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Dorm water problem causes concern

By Kathy Hendrix

Students living in or visiting the dorms may have realized that WTC has a problem with the hot water. There is brownish-color stain in the water and the college has problems having enough hot water for all dorm residents to use.

"Yes, there is no doubt that we do have a problem with the water," David Harr, dorm director, said. "The problem has left us all frustrated on what to do about it."

The coloring in the water is not

dirt or rust, it is just a stain," Red Hargrove, operator at the Snyder water pump and filter plant, said. Hargrove tested the PH balance of the dorm water and said it came out to 7.88 and the alkalinity level was 130.

This showed that the pipes have a small amount of chemicals lining them. If the pipes did not have this lining they would rust, Hargrove said.

Hargrove added that tests on the dorm water indicated the hardness level to be zero. Compared to the city water level of

100, this means the dorm water is very soft.

A turbidity test of the water to show how muddy or dense it is, proved a 25 turbidity level.

"I compared it to the density of some water directly from the lake where we get our water and the lake's turbidity is 29. This means that the lake's turbidity is lower than the dorm water," Hargrove said.

Hargrove also said that the water problem could be caused from a number of things and that there is a stain, not rust, in the

water.

The problem could be with the water softener or it could be a problem with the water heater needing cleaning, Hargrove said.

"Many of the students are complaining to me about the water and I try to explain to them about the problem. But the work on the pipes can not be done now with all of the students living here, so I am going to recommend high priority for work on the water problem this summer," Harr said.

Harr declined to comment on

whether he thought the water was unsanitary, but he did say that the problem was getting worse. He added that as far as he knows, no one has become ill from the water.

The city water department said the dorm water meets up to their standards and showed not to be a concern. However, they acknowledged that there is a water problem.

Rex Hopkins, director of the WTC physical plant, was unable to be contacted for comment at presstime.

Campus Briefs

Student Senate

The Student Senate is off to a new start this semester with nine new members.

New members include Jeff Fowler, Laura Nix, Bobby Mendez, Isabelle Pointeau, D'Anna Gonzales, Sheila Benson, Eddie Lopez, Jim Rainbolt and David Clendennen.

At the Feb. 11 meeting the senators discussed the Valentine's Dance, Homecoming events and heard committee reports.

Tutoring available

Last semester a number of students utilized the tutoring program to help with math, computer science, government and other courses.

"If you feel you are falling behind, not quite understanding your assignments, or made a low grade on your first quiz, contact the Counseling Office," Dan Osborne, counselor, said. "We will help you find a tutor in the course with which you are having difficulty."

Tutoring is free to all WTC students.

Spring enrollment

WTC spring enrollment figures were recently released. The college enrollment increased by 53 students from the fall semester.

The breakdown includes 1,016 in college credits, 19 vocational nursing and 24 cosmetology students. Also WTC has 29 out-of-state, 4 foreign students and 1,026 from within the state.

In contact hours there were 158,336 for program area and 54,896 from vocational-technical programs. These figures show improvement from the fall semester. Colleges dorms house 203 students.

Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, said the poor oil economy has already affected the school but the economy may force people back to school. He also commented that the enrollment is a reflection on the population in this area.

Financial aid

Students who have applied for financial aid may pick up the 1986-87 Pell packets in the financial aid office. After 1985 income tax forms are filed, students can send the Pell information in.

Sophomores are also advised to pick up their packet and apply for the college they will be attending.



LET'S EAT! — Students enjoy a lunch counter sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. Activities sponsored by two church-operated centers on campus will not be affected by a court ruling concerning the relationship between church and state. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

Future of religion classes in doubt

By Sandy Ross

A recent opinion issued by State Attorney General Jim Maddox has cast doubt on the future of some religion classes offered at Texas colleges and universities.

In the past, Western Texas College has offered extra credit courses in religion, which have been funded by area churches. According to Dr. Harry Krenek, acting chief officer at WTC, on September 6, 1985, in Opinion JM-352, the Attorney General stated: "A system whereby university faculty members are either nominated or salaried by religious organizations involves the type of intimate continuing relationship between government and religion which is prohibited by the Establishment Clause."

