was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bentley Baize, one of the original trustees.

A graduate of Ira High School, Sterling attended Texas Tech University. He is engaged in farming. He served on the Ira School District board for about 15 years and was at one time president of the board. He has also served on the board of the Scurry County Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling have two daughters, Mrs. Merle (Connie) Blosser of Lubbock and Mrs. Randy (Leigh) Erwin of Colorado City.

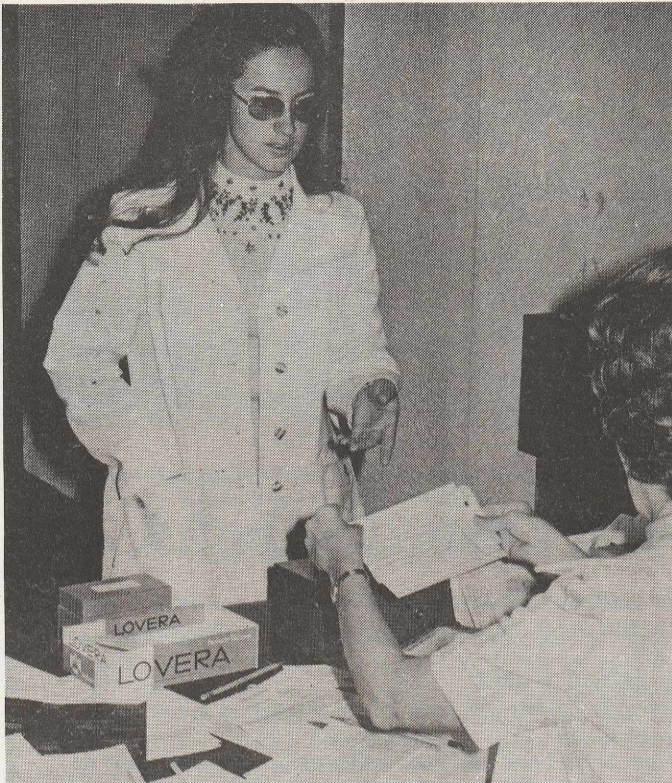
Wacil McNair

Wacil McNair, editor of the Snyder Daily News, is the newest member of the Western Texas College board of trustees.

McNair was appointed in September, 1979, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of L.A. (George) Patterson when Patterson resigned to move from Snyder to Highland Park.

A graduate of Gilmer High School, McNair received the Bachelor of Arts with a major in journalism from Hardin-Simmons University. He has been associated with newspapers since 1942 except for the three and a half years he spent in the Coast Guard during World War II. He has been editor of the Snyder Daily News for the past 25 years and served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1956.

Construction Begins



Past student goes through the Financial Aid step of enrollment at WTC

Enrollment Continues To Grow

Despite spiraling inflation, economic instability and a tightening job market, Western Texas College has experienced growth in student enrollment through the years. This success is largely due to the quality of educational offerings available at one of the nation's most innovative and modern campuses.

In overall growth, fall semester headcounts have grown from 649 in 1971 to 1,230 in 1979. Increases were noted in 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975, with only slight decreases in 1976 and 1977 and a stable enrollment in 1978. In fact, 1979 enrollment figures are the second highest in the history of the college: in 1975, WTC's headcount was 1,256, only 26 more than in the fall, 1979.

On-campus enrollment has also experienced tremendous growth, with fall, 1979's total of 1,030, the highest in WTC's history, 15 per cent more than in 1978 and the first time it exceeded 1,000. In 1971, on-campus enrollment totaled 649. Extension center enrollment grew from 68 at one center in 1973 to 330 at five centers in 1975. Four centers were active in 1977 and 1979. Current extension centers are operated at Haskell, Sweetwater, Crosbyton and Ballinger. Other centers had been active at Rotan, Colorado City and Post.

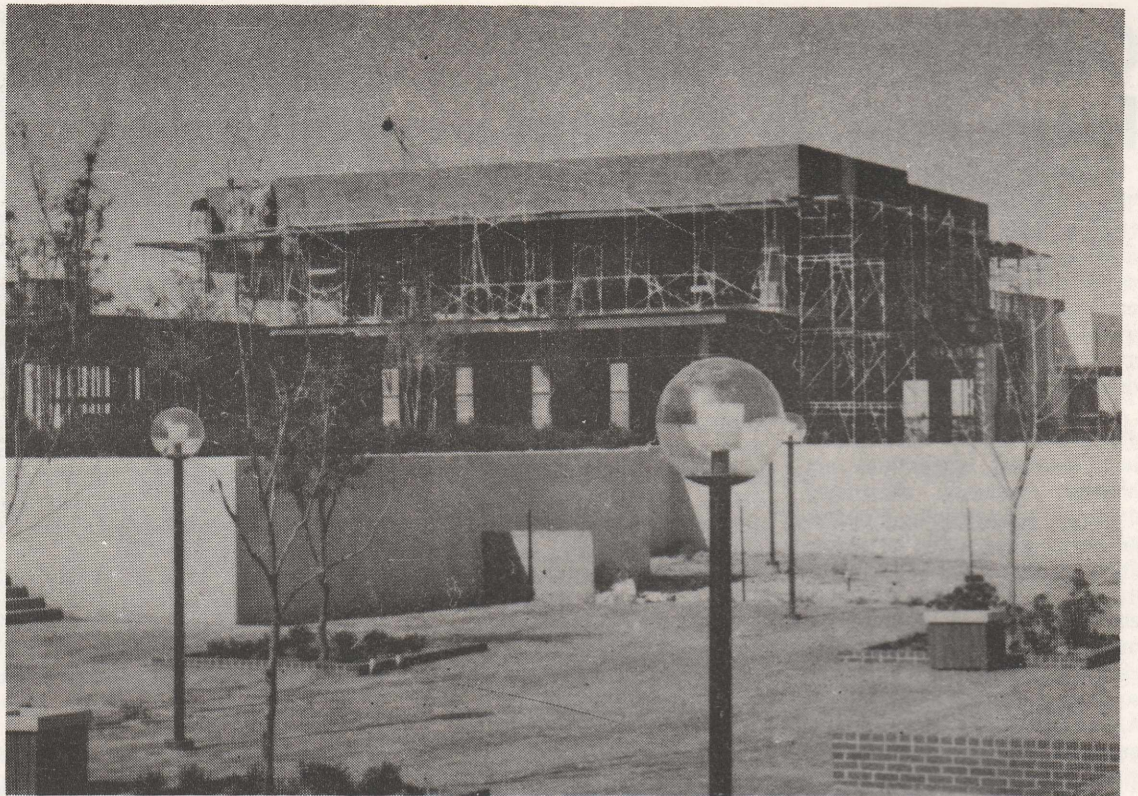
From 1978 to fall, 1979, the college experienced a 9 per

cent increase in in-district academic program contact hours and an 11.8 per cent increase in in-district occupational program contact hours. Correspondingly, total semester hours were up 6.4 per cent (from 11,151 in 1978 to 11,861 in 1979).

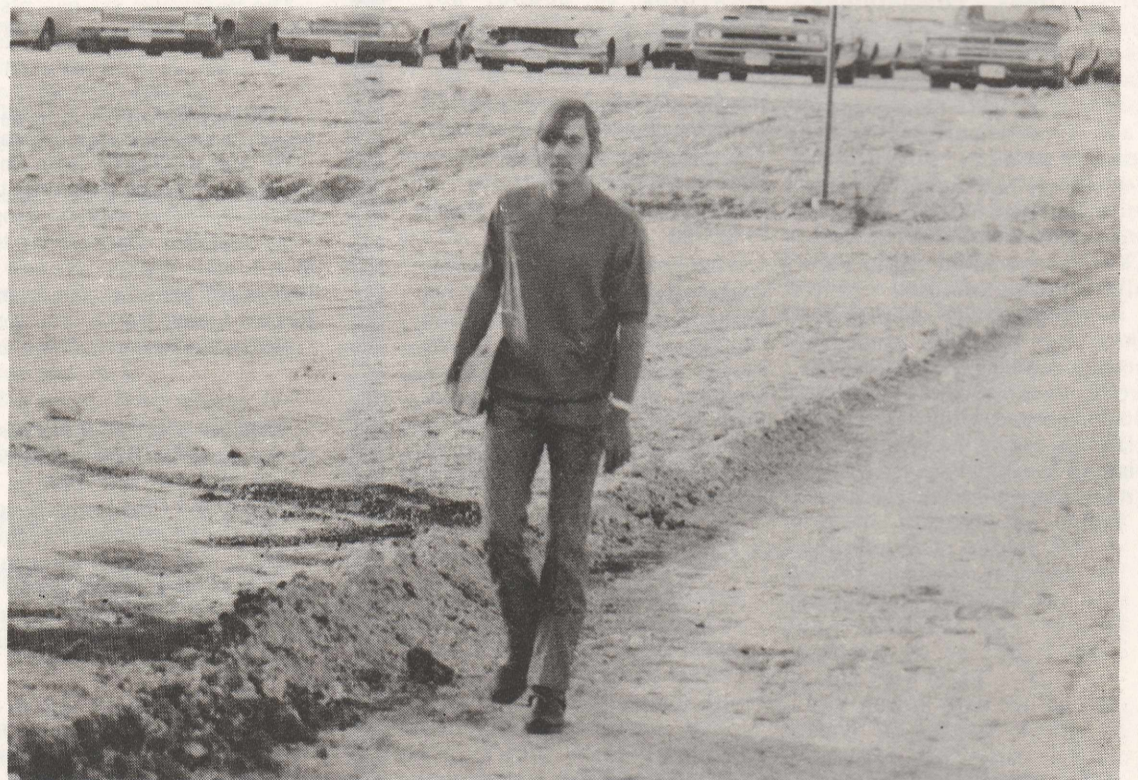
Total enrollment-all services for 1979 included 1,756 in instruction-related programs. This figure includes 1,169 signed up for college credit, 61 in quarterly programs, an estimated 501 in community service and adult vocational courses and an estimated 25 in adult basic education. In other services, non-instructional, an estimated 1,100, 300 and 125 are involved with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Senior Citizens, Scurry County Museum Association and WTC Booster Club, respectively — for a total of 1,525.

Enrollment by county (Texas) for the fall, 1979 showed these leaders: Scurry (577), Nolan (107), Mitchell (102), Haskell (65), Jones (43), Fisher (39), Crosby (34), Taylor (26), Garza (22), Runnels (19), Knox (15), Stonewall (11), Kent (11) and Dickens (10). Fifty-one other counties total 116 students, in addition to 26 out-of-state students and one out-of-country student.

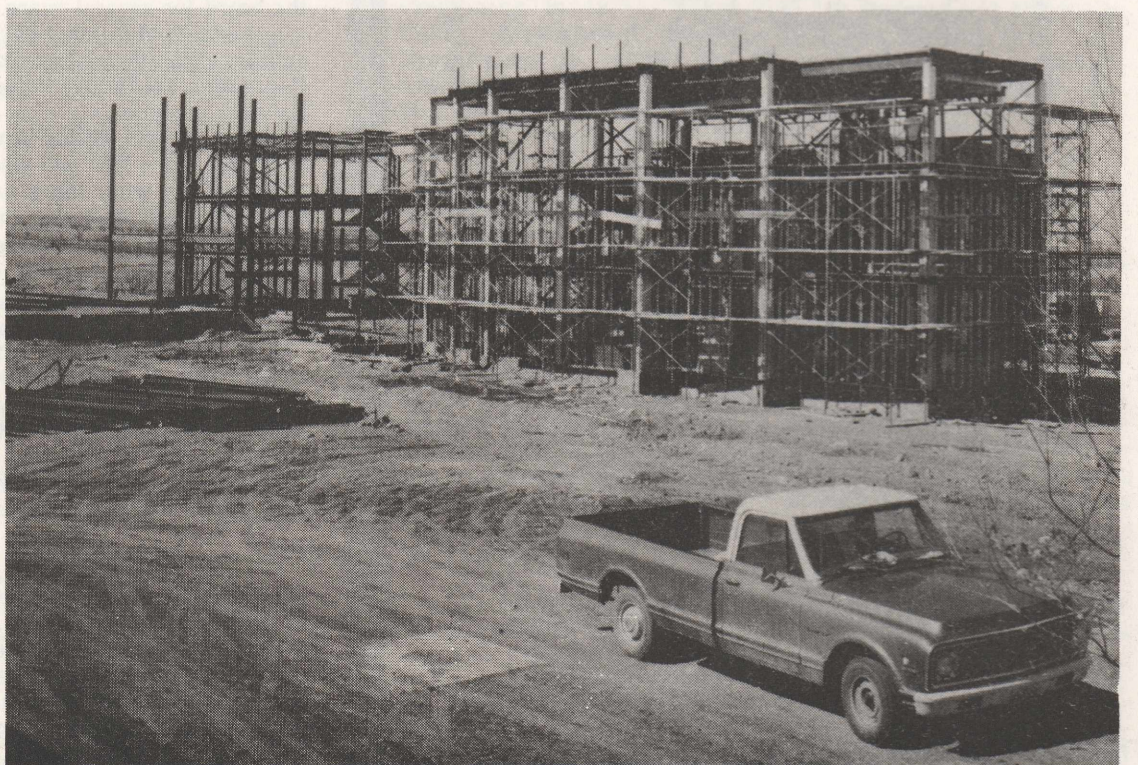
Dr. Duane Hood, registrar and dean of student services, provided these statistical breakdowns.