However, in a letter dated December 13, 1985, to Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner of the Coordinating Board of Texas College and University Systems, Mr. Maddox stated, "...I remain convinced that we should explore the possibility that, within certain objective guidelines to preserve the separation of church and state, 'Bible Chair' programs

may continue to offer religion courses to state college and university students."

In a series of consultations between the Attorney General's office and the Coordinating Board, which will take place over the next few months, it is hoped that a program can be worked out that will fit the legal criteria necessary to resume this program.

In the past, the Baptist Student Center, which is sponsored by the Baptist churches of Scurry and Mitchell counties, and the Christian Student Center, sponsored by East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, have offered religious classes as electives for extra credit at Western Texas College. These classes were canceled this semester; however, the status of these classes for next semester is still uncertain.

According to Lynn Pryor, Director of the Baptist Student Center, other than the cancellation of the classes, this ruling "won't effect us that much." They will continue all the other programs offered by the Baptist Student Center.

Proposed budgets' reductions may cut student financial aid

By Richard Knox

Western Texas College and colleges around the country are not sure about the full affect of the Gramm-Rudman Amendment, which takes effect March 1, 1986.

Under the law, which requires the government to balance the federal budget by the start of the next decade, federal college funding will be cut by 4.3 percent, according to one report from the College Press Service. This results in a \$244 million loss this spring and further cuts up to 50 percent in August.

According to Dr. Jim Tully, director of student financial aid, Western Texas College will not be significantly affected during the 1986-87 fiscal year. He said if a change has occurred due to the Gramm-Rudman cuts for next year, he has not been notified or seen any concrete evidence as yet.

Tully added WTC has received a tentative financial aid award for the 86-87 fiscal year of \$49,218 in college work study, \$8,746 in supplemental education opportunity grants and \$5,247 in supplemental education opportunity grants continuing.

These are the same amounts awarded last year, Tully noted.

Joe L. McCormick, Executive Director of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, said the Gramm-

Rudman Amendment will not prevent Texans from securing Guaranteed Student Loans (GLS's) to help meet college costs.

Until at least October, it will make such loans more expensive for the students who need them while slightly decreasing the yields for financial institutions that make them, McCormick noted.

The cost of a GSL loan will rise to about \$12 per student based on the average Texas GSL loan, McCormick said.

Currently, Gramm-Rudman is only scheduled to affect GSL's made from March 1 to September 30, 1986. However, if the federal deficit exceeds \$144 billion in fiscal 1987, and if the Supreme Court rules future Gramm-Rudman cutbacks constitutional, the Amendment's student loan provisions will be extended until October 1987.

McCormick said he expects the future of Gramm-Rudman and its impact on GSL's to be clarified by September 1986.

Arnolds Mitchum, director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, contends that the cuts will "accelerate the trends of declining black and Hispanic participation in postsecondary education."

Some community colleges

think the cuts might actually help them. "Students at other schools may come to us," speculates Erling Hjortedal, director of financial aid at Spokane Falls Community College.

"With us, their grant money will go further," notes Myer Titus, president of Denver Community College.

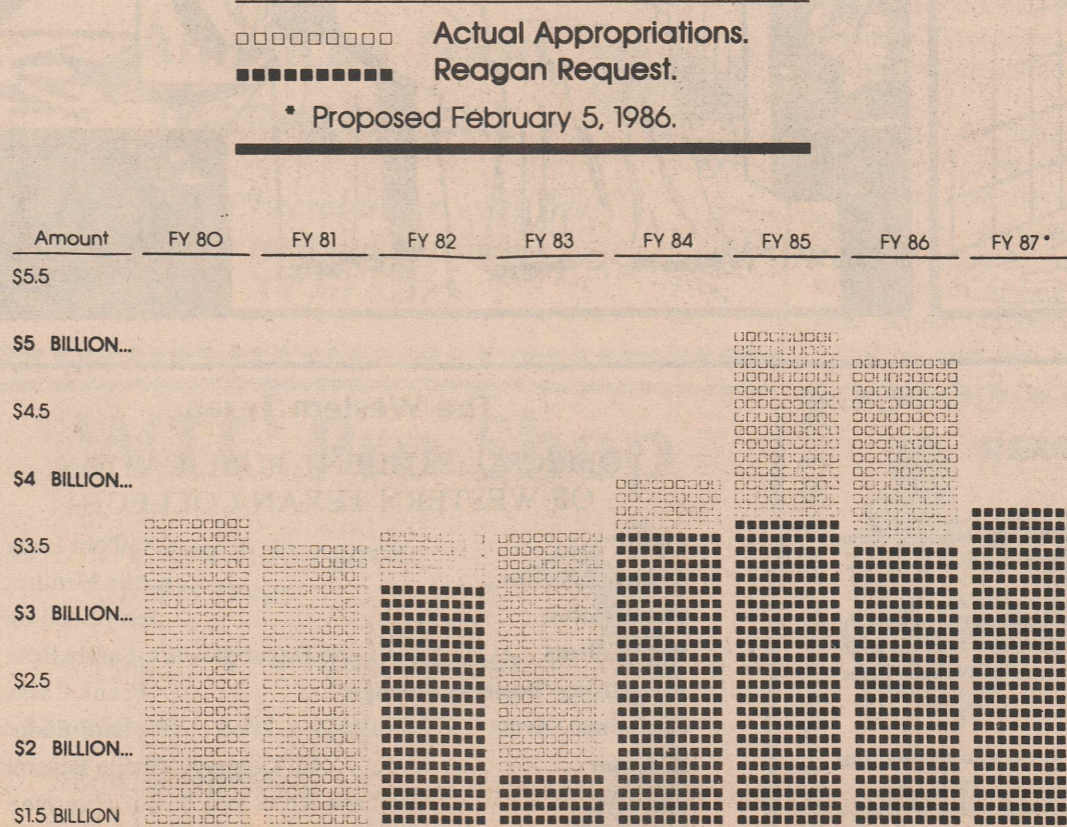
The budget proposals submitted by President Reagan make much deeper cuts into educational programs. According to Charles B. Saunders Jr., vice-president for Governmental Relations of the American Council on Education, "President Reagan's budget for higher education would impose major reductions on student aid programs with a 'triple whammy'."

Saunders said the largest cuts would be in several areas. First, changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program threaten the collapse of the entire program, which accounts for 62 percent of total federal financial assistance.

Second, over one million students would be dropped from eligibility for other programs, including Pell Grants, already appropriated for fiscal year 1986.

Third, restrictions of Pell Grant eligibility would, in fiscal year 1987-88, further reduce aid to almost one million more students.

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CORRECTIONS

The Western Texan staff regrets the omission of Dalila Carrasco, of Big Lake, from the Dean's List and the misprint of Kathy Roberts name.

We apologize for these errors and regret any inconvenience they may have caused.

Perspectives

Editorial

U.S. involvement needed in election

Ferdinand E. Marcos is president of the Philippines for another six years after winning an election over challenger Corazon Aquino that many Americans say was tainted by fraud.

The proclamation was given by the National Assembly, which is controlled by Marcos and conducts the only official vote count.

Marcos, who has ruled the nation for 20 years, called a special election following increasing demands from the United States to make reforms. He said the vote would prove that he still had the support of his people.

Challenger Aquino is the one who appeared to have the support of the people, therefore, the credibility of this election must be questioned.

During the reign of Marcos there has been a lot of turmoil within the country. Guerrilla groups have risen up against Marcos. Children of 15 or 16 years old have taken up arms. Freedom of religion has been threatened as religious leaders who have spoken out against Marcos have been executed.

The United States government should step in and encourage the Filipinos to come together and bring stability to this troubled country. One way the U.S. can help is by implementing sanctions. Then maybe President Marcos will either step down or hold a fair election.



President MARCOS



Presidential Candidate CORAZON AQUINO



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Texas' birthday celebration encouraged

To many of us our birthdays are just another day. Ask any woman how old she is on her birthday and she will tell you she is 39 and holding. She must be really holding on because she has told you that same answer for five years.