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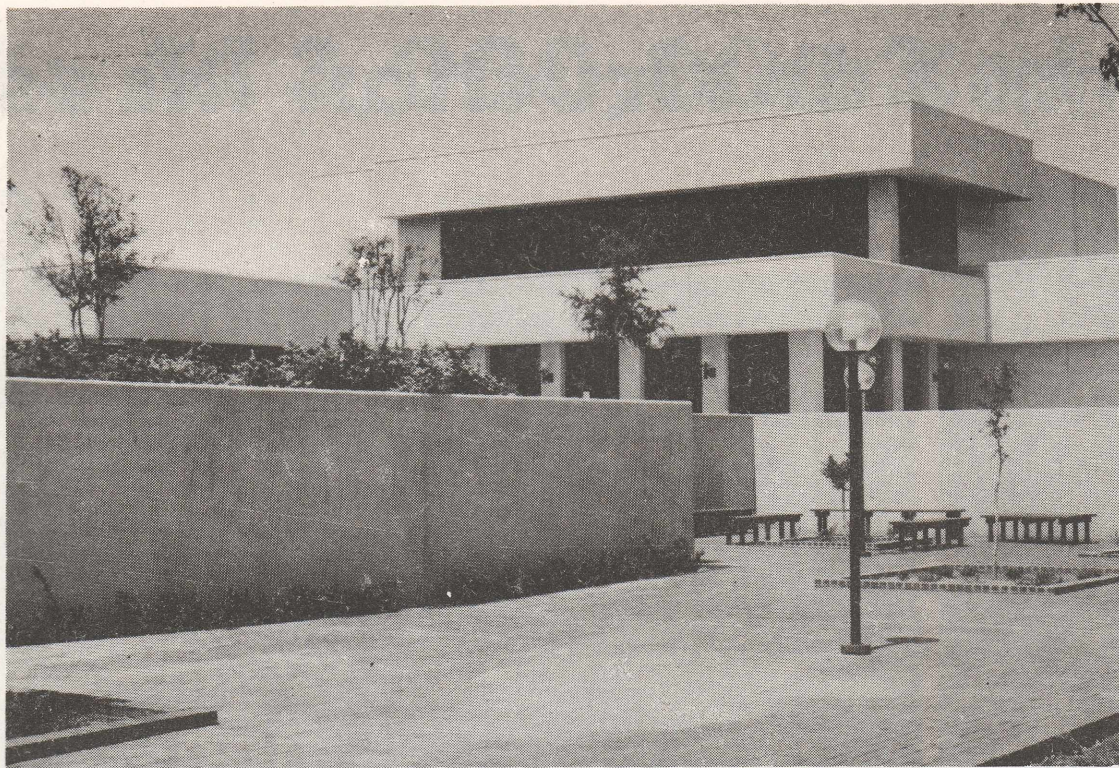


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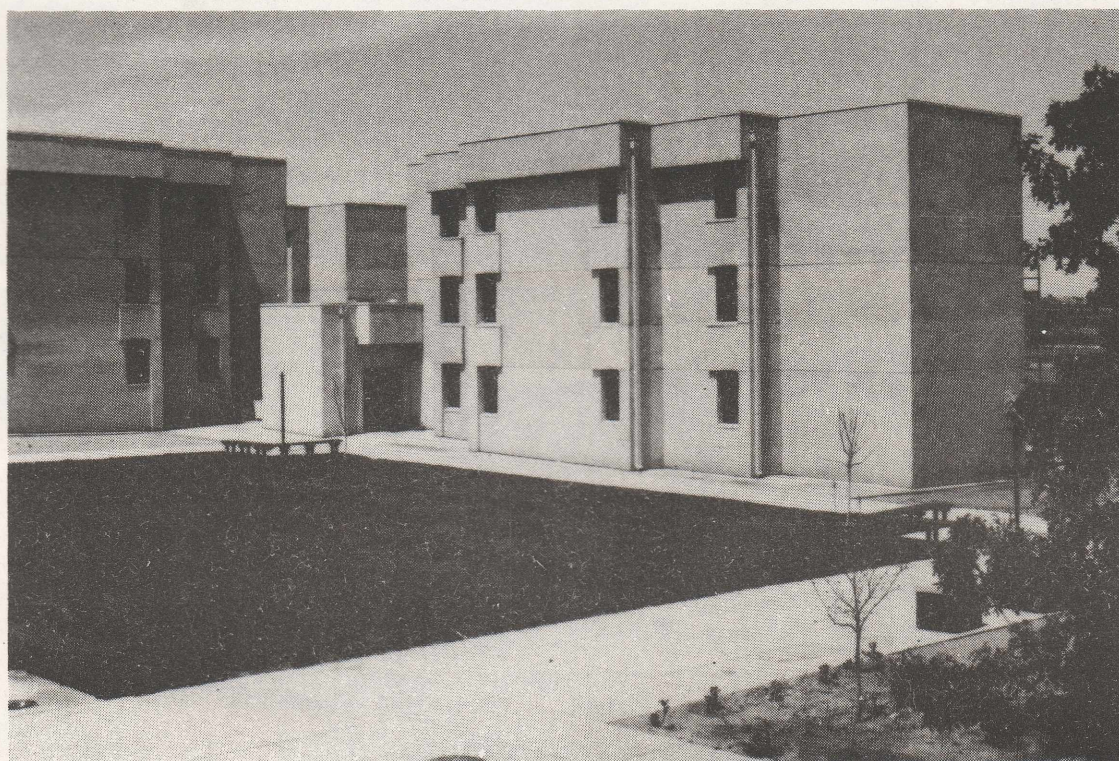
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Present Student Center



Present Walkway



Present Residence Hall

Western Texas College Milestones

Oct. 20, 1969 — Coordinating Board of Texas College and University System gave approval for holding of election to create a junior college district in Scurry County.

Nov. 22, 1969 — Election held to create junior college district, vote a \$3,225,000 bond and elect trustees. First trustees elected were M.L. Broman, Dr. Robert Hargrove, L.A. (George) Patterson, R.C. Patton, Edwin Parks, W.A. (Bill) Jones and W.H. (Bill) Wilson, Jr. Bond issue passed by 10-1 margin.

Dec. 1, 1969 — Mavis Brumbelow named first employee of college, administrative secretary. College office opened in basement of Snyder Savings & Loan Association.

Dec. 20, 1969 — Dr. Robert L. Clinton named president of college with effective date of April 1, 1970.

Feb. 23, 1970 — Parker-Croston of Fort Worth employed to design buildings for college. Trustees approved 160-acre site donated by Jonisue Cogdell Stiff for campus.

March 3, 1970 — Contract ratified for college to sub-lease part of building at 37th Street and Avenue S for temporary offices.

March 19, 1970 — Western Texas College is chosen as name for new college.

April 7, 1970 — First steps taken for accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

June 13, 1970 — Election held to approve maintenance tax and issuance of \$3,250,000 in bonds and a tax rate never to exceed 50 cents on the 100 dollar valuation of taxable property in the district. Both propositions passed by a 5-1 margin.

July 13, 1970 — Bonds in amount of \$3,250,000 sold to First National Bank of Dallas.

Aug. 1, 1970 — Dr. Ben Brock named dean of college and Rex Hopkins joined staff as business manager.

Oct. 27, 1970 — Area Builders awarded contract for construction of first buildings on campus on low bid of \$2,908,000.

Nov. 8, 1970 — Groundbreaking ceremonies held on college campus site with Rep. George Mahon as guest speaker.

Nov. 9, 1970 — Trustees authorize employment of Gene Robertson to head occupational education-technology division.

Jan. 1, 1971 — Jerry Baird named counselor at WTC.

March 16, 1971 — Approval given for construction of dormitories by issuance of revenue bonds and employment of Sid Simpson as head of physical education department and athletic director.

May 2, 1971 — WTC voted into membership in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

June 14, 1971 — College negotiated with Trinity Methodist Church for use of classrooms for fall semester until classrooms on campus could be completed.

July 1, 1971 — Dr. Duane Hood became dean of Student Services and Registrar.

July 12, 1971 — Lease agreement signed for use of classroom space in Lincoln School for 1971 fall semester.

July 18, 1971 — Public invited to campus for building and progress tour including power plant, Applied Science Center, Fine Arts Center and Administration Building.

July 19, 1971 — Preregistration opened for fall semester in temporary offices at 37th Street and Avenue S.

Aug. 17, 1971 — City council approves annexation of WTC campus to City of Snyder.

Aug. 24, 1971 — M.L. Broman announced resignation from board of trustees in anticipation of moving from Snyder.

Aug. 30, 1971 — First classes for WTC students began following registration in foyer of Trinity Methodist Church.

Sept. 1, 1971 — Avenue S renamed College Avenue by action of city council.

Sept. 13, 1971 — Bentley Baize appointed to board of trustees to fill vacancy left by resignation of M.L. Broman.

Oct. 10, 1971 — Open house held for first completed buildings on campus.

Nov. 20, 1971 — WTC Westerners host New Mexico Military Institute in first basketball game.

Nov. 24, 1971 — \$2.5 million bond election for completion of campus passed by 978-423 vote. Funds earmarked for construction of Student Center, Health-Physical Education Building and Scurry County Museum.

March 5, 1972 — Open house held for Fine Arts Building and Academic Science Building.

March 13, 1972 — Trustees officially accept Learning Resource Center from contractor.

April 18, 1972 — Contracts let for construction of Student Center and H-PE Building.

April 28, 1972 — Formal dedication ceremonies held for WTC campus with Rep. George Mahon as speaker.

June 6, 1972 — First summer session opened at WTC.

Aug. 20, 1972 — Open house for new dormitories, museum room in Learning Resource Center and air suspension building to be used as physical education facility until permanent building completed.

May 13, 1973 — Commencement exercises for first official graduating class of WTC held in central courtyard with Rep. Omar Burlison principle speaker.

Dec. 7, 1973 — Trustees acknowledge accreditation by Southern Association.

Jan. 10, 1974 — Street on south side of campus officially named WTC Drive.

March 14, 1975 — WTC Westerners win NJCAA Championship.

Nov. 15, 1975 — First WTC Homecoming.

Oct. 10, 1976 — Dedication of Scurry County Museum.

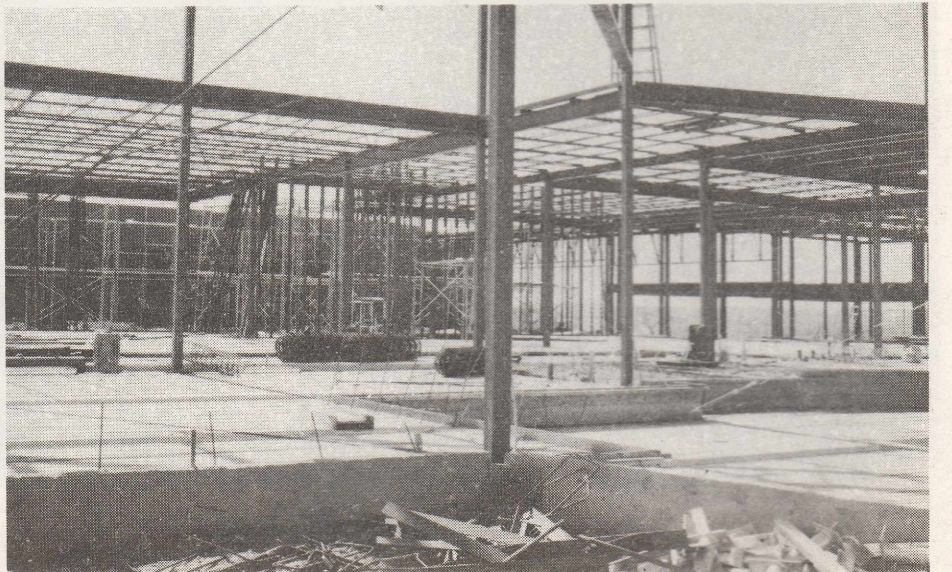
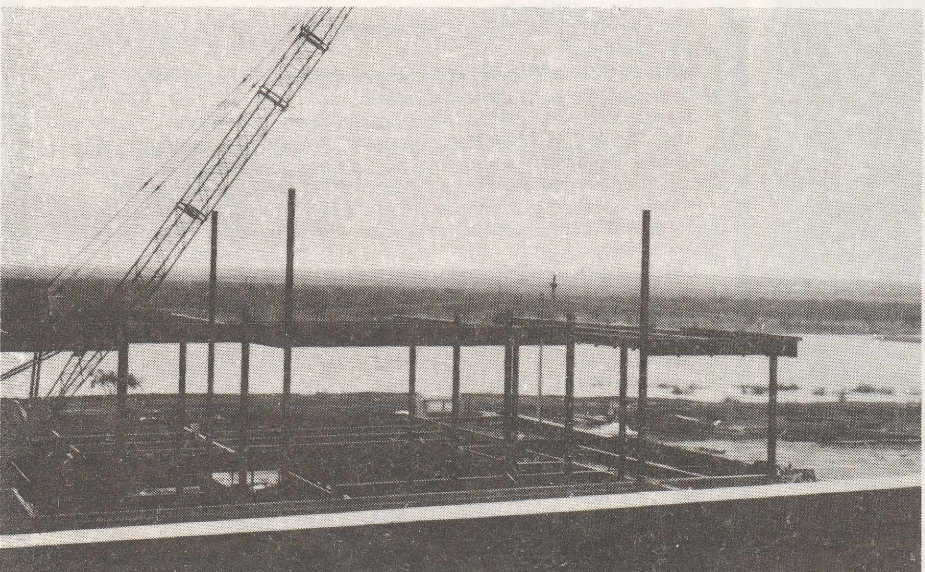
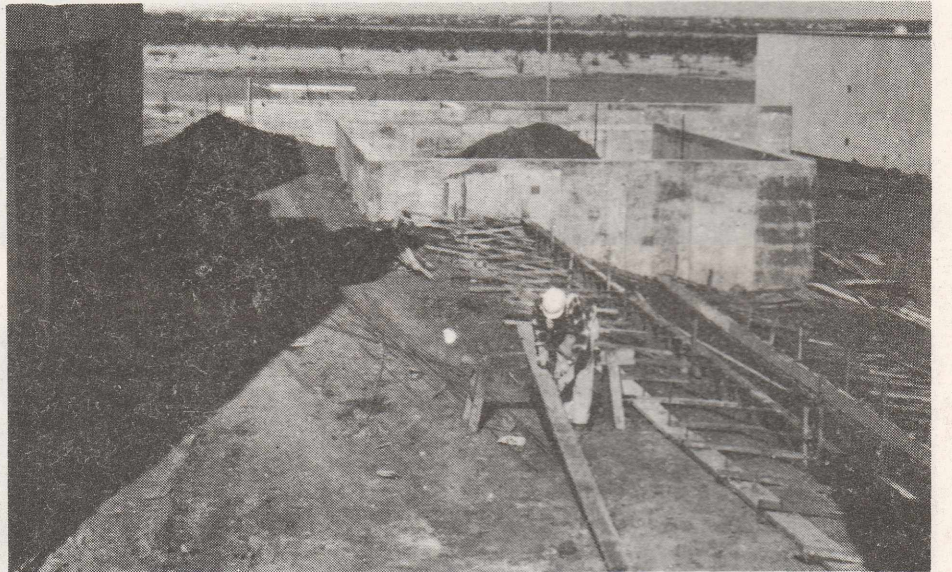
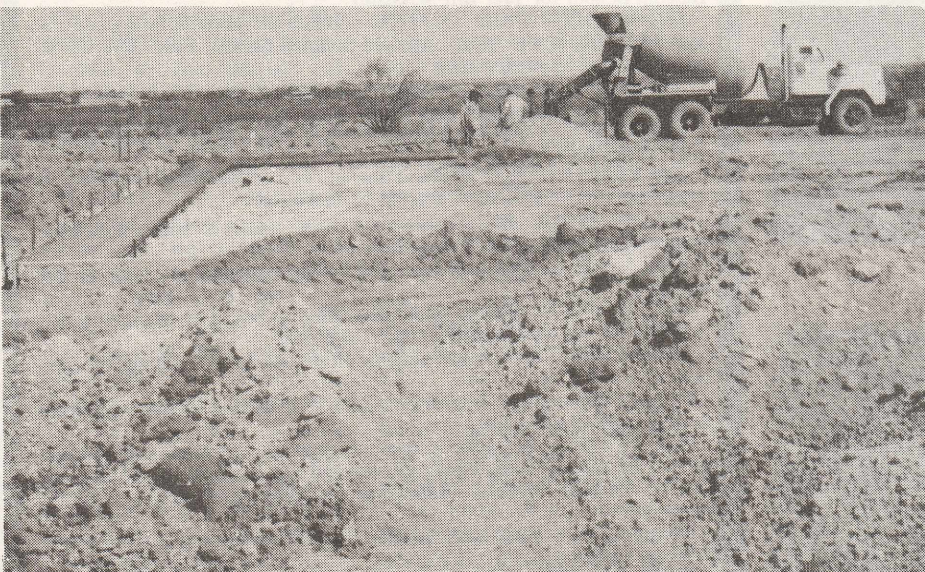
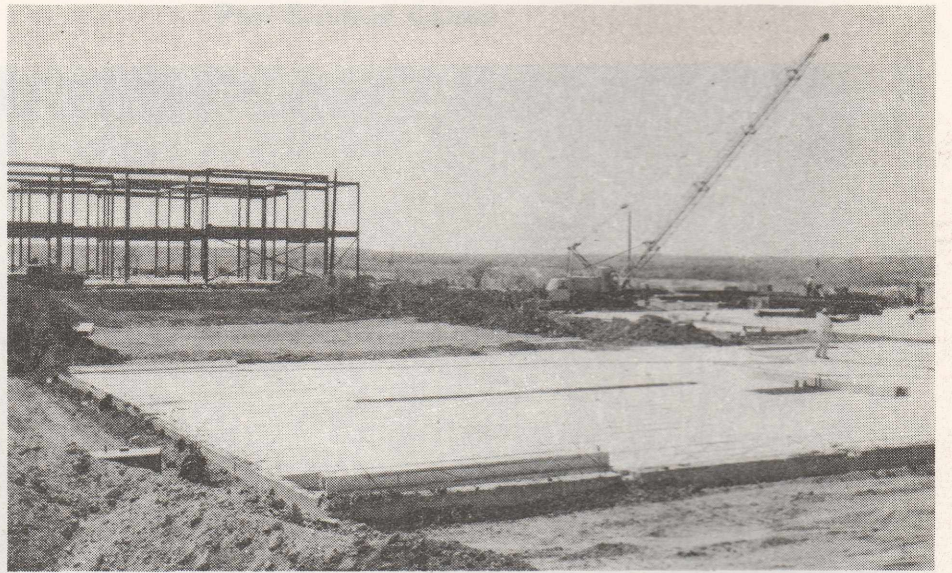
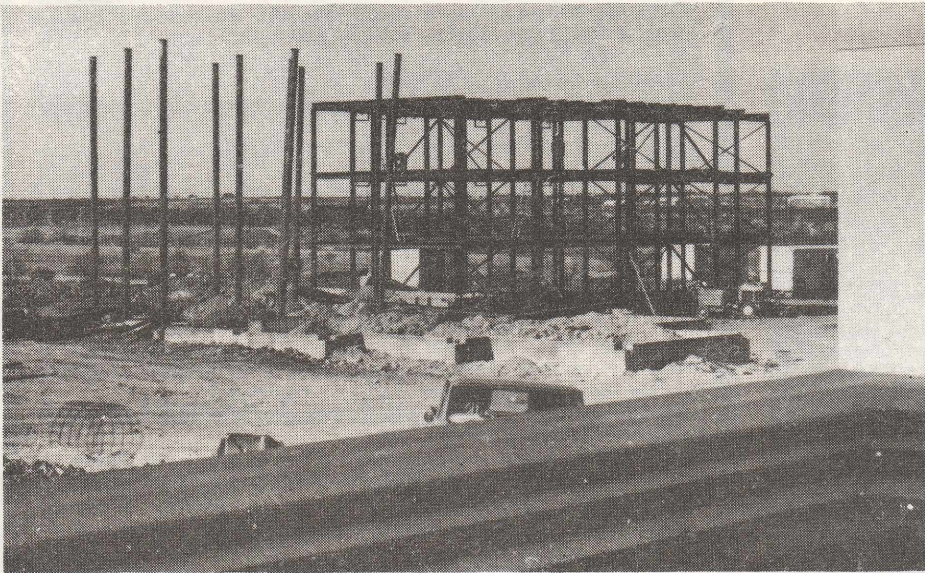
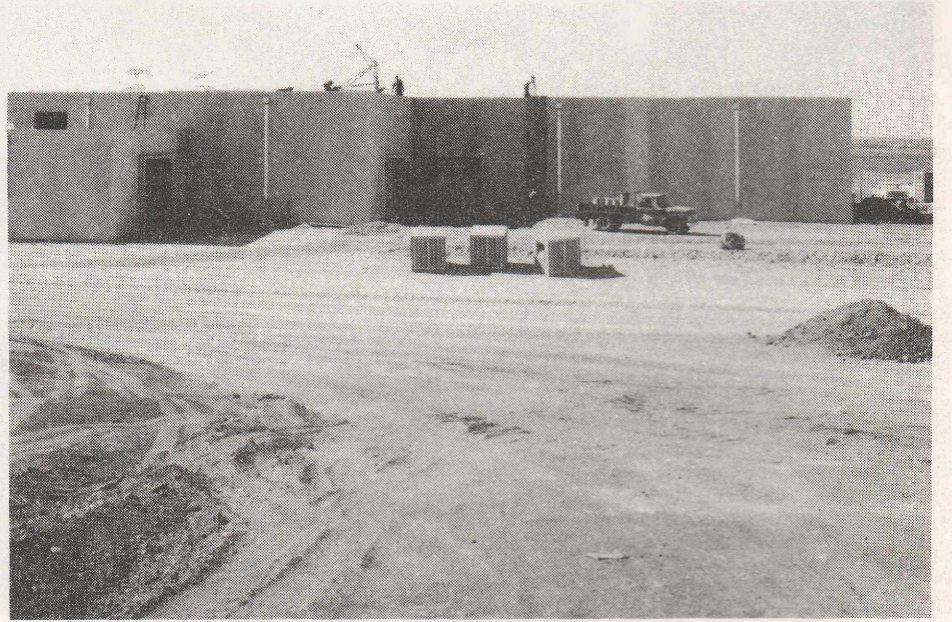
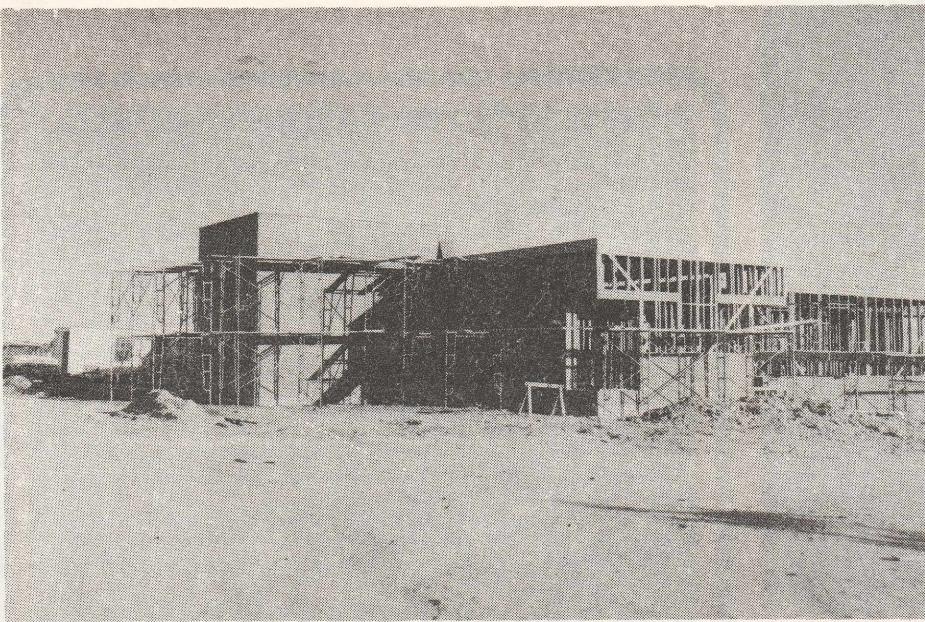
May 27, 1977 — WTC Golf Course opened formally.

April 9, 1979 — Howard Sterling replaced Bentley Baize on the board of trustees. Baize died Sept. 4, 1978.