There is one lady who has made her birthday public, Texas. Texas is celebrating her 150th birthday. She kicked off her birthday with a float at the Dallas "Cotton Bowl Parade." Special flags have been hung statewide honoring the Sesquicentennial.

I guess the most spectacular event is the year-long wagon train, that has already started on its journey through Texas. It was very interesting to see what the 80's pioneers packed on their wagons. Some carried small butane tanks, electric generators and even televisions.

I'll bet the pioneers of yesteryear wished that they could have curled up to a warm butane fire and watched "Dynasty". Instead they curled up with a "friendly" rattlesnake and listened to the coyotes yelp.

Texas has had a very interesting history. From Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie defending the Alamo to H. Ross Perot and Mark White creating the most "popular" House Bill 72. Speaking of Mark White, he, too has gotten into the spotlight with his commercial on the sesquicentennial you all have "enjoyed", even some Texas teachers I bet.

I am looking forward to seeing the wagon train when it passes through this area. I wish more would get excited about this historical event. We ought to be

honored to live in this great state.

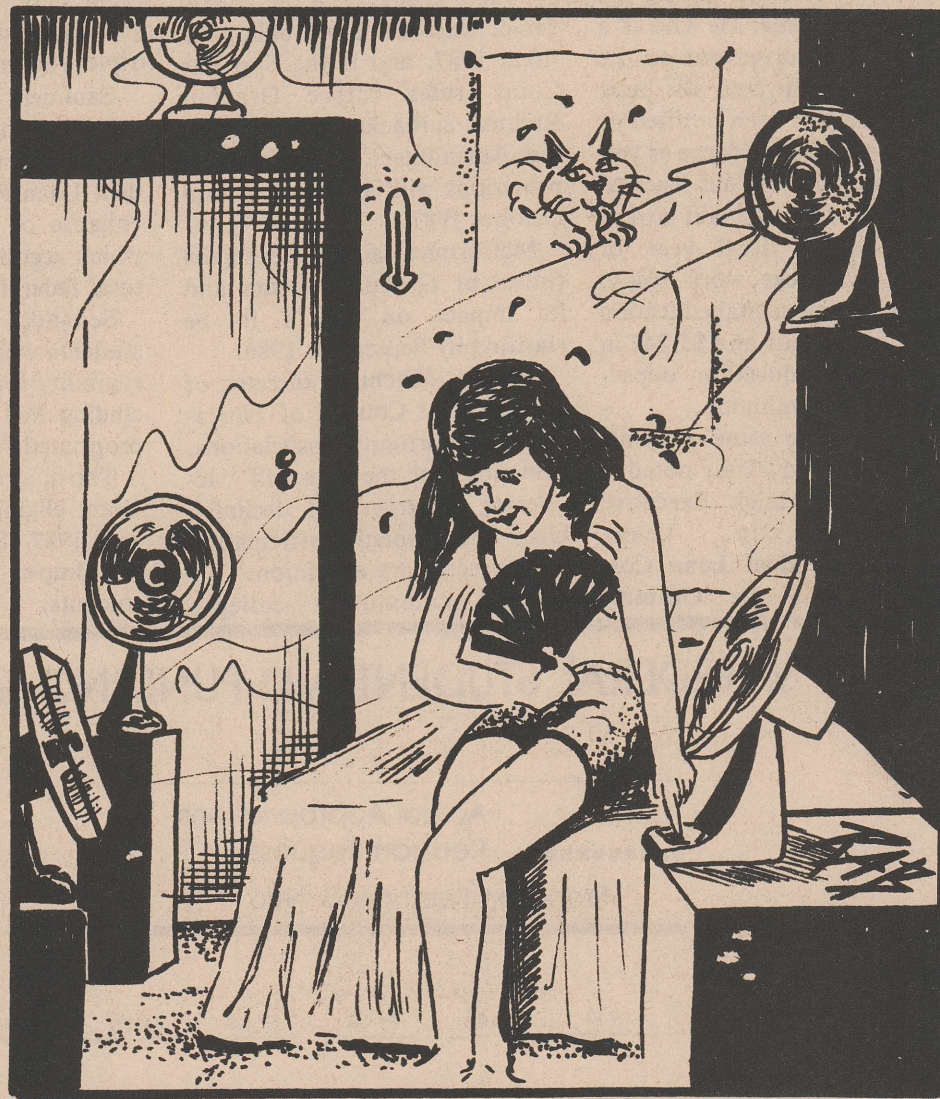
As John R. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." To rephrase his great words, ask not what your state can do for you, but what you can do for your state.