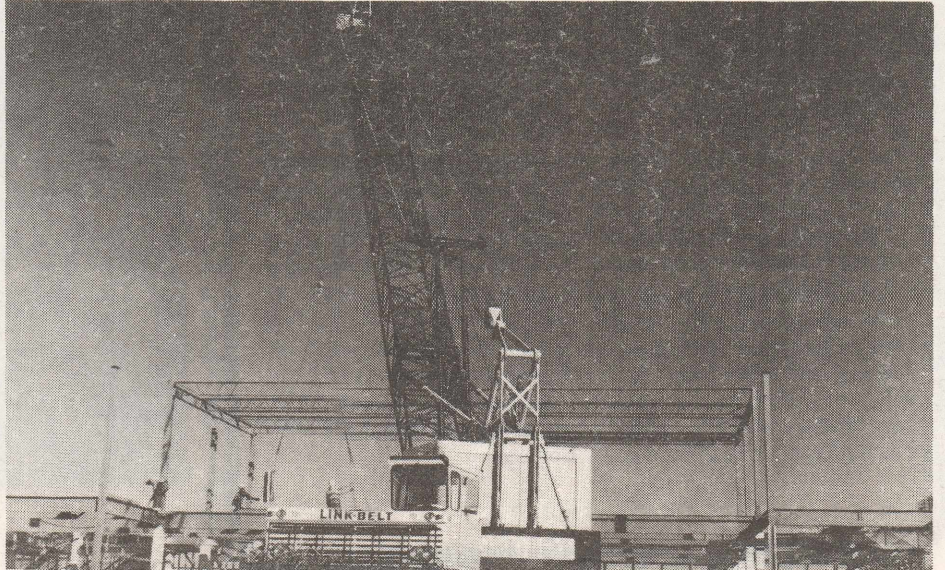
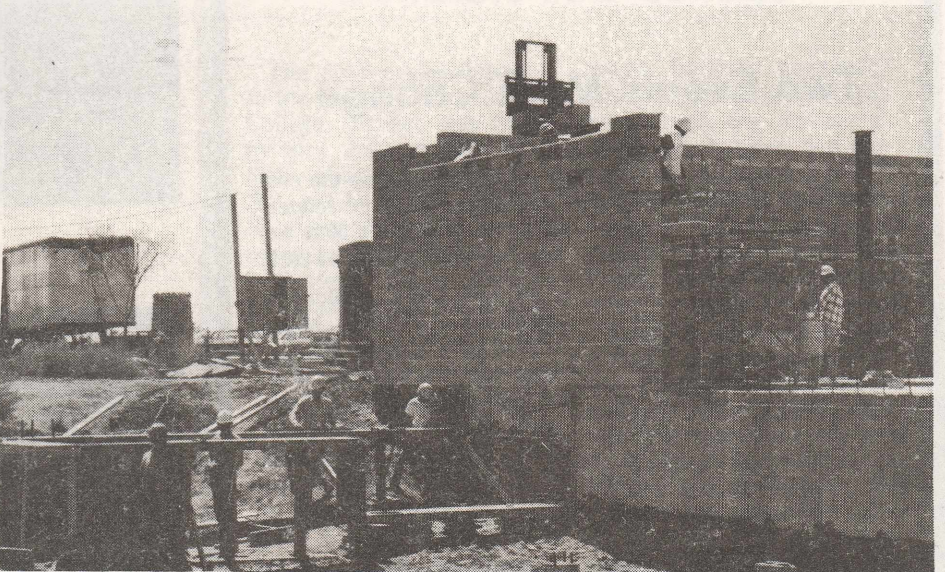
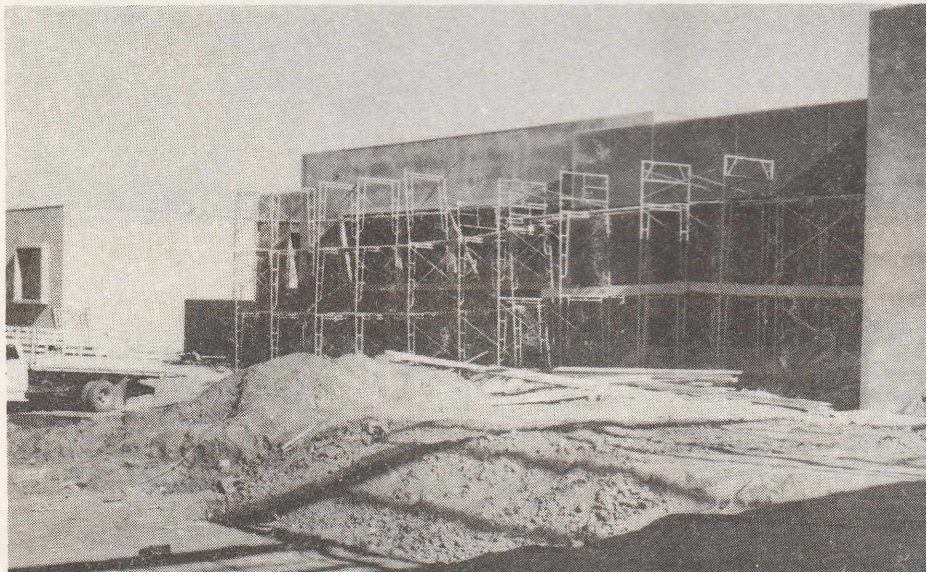
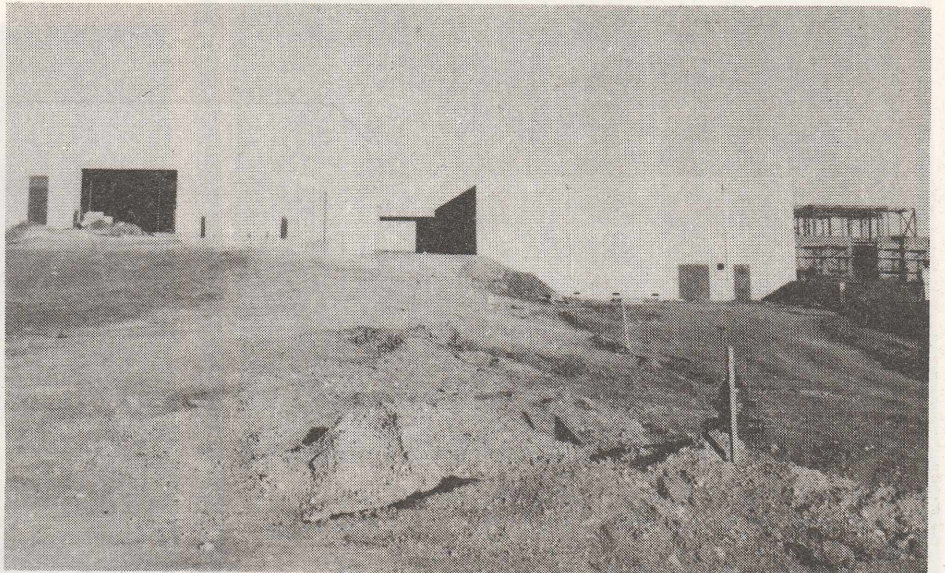
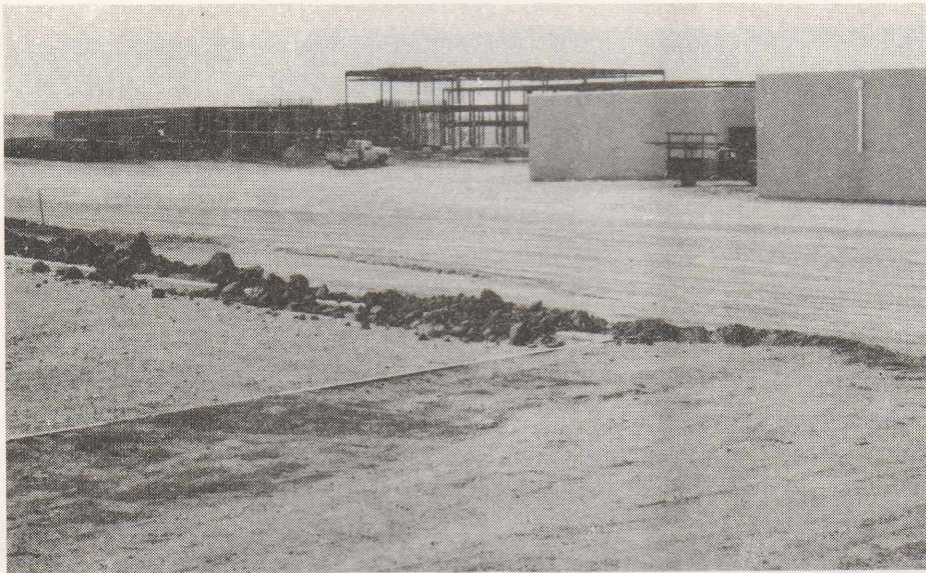
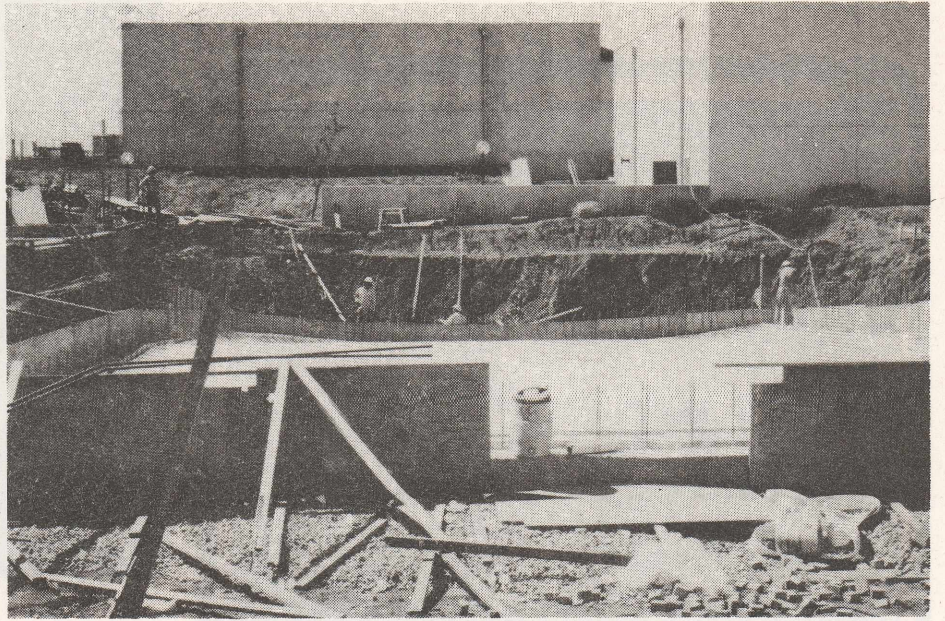
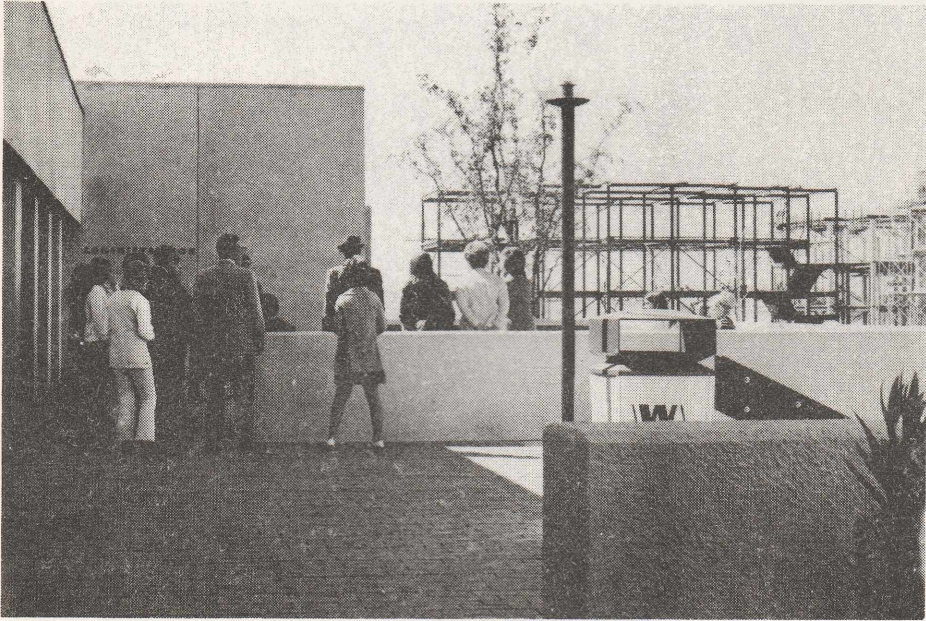
Sept. 10, 1979 — Wacil McNair appointed to the board of trustees, replacing George Patterson who moved from Snyder.

Nov. 18, 1979 — Tenth-Year Anniversary of WTC.

Early Construction Rises



To \$13,000,000 Campus



Construction Begins



Drs. Harry Krenek, Jim Palmer and three students observed the burial site of the time capsule

Two Events Mark Change

Two milestones in the history of WTC are the dedication of the college April 28, 1972 and the Tenth Anniversary celebration November 18, 1979.

The dedication program was highlighted with an address by George Mahon, congressman from the 19th district. Guests were recognized, the Steering Committee was presented, memorials and gifts were acknowledged, the museum committee was recognized, representatives from the Texas Education Agency and the College Coordinating Board were introduced and dedication activities were reviewed.

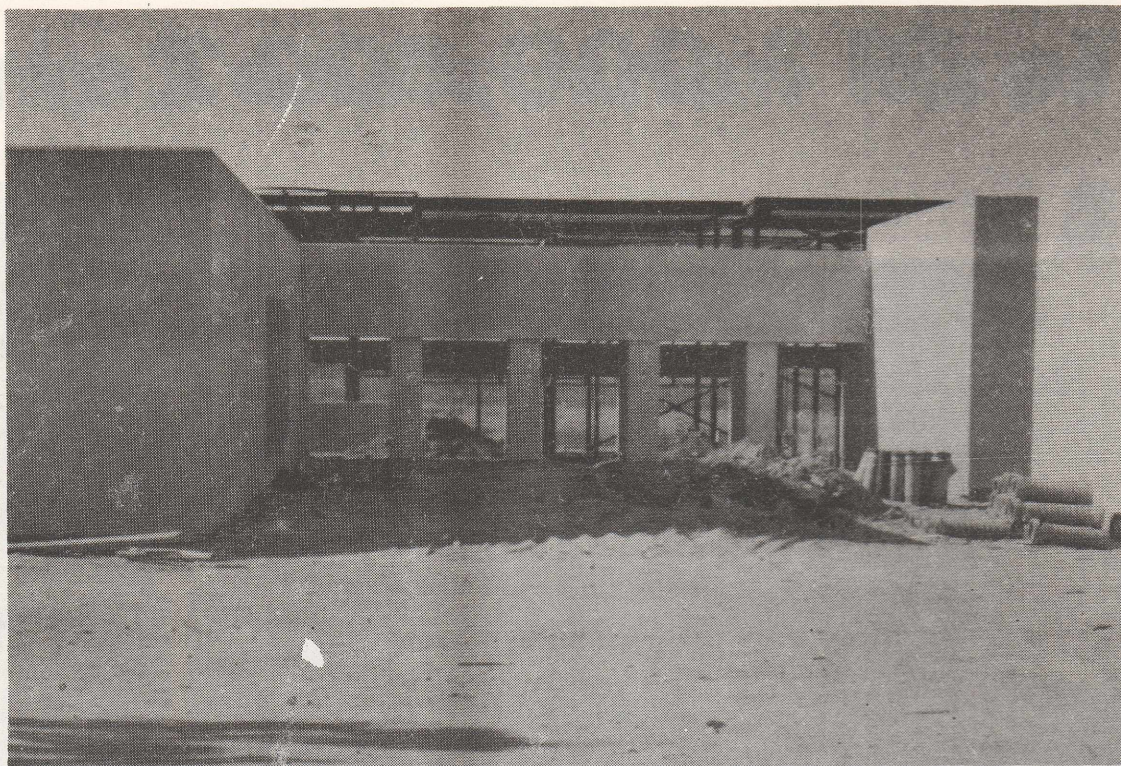
In 1979, the anniversary address was delivered by Ray Farabee, state senator. Board members received ten-year awards, and the original Steering Committee was recognized. Special recognition went to Jonisue Stiff for the gift of land for WTC, and other guests were introduced. The ceremony was highlighted by the burial

of a time capsule in the central courtyard to be reopened at the college's 50th Anniversary in the fall of 2019.

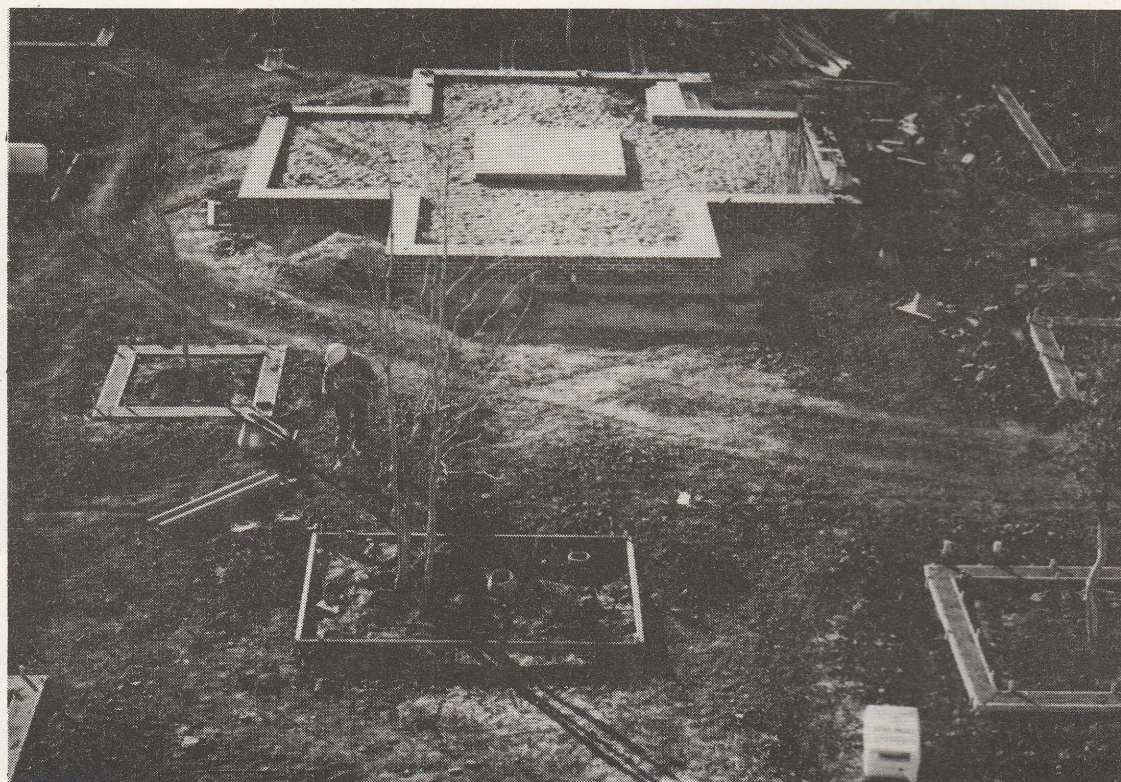
In 1972, the dedication schedule of events began with Scurry County History Appreciation Week April 23-29, and closed with art lectures and demonstrations April 30-May 5. Also held were piano concerts, a musical comedy and a choral presentation.

The anniversary celebration included a noon meal in the college cafeteria, an open house and campus tours, performances by the WTC jazz ensemble and choir, receptions for ex-students and faculty, fine arts shows in the gallery and museum, a three-day men's basketball classic, a disco dance and the drama department's production of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds."

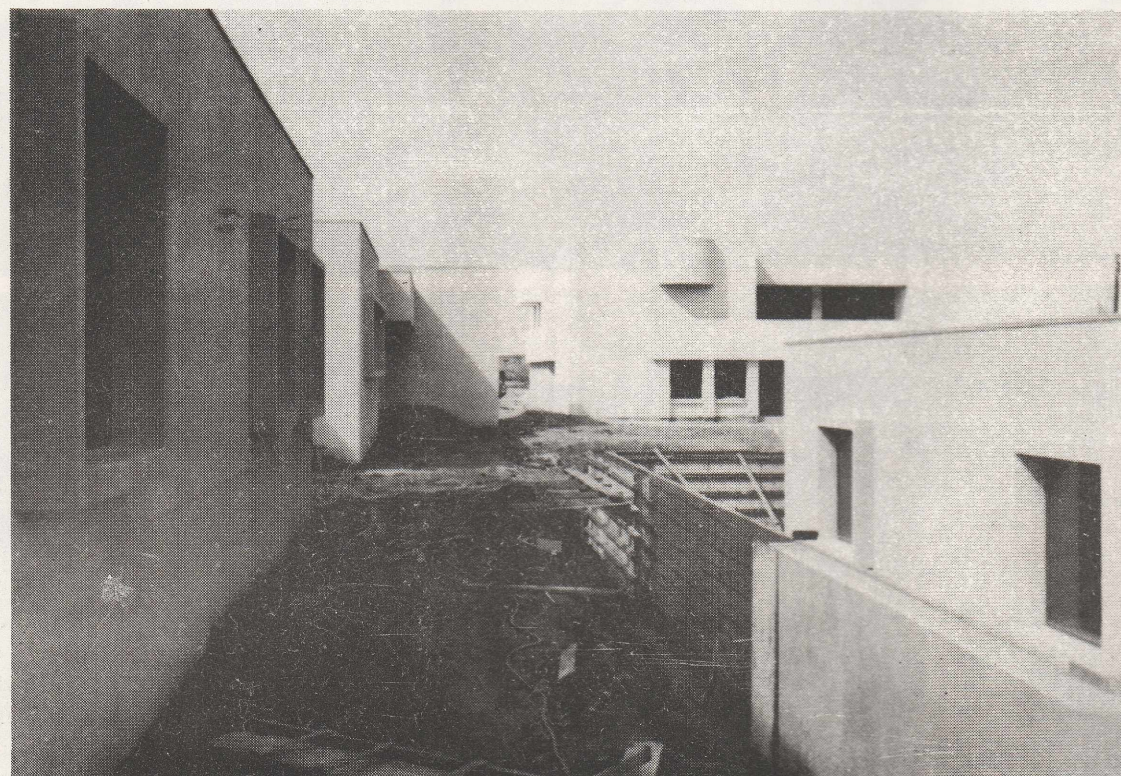
Indeed, two highlights in the history of Western Texas College.



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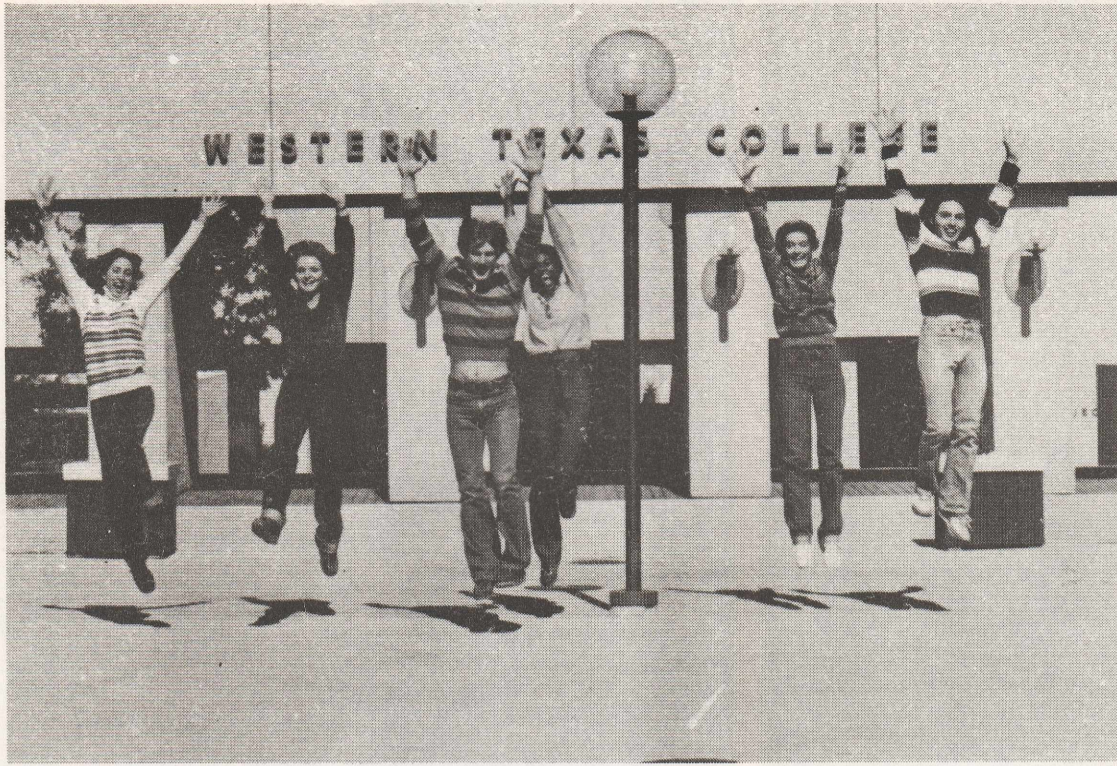


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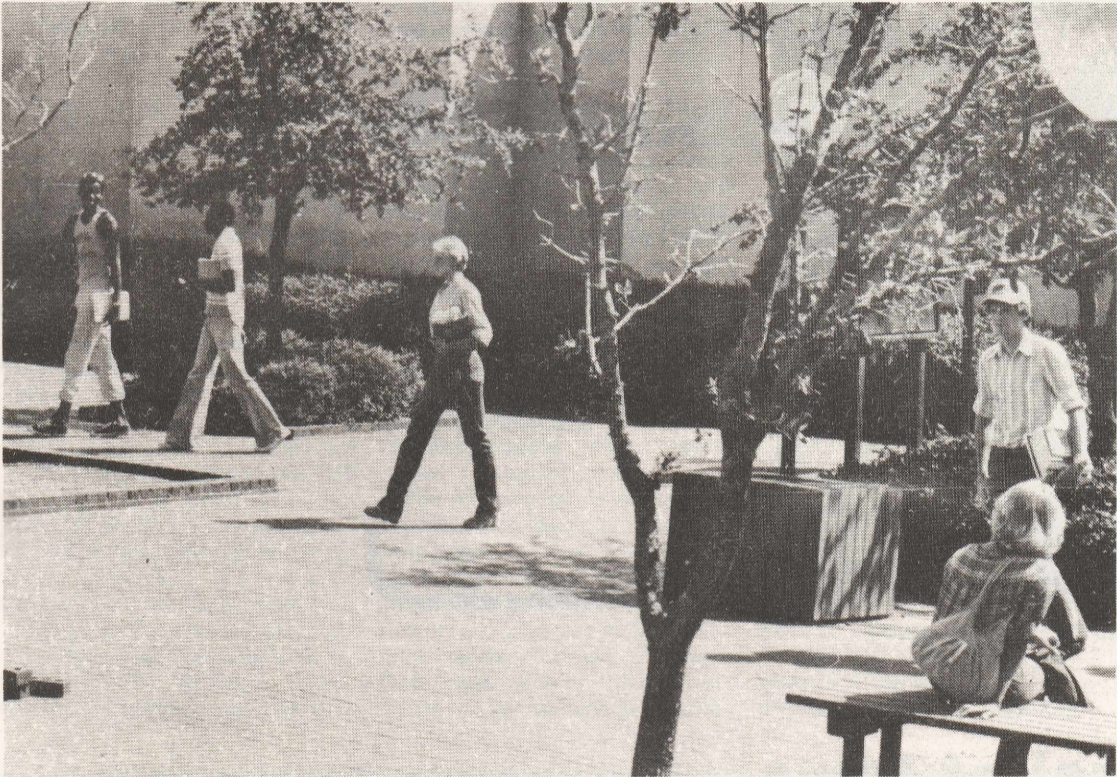


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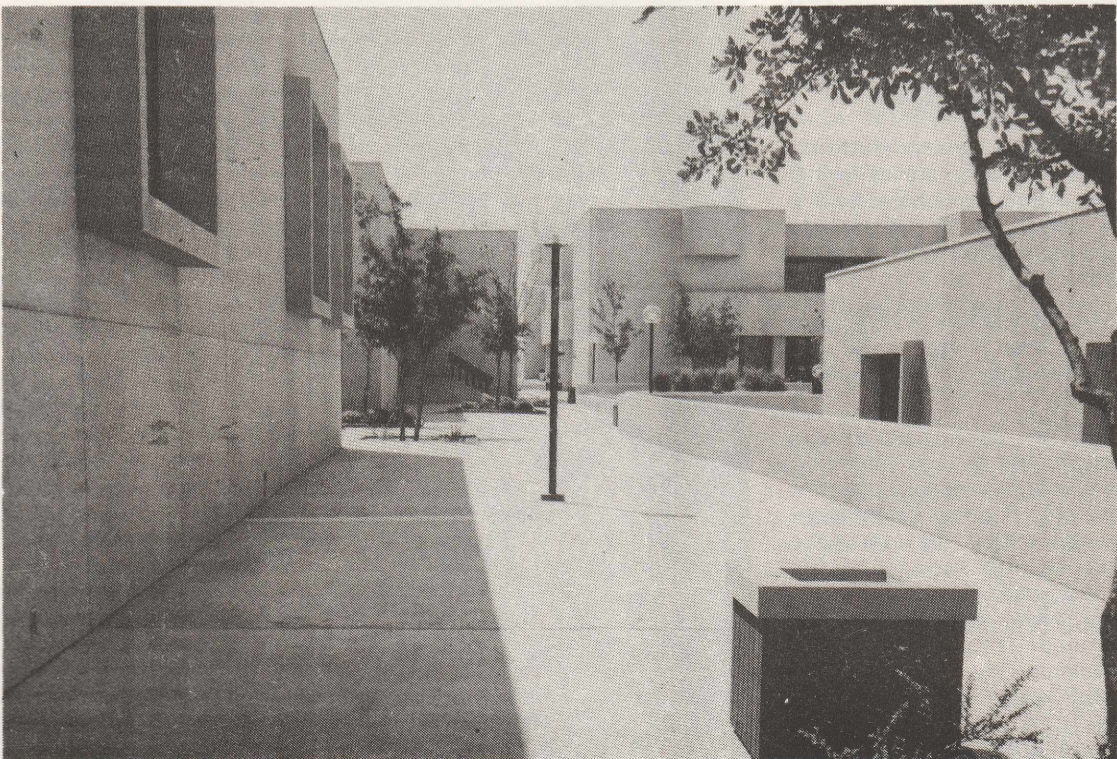
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Present Entrance



Present Courtyard



Present Resource Center



Standing with bronze statue of Romeo and Juliet are Mr. Patton, Dr. Clinton, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Hargrove and C.T. and Mrs. McLaughlin

Donators Aid College

The first major donation to the Scurry County Junior College District was made by Mrs. Jonisue Stiff. Mrs. Stiff, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cogdell, Sr., donated the 165-acre site on which the college is built.

Western Texas College received several major gifts during its first year of operation.

Mrs. Forest G. Sears and her daughter, Carolyn, presented a \$15,000 Americana Carillon as a memorial to the late Forest G. Sears, husband and father of the donors. In memory of the late John E. Sentell, Mrs. Sentell and family presented to the college the Sentell Memorial Stage.

The carillon system, in the architect's original plans, was deleted by college administrators because of the expense involved. Installed in the Fine Arts Building, the carillon is played for special observances such as during graduation ceremonies, at the WTC dedication in 1972 and at Christmas each year.

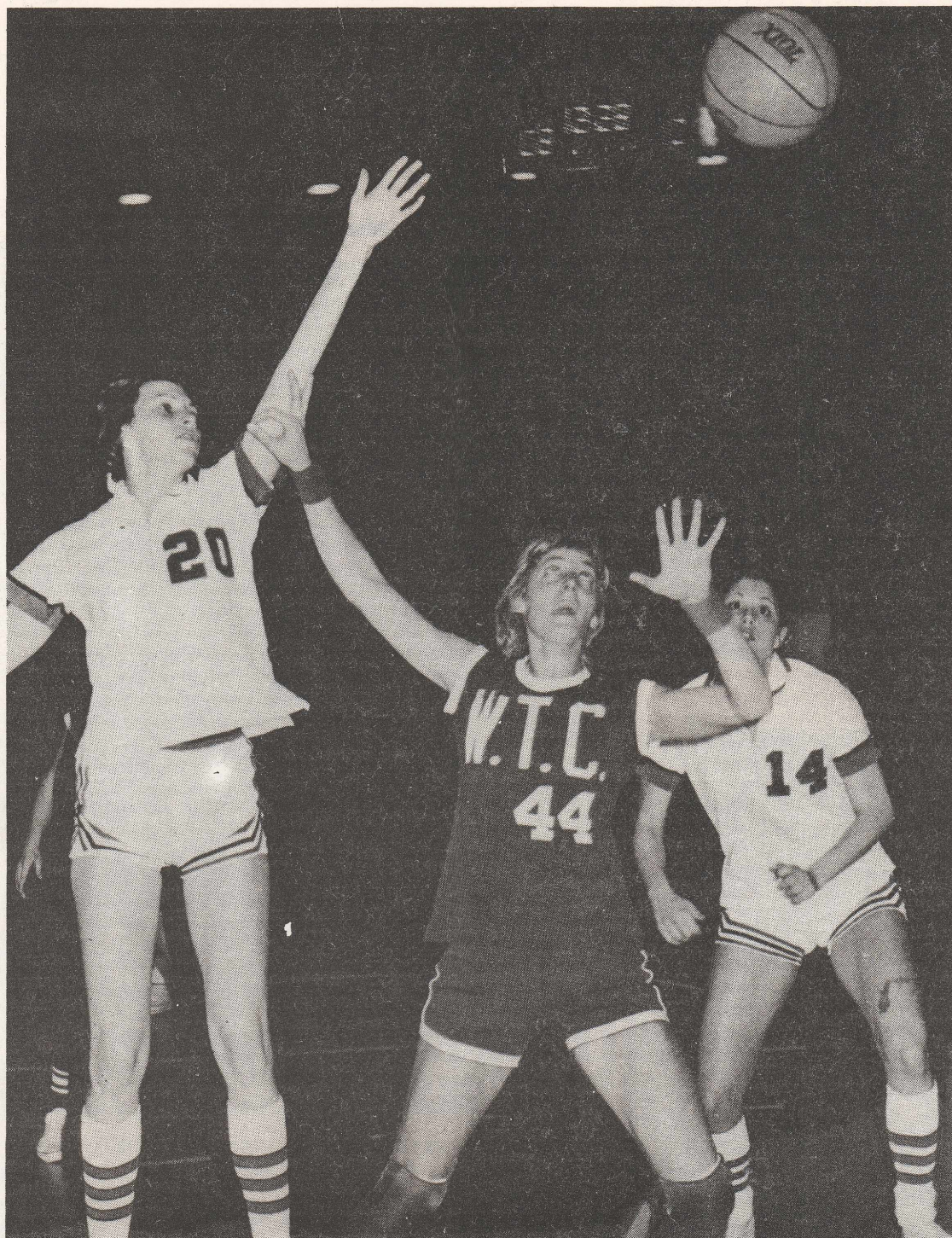
The Sentell Memorial Stage, an elaborate outdoor

stage facility centrally located on the campus, has been used for concerts, drama productions and student activities. Joining Mrs. Sentell in presenting the gift were four children — a daughter, Mary Sue Harbaugh, and three sons — John Sears, Marvin and Joe.

A bronze statue of Romeo and Juliet was presented to the college by the late C.T. and Mrs. McLaughlin. The four-foot-high bronze statue is displayed in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. It rests on a pedestal with fluted columns and a eurnstyle that rotates 360 degrees.

Mr. McLaughlin also presented to the college a four-tiered fountain which was placed in the garden west of the planetarium.

Another recent gift to Western Texas College was made by Mrs. Edith Whitley McKanna. Her contribution was a sunken garden adjoining the Scurry County Museum. Designed in a combination Japanese-American motif, the garden comes complete with a bridge, statuary and plantings.



No. 44 Marilyn Payton, one of the All-American Dusters of WTC

Dusters Are True Champs

Western Texas College did not have a varsity women's basketball program until 1974-75, but since then — in five years — the team has been Conference Champion three times (1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77), Co-Champion once (1978-79) and Conference Runner-up once (1977-78). A truly championship sport at WTC — proud to be known as the Dusters.

Dr. Sid Simpson initiated the program, serving as the first coach, after directing men's basketball at WTC the first two years. In 1978, Joe Cushing assumed the reins of the program and continues to serve in that capacity. In five seasons, prior to 1979-80, the Dusters went to the regional tournament as many times.

Three of the five years, a Duster has been named All-American: Marilyn Payton of Lubbock in 1974-75, Cindy Luttrull of Laverne, Okla. in 1977-78 and Nodia Vaughn of Paducah in 1978-79. Payton has held two individual records (single game rebounds and most season steals), Luttrull four (highest season average, most single game points, most career points and most season field goals attempted), and Vaughn four (most single season points, most season rebounds, most

season field goals made and most game free throws attempted). Other Dusters holding records have been Theresa Beal — five, Cathy Minton — two and Janice Verden and Brenda Jurecek — one each.

Duster team records include: most victories in a season (23 in 1975-76 and 1978-79), most points in a single game (105 against Howard College in 1975-76), most points in a season (2,195 in 1978-79), best average (71.6 in 1975-76) and best defensive average (53.1 in 1975-76).

Members of the 1979-80 team are (sophomores) Liz Hooper, Hamlin; Stella Bickley, Robert Lee; Joyce Plagens, Rankin; Delbra Ray, Bellville; Katie Fisher, Austin; Ginger Peden, Whiteface; (freshmen) Tonya Ivie, Frenship; Kathy Rigsby, Hale Center; Linda Holubec, Eola; Jennifer Gregg, Temple; Jenni Anderson, Greenwood; Cindy Boone, Merkel; Bonnie Bludworth, Stanton, and Shari Teal, New Deal. Statisticians are Betsy Benson and Paiga Lou Eiland.

Indeed, the Dusters have been an integral force in the shape of athletics at Western Texas College. With a five-year win-loss record of 93-41, chances are that the sky is the limit!

Rodeo Team Ropes a Barrel of Wins

Until 1979 Van Rigby was the only rodeo coach WTC had ever had — he came to the college "in the beginning." During his time at WTC he had many individual champions and one regional team champion.

In the first year of competition, 1971-72, the men's team was third in the region, and sent one student, Jim Fuller, to the College National Finals Rodeo. Also one woman, Janice Lisinby, went to the finals. These were the first athletes from WTC to qualify for national competition.

In the second year, 1972-73, the team composed of Mike and Wacey Cathey, Mike Ferguson, Fuller, Butch Bode, Tutt Garnett, Joe Anderson and John Gass won the Southwest Region, and represented WTC at the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana. They were the first team to ever accomplish this feat from a two-year college, and they finished fifth. Bode won third in the calf roping, and Gass won the college's first National Championship by taking the saddlebronc crown. Also that year, Mike Cathey won the

region in bull riding, and Fuller won it in calf roping. Finally, the women's team won third in the region and had one girl to compete at the CNFR in barrel racing, finishing fourth.

In 1974, Gass won his second consecutive national championship in saddlebronc riding, making him the first WTC student to win two national titles in a row.

In 1975-76, Rick Bradley won the region in steer wrestling, and also won the CNFR, thereby giving him the National Championship. Bradley later went on to win the World Championship in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association.

1976-77 brought another National Championship to WTC as Jo Ann Whitehead took the title in barrel racing. She became the first woman ever to win both go-rounds and the average at the College National Finals. John Crane won second in the region that year and finished fifth in the nation in saddlebronc riding.

Buddy Reynolds highlighted the 1977-78 season as he won second in the region in bareback riding as a freshman. At the finals, Reynolds marked the

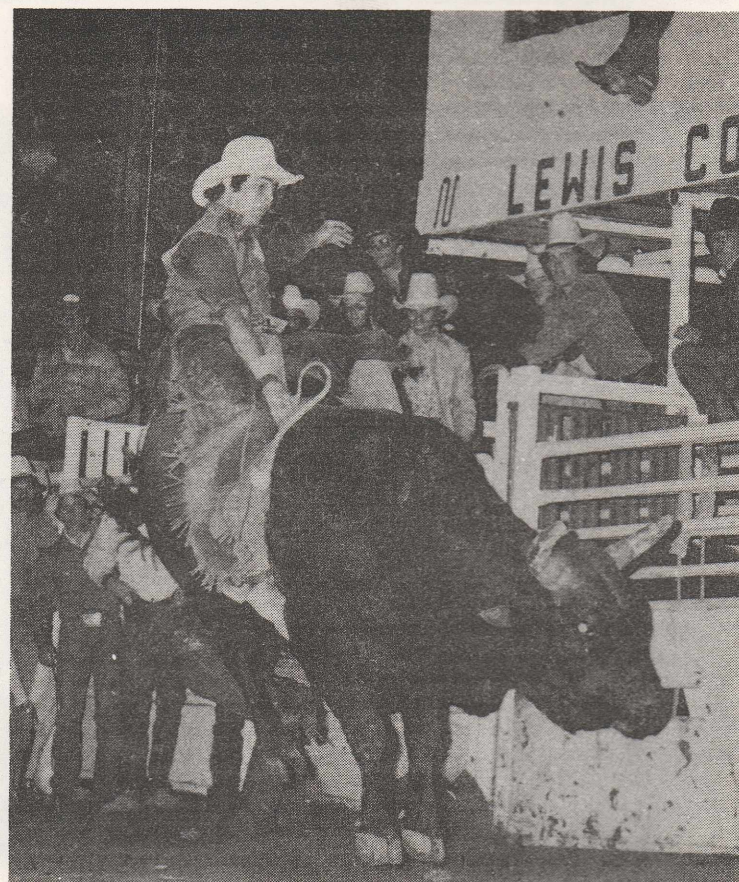
highest score ever for his event in a wild ride in bareback riding. He returned to WTC the next fall, but transferred to Texas Tech at mid-semester and ended the year as the All-Around Champion of the region.

In 1978-79, Tammie Matthews won the region in barrel racing. Lane Foltyn finished second in the region in bull riding and went on to finish third in the nation.

Bob Doty is now WTC's rodeo coach. Some 25 women and men are rodeoing for the team in 1979-80.

WTC's rodeo programs produced 23 professional cowboys and cowgirls, and two men have held National Professional Championships. Several have been in the top 15 of the Professional Cowboys' Rodeo Association, qualifying for the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City.

The rodeo team could not have accomplished all they have without the help and support of the faculty and administration, the citizens of Snyder and the area.



Rodeoer spurring that bull at a past Portales ENMU rodeo



One of WTC's All-Americans, Lawrence Butler, (right).



1974-75 Westerners and Coach Mike Mitchell NJCAA National Champions

WESTERNERS Holders of Five Conference Titles

A 217-51 won-loss record in eight years? Not bad at all, since this represents the combined efforts of three coaches of the Western Texas College Westerners, WTC's varsity men's basketball team and the college's headliner athletic program.

Under the direction of Dr. Sid Simpson (36-17 from 1971-73), Mike Mitchell (117-21 from 1973-77) and Nolan Richardson (64-13 from 1977-79), Westerner basketball has flourished — resulting in Western Conference championships five years in a row (1974-79), regional titles four times (1974-75 and 1976-79)

and bi-regional winners twice (1977-79). What of nationals? Half of the eight years the program has been in existence, Westerners have won places at the NJCAA National JUCO Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.: 1st in 1974-75, 4th in 1978-79, 6th in 1976-77 and 11th in 1977-78.

The first season, WTC was independent — then in 1973 was admitted into the Western Conference and the National Junior College Athletic Association. Every year has been a winning season for the "Green, Blue and White," with the National Championship season

the best, record-wise (36-1). Other team records include, prior to 1979-80, 3,424 points in a single season (1978-79), 90.2 high single season game average (1972-73) and 119 points in a single game (against Clarendon College in 1978-79).

Individually, three Westerners have been named to the All-American team: Walter Hannibal, Bob Miller and Lawrence Butler (honorable mention). Hannibal still holds four individual team records, Miller maintains one, and Butler has four. Other WTC players holding at least one individual mark have been Larry

Orton, Darryl Smith, Adam Beadle, Steve Sparks, Ken Fowler and Eugene Harris.

In national and intercollegiate tournament competition, WTC has played teams from colleges in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kansas, Idaho, Utah, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Connecticut, among others. The coaches not only have recruited players for WTC from all over the nation, numerous WTC performers have in turn been recruited by leading college and university cage programs from throughout America.

Members of the 1979-80

Westerner squad include (sophomores) Freddie Davis, Highland Park, Md.; Bill Patterson, Harrisburg, Pa.; Greg Stewart, Bronx, N.Y.; Franklin Bennett, Ronald Portee and Paul Pressey, Richmond, Va.; Phil Spradling and David Brown, El Paso; Dwain Vantress, New Orleans, La.; Jim Price, Gretna, La.; (freshmen) Oscar Alvarado and Joey Rosales, El Paso; Donald Warren, Oneonta, Ala.; Keith Dennis, Gardena, Calif. and James Hutcherson, Chicago, Ill. The trainer is Ronnie Oliver.

Westerner basketball — number one and first class in every way!



Early golfer displays the first van purchased at WTC

Golf Team Earns Its Par

From 1971-79, WTC's golf team has earned its share — and more — of honors in conference and non-conference action. Resulting have been team and individual places at national tournaments and team members recruited by large colleges and universities across the country.

In a nutshell, Coach Bob O'Day's linksters won the following Western Conference places: 1971-72, 6th; 1972-73, 2nd; 1973-74, 2nd; 1974-75, 3rd; 1975-76, 1st; 1976-77, 1st; 1977-78, 1st, and 1978-79, 4th. In Region V tournaments, the teams have taken 1st in 1975-76 and 1977-78, 2nd in 1974-75 and 1976-77, 3rd in 1972-73 and 1973-74, 5th in 1978-79 and 6th 1971-72.

WTC's golf squad placed 5th, 6th and 9th in the NJCAA National Golf Tournament in 1975-76, 1977-78 and 1976-77, respectively. Sites of play have been Ft. Myers, Fla.; Roswell, N.M.; Hutchinson, Kan.;

Galveston, and Chapel Hill, Tenn.

In all, WTC has won 40 tournaments, placed 2nd 28 times and finished 3rd 18 times in intercollegiate meets in eight years, not including the fall, 1979. As a matter of fact, in dual matches against junior and senior colleges and universities, WTC has held a 59-10-2 won-loss-tie record.

Individual honors in the past eight years include 22 players named All-Western Conference, 17 cited All-Region V and six honored as NJCAA All-American. Third-team All-Americans have been Ross Wortham (1975-76), Donnie Loerwald (1976-77) and Ronald Koerth (1977-78). Fourth-team All-Americans were Mark Hargrove and Kyle Howard (1974-75) and Terry Kendrick (1977-78).

O'Day has recruited widely for his teams, with players representing Texas, Oklahoma,

Florida, Illinois, New Mexico and Iowa. His squads have ranged in size from nine players in 1971-72 to 16 in 1977-78. Individual members have served as co-captains and Freshman of the Year and Most Valuable Player honors have been bestowed each spring. The coach also has maintained detailed records on individual leaders in such categories as conference and non-conference fall and spring season averages.

The golf program at Western Texas College thrives largely due, too, to the beautiful nine-hole course situated on the north side of the campus. In fact, Westerner statistics on home course competition are truly impressive — not to mention, however, high finishes in intercollegiate tournaments in such cities as Houston, Ft. Worth, Brownsville, Waco, Abilene, Austin, Huntsville and Laredo, plus several New Mexico sites and a Classic Intercollegiate in Alabama.



1979-80 Student Senate of Western Texas College

In the summer of 1971, Dr. Duane Hood and Mickey Baird invited several students from area high schools to participate in a student government-leadership workshop. During this workshop a constitution and by-laws that could possibly be used at Western Texas College were formulated.

When the college opened that fall, students petitioned to run for student body offices and for the Student Senate. These first leaders then went over the constitution, making adjustments and additions. The constitution was then brought before the student body and eventually, in the spring of 1972, was officially adopted.

The first senators and officers had numerous tasks to perform

— selecting school colors, a mascot, a flag, a logo and taking care of the needs of the student body regarding extracurricular activities. Because of this involvement, programming became an integral part of the responsibility of the Senate and remains so today.

All of the students who have served in a leadership capacity (Senate or student body officers) have a sincere closeness to Western Texas College — because they helped to pioneer it into what it is today!

Officers named for 1971-72, the first year, were David Falk, president; Joe Dan Jones, vice-president; Mitzi Gray, recording secretary and Bobby Wine,

treasurer. Sixteen senators were also appointed.

1972-73 officers were Doyle Sanders, president; Greg Freeman, vice-president; Terry Canon, secretary; and Darrel Taylor, treasurer. Fourteen senators represented the student body.

Officers for the 1973-74 Student Government were Rick Medford, president; Lisa Weaver, vice-president; Judy Fondy, recording secretary; Debi Jersey, corresponding secretary and Carla McCollum, treasurer. Nineteen senators filled the positions.

1974-75 Student Government officers were Bobby Cobb, president; PeWee Sellars, vice-president; Kim Harston,

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Senate Provides Leadership

recording secretary and Pam Block, treasurer. Twenty senators were elected that year.

Government officers for the 1975-76 year were Harrison Johnson, president; Paula Cornoyer, vice-president; Debbie Stephens, secretary and Darilyn Stewart, treasurer. Seventeen senators were elected to represent the student body.

Fall, 1976 officers were Mike Banks, president; Tracy Moore, vice-president; Vickie Berryman, secretary and Stacy Payne, treasurer. Twenty-four senators were elected.

Student body officers for the spring of 1977 were Banks, president; Payne, vice president and treasurer and

Berryman, secretary. There were also 24 senators.

1977-78 officers were Stacy Hoover, president; Terry Scarborough, vice-president; Linda Vann, secretary, and Angela McCoy, treasurer. Twenty-eight senators were named.

Officers for the 1978-79 school year were David "Moose" Galvan, president; Joe Dunn, vice-president; Valerie Wilson, secretary and Becky Westbrook, treasurer. Twenty-nine senators were elected.

The 1979-80 fall semester student body officers are Kenneth Levens, president; Chris De Sautell, vice president; Andra Crenshaw, secretary and Sheila Sandbothe, treasurer. Twenty-three senators have been elected for this year.

Activities Varied Through Years

Western Texas College hosts a variety of activities each year. These range from the wild and zany "Olympic Days" in the fall to the annual Spring Formal.

At the beginning of each year, students have been introduced to college life through various activities. Down through the years this has become known as "Howdy Week". It is designed to kick off the year by acquainting students with one another and with the faculty. Past features of "Howdy Week" have included an ice cream party, a Howdy Dance, a barbeque and a game night.

Freshman orientation is also held during the first week of school. This is a day where sophomores get to 'sleep in' and freshmen congregate in the gym for a day of fun. The highlight of the day is a poster contest. Students are grouped in numbers of five or six, given a large sheet of paper and a box of crayons and turned loose. This year's poster theme was "green cheese, blue steel and purple passion." You can imagine what works of art that inspired!

Dances are a large part of the social life of WTC. Various clubs and organizations sponsor different kinds of dances throughout the year. One of the most popular of these has become the Halloween Masquerade. Awards are usually given for best costumes and a variety of spooks and goblins usually turn up.

The Spring Formal was first held in 1972, during the first year of the college's operation. Since then, it has become an annual tradition and one of the

highlights of the year. It is during this affair, which has been held at the National Guard Armory, that Mr. and Miss WTC are honored.

Several other dances are usually held frequently on campus. These have included a Girl-Ask-Boy-Dance, a Valentine Noon Affair, several Sock Hops, Dinner Dances, Christmas Formals and dance contests in both disco and country format.

When the college opened in 1971, students conceived the idea of "Western Week". This was to be an all-out, anything-goes form of competition, featuring such events as a tobacco-spitting contest, a sack race, an egg toss and a tug-of-war. Each event was to be sponsored by a club or organization.

By 1974, this had become "Olympic Week", then gradually it evolved into the present "Olympic Days". Events have been added and dropped down through the years, but the craziness of it all has remained constant. Events such as panyhose polo, tricycle race, obstacle course, frog race and three-legged sack race have gone down in the history of WTC's "Olympic Days". The tug-of-war has become the official closing event of the activities, as each year clubs and organizations have battled for the title.

WTC celebrated its first homecoming in 1975. A breakfast and open house was hosted for exes, followed by a barbeque in the cafeteria. A car caravan led students and exes to the Scurry County Coliseum, where they cheered the

Westerners on in basketball. During halftime, Kim Carney of Breckenridge was crowned WTC's First Homecoming Queen. The celebration was concluded with a Homecoming Dance in the Student Center.

The next WTC Homecoming was held in 1977, being set every two years in order to keep from colliding with Snyder High School's homecoming, which is set for the two alternate years. Again, a breakfast and open house were held for exes, followed by a caravan to the Coliseum. Kathleen Utsman of Colorado City was named 1977 Homecoming Queen.

This year WTC is combining its homecoming with the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Another popular activity at WTC is intramural competition. Teams such as the "Cowboys" and "Hustlers" compete in such sports as football, basketball, ping pong, pool and golf. The purpose of the program is to promote a competitive spirit on campus.

Beginning in 1975, a day was set aside called "Extramurals Day". Representatives for WTC compete with students from other Western Conference colleges in events such as volleyball, foosball, tennis, handball, badminton, arm wrestling and bowling.

The activities at WTC vary from year to year as new students with fresh ideas pass through the campus. But whether it's a Ken's Pizza-Eating Contest or a Kid's Day Dance, something is always going on at WTC!



Kim Carney — WTC's First Homecoming Queen

WTC CHEERLEADERS

1971-72

Bonnie English
Sharon Moore
Ada Newsom
Sharron Autry
Debra Murphy

1972-73

Cindy Jinkins
Dewey Forbes
Sharon Moore
Debra Murphy
Pam Petty

1973-74

Paula Bell
Judy Simmons
Sonja Davis
Kay Dunn
Cindy Jinkins

1974-75

Sharon Jones
Terry Posey
Kim Carney
Paula Bell
Sheree Fincher

1975-76

Started with:
Debra Collins
Shelley Howle
Sharon Johns
Bonnie Kidd

Shelley and Bonnie transferred:
Mildred Maxwell and Debbie Young replaced them

1976-77

Jamie Branch (quit)
Stacy Hover
Mildred Maxwell
Teresa Sterling
Debra Collins

1977-78

Elida De Loera
Patricia Edwards
Stacy Hoover
Cindy King (quit)
Diann Scurlark
Teresa Sterling

1978-79

Diann Scurlark
Elida De Loera
Reba Knight
Jamie Mathis
Karla Polk

1979-80

Lynda Cain
Rena McBroom
Belva Marsh
Tonya Porter
Gina Willman



Dr. Clinton presents Phi Theta Kappa with original charter

Clubs, Organizations Active At WTC

Several clubs and organizations have been active on the campus in eight years, with others originally formed that are no longer in existence.

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) was chartered in October, 1971. Sponsor then was Wilma Crawford, but today Darrell Grimley is in charge.

Cabelleros was chartered in 1975, with Kent Mills as sponsor. He remains in charge of the organization.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) was originally chartered as Beta Mu Sigma in 1972, but the name was changed in the fall, 1978. Harry Dietz was the first sponsor, and today Bob Hays and Betty Sandel are advisers.

Eta Mu Theta (EMT) was chartered in 1971, by David Hilt-pold, sponsor. Today, Randy Mosley and David Higgins are club sponsors.

Dr. Shelby Hillis sponsors the Judo Club, which was chartered in 1977.

Charlene Light and Linda Wright are sponsors of the Office Education Association (OEA), which was chartered in 1977.

Phi Theta Kappa's Psi Zeta chapter was chartered in the spring, 1972, with Dr. Mary Hood as sponsor. It is the honorary fraternity for junior college students.

Van Rigby was the sponsor of the Rodeo Club, chartered in 1971, but today Bob Doty is the adviser.

The Press Club was chartered in the fall, 1978, with Dr. Mike McBride having served as club adviser.

In the fall, 1979, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was being organized by sponsor Joe Cushing. Its charter had been applied for and was pending.

Currently inactive clubs and organizations are: Artisans, Boxing, Delta Psi Omega, Explorer Post, Kappa Chi, Los Amigos, Los Vaqueros, Texas

Student Association (TSEA) and Phi Eta Mu.

Artisans was chartered in 1972 (Warren Cullar, sponsor). Boxing was chartered in 1978 (Dr. Hillis, sponsor) and Delta Psi Omega was originated in 1974 (Charles Holland, sponsor).

The Explorer Post was chartered in February of 1975 (Toni Turk, sponsor), Kappa Chi was chartered in 1973 (Dean Morgan, sponsor), and Los Amigos was chartered in November of 1972 (Ted Martinez, sponsor).

Finally, Los Vaqueros was chartered in 1971 — and was WTC's very first organization chartered (Bill and Janet Halbert, sponsors) — while TSEA was chartered in 1972 (Dr. Mary Hood, sponsor), and Phi Eta Mu, the only women's sorority, was chartered in 1972 (Mickey Baird, sponsor).

Young Republicans and Young Democrats are organizations active only during national election terms.



1971-72 first cheerleading squad, all from Snyder



1979-80 WTC cheerleading squad and mascot

Building of a College Through the Eyes Of a Secretary

by Mavis Brumbelow
(written Fall, 1972)

I have never thought too much about being a participant in a history-making event until a friend remarked to me that "in the beginning, there was Mavis." Of course, there was a note of joviality in the remark, but nevertheless there is, to some degree, a bit of truth in the statement. Let me explain.

On Nov. 22, 1969, some five months after my family and I moved to Snyder from Waco, the citizens of Scurry County went to the polls to cast their votes to determine whether a junior college would be established in this area. Being a newcomer to Snyder, I was not qualified to vote; however, I followed the news with great interest and, along with many hundreds of citizens, was overjoyed at the election returns of a walloping ten to one victory for the "yeas". At last Scurry County would have its long-awaited junior college.

I did not realize at that time what lay in store for me or the very small role I would play in the unfolding of this particular chapter in Scurry County history. For approximately 18 years prior to moving to Snyder I had worked as a "civil servant" under the employ of the United States Air Force (Air Training Command, Flying Training Air Force, Tactical Air Command and Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force). Seeking outside employment since moving to Snyder had been just a fleeting thought for several reasons, one being the scarcity of job openings, and the other being that I had never been employed by civilians — only military. However, fate, or whatever you wish to call it, sometimes takes a hand in determining a person's decisions and ultimate actions.

Shortly after the election an article on the front page of the Snyder Daily News caught my attention. The new junior college was soliciting part-time secretarial help. I began to give serious consideration to applying for the job. However, I felt that, being relatively new to Snyder, my chances were practically nil at being employed in such a capacity, even temporarily. Not being very brave or adventurous, it took a great deal of courage to pick up the phone and call city hall and ask for an interview. As well as I can remember, I talked to Mr. George Patterson; he suggested that I come for an interview with Mr. M.L. Broman. An appointment was scheduled for the next day.

I felt a sense of apprehension as I began to put my thoughts down on paper and list my qualifications and experiences in the business world. I knew I had done a good job while employed by the Air Force, but my work, for the most part, had been specialized rather than secretarial. I convinced myself, however, that if I could handle the entire awards and decorations program for Twelfth Air Force, surely I could perform satisfactorily as a secretary. So the next day with my "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN" letter in my purse, off I went to meet with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Broman.

Sitting across the desk from Mr. Patterson, with Mr. Broman on my right, I waited and watched to get an indication of their impression of me and my application. As to my application, I had attached an outstanding performance award recommendation from the Air Force as evidence of my job proficiency. Suddenly, I wished I hadn't, for I didn't know how a person unfamiliar with Air Force procedures would take to such a display of verbosity. Mr. Patterson sat quietly perusing "lo those many pages" and then handed the package to Mr. Broman. After a short discussion and a few questions, they advised me that the job was mine, but

they were very explicit in pointing out that the job was strictly temporary, only two or three months at the most. (However, I thought to myself that, possibly if I worked hard and proved capable, maybe, just maybe, there would be a chance for full-time employment, at least in some capacity.) I was told to report for work on Monday morning, Dec. 8.

During the initial interview Mr. Broman had pointed out that one of my responsibilities would be taking minutes at board meetings. This was all right, because I had been through the "trial by fire" while under government employment. However, I was dubious, as my shorthand had become rusty from lack of use, but I felt that with practice I could once again become proficient. So, back to the textbooks and pen and paper — all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday, into the wee morning hours.

At last, Monday came. I had been told that the office would be located temporarily in the basement of Snyder Savings and Loan So, I proceeded to my new, temporary job. Alas, the building was locked! I had visions of Mr. Broman waiting at another location, pacing the floor, wondering where his new secretary could be. Not knowing what else to do, I waited in the car, taking advantage of every minute to continue the "condensed shorthand cramming course". I knew I was to take minutes at a board of trustee meeting that night. At last, Mr. Broman arrived (fully one-half minute after eight). I felt as if I had already put in a full day's work.

After opening the door to the Snyder Savings and Loan building and proceeding down two flights of stairs, we arrived at the office of the Scurry County Junior College District, an office (and I use that word with reservations) consisting of one borrowed desk, a borrowed typing chair and a borrowed typewriter. No supplies, "no nothing" that was it! The junior college office was now open for business, but what kind of business, I had no idea. It was here that I began my series of "firsts" for what is now known as Western Texas College, and in the months ahead I continued to accumulate a list of "firsts" such as the first letter, first phone, first architectural applications, first applications from individuals interested in the presidency, and letters from local citizens quoting prices for possible land sites on which to construct the college.

My first 8-to-5 day ended and I proceeded to my first board meeting. I don't believe Daniel could have been more apprehensive than I as I walked into the room at the Snyder Public School administration building where the board was to meet. Seated around a table were seven distinguished-looking men with not one familiar face or name, except for Mr. Patterson and Mr. Broman, whom I had just recently met. I was introduced to the group, a group of men I subsequently learned to know and hold in high regard, namely Dr. Robert H. Hargrove, vice-president; William H. Wilson, W.A. Jones, R.C. Patton and Edwin Parks — and later Bentley Baize, who filled the spot left vacant upon the resignation of Mr. Broman.

The meeting opened with a prayer which was led by Mr. Patton. I was touched by his sincerity and told my husband later that night that surely such a group of men could not help but accomplish the gigantic task they had set out to achieve. This particular meeting remains a highlight in my memory, primarily because it was so different from what I had experienced in Air Force

staff meetings — truly a modern equivalent to the proverbial "lion's den". These meetings, which were held in a sound-proof, windowless room, were made up of two or three generals, and 20 to 25 colonels and lieutenant colonels. The walls were covered with maps, charts, photographs and other information peculiar to Air Force activities, especially as pertained to Tactical Air Command and its mission. Among this ostentatious gathering of high-ranking officers would be one lone secretary — me! Many times, as I sat in that room taking notes, I toyed with the idea of playing faint just to be excused, but I never had the nerve. (At times it might not have been "play-like". It would have been the real thing.) Actually, when you come right down to it, I was afraid to faint and afraid not to. Now, when I compare the two meetings, I can readily see why I was so impressed with the group of men who comprised the first college board of trustees.

It seems I was busy from the first day. Quite a few people have asked, "What was there to do?" But unless a person is involved, he cannot possibly know what goes into starting a junior college from "scratch". Actually, I know very little on this subject; the board has the answer, and even to this day, nearly three years later, I stand in amazement at what this group has accomplished.

Interviews were soon conducted to find our college's first president. I knew none of those who had applied for the position. Even Robert L. Clinton was a stranger to me. He was employed on Dec. 20, 1969, and was to begin work full time April, 1970. After the news was made public, I heard many good things about Bob Clinton, a man for whom I hold such high regard, not only as a gentleman, but as an able administrator.

The next step was to find an architect. Many, many late hours were spent in conducting interviews and viewing slide presentations. At last, Parker-Croston Associates, a firm from Fort Worth, was chosen. They then began an intensive investigation of all the proposed land sites. They selected the site on which the college now stands. It was donated by Mrs. Jonisue Stiff. Later, the college was named Western Texas College.

Work, work, work! I had now been employed full-time as secretary to Dr. Clinton, leaving my temporary status behind. Maybe Mr. Broman said a few good words in my behalf. At any rate, I tried hard and am still trying.

April 1970 was a big month. More permanent "temporary" quarters had been located, namely office space in the Standard Building at 37th Street and Avenue S (now known as College Avenue). Our inventory had increased considerably. We had acquired another borrowed desk, filing cabinet, table, Xerox machine and additional office supplies. It was at this point that WTC experienced another first. GREAT DAY!!! MOVING DAY!!! Our "treasures" were packed carefully in boxes and placed in the trunk of my car and in the back seat. Furniture and other miscellaneous accumulations would have to be moved some other way, but how was the move made in a city dump truck? I could not help laughing to myself as we formed a procession and drove slowly and cautiously from the SS&L building to our new home, where we would spend many busy months until the campus was ready, hopefully, in August, 1971.

In April Dr. Clinton arrived. I thought I had been busy before, but I was living under a delusion. Dr.

Clinton is a bundle of unboundless energy and enthusiasm. His enthusiasm and zeal are contagious. Under his leadership seemingly insurmountable obstacles were overcome and made to seem routine. I can truthfully say that working for President Clinton has been one of the highlights of my business career.

Each day brought new challenges, new responsibilities, new decisions. The days were not long enough to take care of the hundreds of details, all vitally essential to the successful accomplishment of the goal ahead: the establishment of a new junior college, a goal seemingly just out of reach over the horizon. The need for additional personnel was becoming increasingly more evident. Selection of a dean and business manager was next on the agenda.

In August, 1970, Dr. Ben Brock joined WTC as dean. Mr. Rex Hopkins was employed as business manager. In my opinion, no more qualified person could have been selected to fill the dean's position. Dr. Brock and Dr. Clinton make an outstanding team, one which is hard to equal, much less surpass. Working for Dr. Brock is another highlight in my life and I consider myself fortunate to be associated with these men. Mr. Hopkins had had previous experience as a college business manager and faculty member. In his quiet, unpretentious manner, he began, little by little, to get the business office into workable order. From a one-man operation, the business office now consists of six people.

In September, 1970, Mitzzy Grey and Sherry Ragland, high school seniors participating in the Snyder Public School's distributive education program, were employed to assist with the ever-increasing clerical workload. One worked mornings, the other afternoons. They have since that time graduated from high school, attended WTC as students, married and are now full-time employees.

In November, 1970, ground was broken at the college site. During my short stay in Snyder, there had not been a colder or more disagreeable day. The weather took no pity on the group which assembled on that gusty hill one mile south of Cogdell Center on Round Top Road. In spite of the cold, a large number of proud and devoted citizens gathered around the dignitaries shivering with cold on the speaker's platform. Rep. George Mahon, congressman from the 17th District, was guest speaker; his wife was present, also Mrs. Jonisue Stiff, along with local dignitaries, administration board of trustees and news media from the surrounding area. Cameras clicked, recordings were made and, as usual at public gatherings of this sort, the public address system was most uncooperative. It would shriek and whistle; the volume would be low, then high, and the wind would catch the sound and carry echoes throughout the countryside. (I say countryside because where we were standing was nothing but a mesquite/yucca patch.) Shivering with cold and with teeth chattering, we listened to Mr. Mahon. I was impressed, but could not help feeling a sense of relief when the last "amen" was said. I kept thinking about how it would feel to be warm again. Foolishly, I had not dressed warmly enough for the occasion, for I had not realized just how cold a West Texas wind could be, vicious and impartial as to the recipient of its wrath. We were cold; maybe a more appropriate word would be "frozen". But come wind, hail, sleet or snow, we had our groundbreaking and amid the flurry of reporters, citizens and dignitaries, history was

made. Ground was finally broken for Western Texas College and at last construction would begin.

The results of many months and years of labor were soon to unfold before our very eyes. Round Top Road (previously used, I presume, as a farm-to-market road) became alive with the movement of cars and trucks, all loaded with building supplies — all headed for the college site.

You have heard the saying, "Now in the meantime, back at the store" — well, paper work and administrative matters were being carried out from behind to scenes, so to speak. Applications for faculty employment began to arrive, literally by the hundreds. Also, applications began to arrive in nearly as large a number from individuals seeking secretarial employment.

In January, 1971, Gene Robertson began his duties as director of occupational-technical training; Mrs. Juanda Howell was employed to assist Mr. Hopkins in the business office and Mrs. Bootie Williams was employed to work for Mr. Robertson. Then came Jerry Baird as counselor, Dr. Duane Hood as registrar, Norma Greenlee as his secretary and others too numerous to mention. The rapid increase in personnel is indicative of the vast amount of paper work and administrative details involved. Actually, I am amazed when I look in retrospect at what has been accomplished in such a relatively short time. The credit goes, primarily, to the board, Dr. Clinton, Dr. Brock and Mr. Hopkins. The rest of us followed in their footsteps. This group of men spent literally untold hundreds of hours in this "labor of love" — the creation of Western Texas College.

As time passed, the faculty was employed. September, 1971 arrived but the campus was not yet ready for occupancy. Therefore, suitable classroom space was located in several church buildings, and a vacant public school building. Homes for out-of-town students were also located. Finally, the great day arrived and students were enrolled — 649, in fact. At last an educational institution was begun in Snyder for the benefit of the citizens of Scurry County and the surrounding area.

Since that day, many events of interest could be listed, which would take many pages of narration; however, I must mention Dedication Day, April 18, 1972, and the completion of the first phase of WTC's building program.

Again and appropriately so, George Mahon was the featured speaker. The weather was more considerate on this day. Clouds, rain and wind which had plagued the area for several days prior to dedication faded away, leaving a clear, blue sky with sunshine filtering down on the audience assembled around the Sentell Memorial Stage in the central courtyard of the campus. During the ceremony, as the Lord's Prayer was played on the Sears carillon system, I could not help shedding tears of joy, relief and fatigue. Too, I felt a sense of great pride in having had a small part in the culmination of this dream. I was proud, too, for the men who had given so much of themselves during the past two and one-half years, working and looking forward to this day. Their dream had become a reality.

The dream has not ended — it continues. Great things are in store for Western Texas College and for the people who make up its very being: trustees, administration, faculty, staff and students.

Indeed, what has happened is now history past, but history is still in the making. Dreams do come true.