For starters we can go out and take part in the birthday celebration that Texas deserves.

Editor's note: Local sesquicentennial events include a sesquicentennial dedication ceremony March 2 at the Snyder square bandstand.

This space is reserved for your letter to the editor. Why haven't you sent it in?

DORM LIFE • IF IT'S NOT ONE THING IT'S ANOTHER



Off Beat

Kathy Hendrix

Complaints yield results on cafeteria selection

Is our food here really as bad as everyone thinks? Now, I know that it is nothing like mommy's cooking, but does it compare to other colleges?

I think it is a tradition for students that eat at the "dreaded cafeteria" to feel they have to gripe, because everyone gripes about the food.

I am not trying to say that the food is great or maybe even good, but some of it is. Of course, some is not so good and what you may like, someone else may hate or vice versa. But, if you think back to being at home, did your mother always make things you liked? I didn't think so.

I have eaten at the cafeteria at Howard College before and even before we got to the school everyone was griping about the food. I went in consciously thinking that it was going to taste like

dog food, but after I had tasted it, it really was not all that bad.

Heaven forbid, though, I would not risk my life telling anyone else it tasted okay.

"The food at Tech is much better than it is here," Kelly Mosely, sophomore from Seagreaves, said. "At South Plains when they have steak night, it is really steak."

If you have any comments or suggestions about the food you can tell either a person on the food committee or there is a comment board hanging right below the clock in the student center. If you write a comment down, the cafeteria manager has to reply to you in at least 24 hours from posting time.

If you are not satisfied with the way the food tastes, looks or smells, just don't sit there and gripe about it. Do something or it will never change.

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IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THIS MAFIA BOSS DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES...

On Campus

Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony held

By Sandy Ross

Induction of new members into Phi Theta Kappa was held Feb. 9 in the Fine Arts Theater.

Ceremonies were conducted by Robyn Turner, president; Sarah Miller, vice-president; Kathy Rhodes, secretary; Terry Hunter, reporter and Deana Phillips, historian.

The guest speaker was Danny Hunter, national president of PTK and candidate for 78th District State Representative.

A slide show was presented by

the chapter officers showing highlights of PTK activities.

Inductees for the fall semester were Debby Cawthron, Belinda Clayton, Robert Elliot, Phyllis Haley, Darren Jackson, David Martinez, Isabella Pointeau, Loyd Sands and Alfreda Shepard of Snyder.

Other fall inductees include Larry Hamilton and Robin Pace of Colorado City; Helen Alvarez of Loraine; Judith Nelson of Sweetwater; Ty Rickman of Brady; Danny Schwertner of

Lubbock and Linda Shrum of Seminole.

Those inducted for the spring semester from Snyder are Dedra Crawford, Tracey Davis, Mary Ezell, Virgil Fenisod, Shellie Ford, Richard Garcia, Trissa Green, Kathy Greer, Wendy Lunsford, Denise Merritt, Michael Ray Rodriguez, Susan Tully, Phyllis Whitfill and Kevin Boyd.

More inductees are Rosa Nell Richburg, Dottie Shifflett and Juanita Villa from Sweetwater;

Heath Blassingame, Teresa Browne, Christy Dockery and Sandy Ross of Colorado City; Phillip Carter and Barry Ezra of Ira; Rebecca Alsop and Dana Collins of Hermleigh; Kelley Moseley and Terry McKenzie of Seagraves and Paul Sorrells and Tammy Sorrells of Old Glory.

Others include Charles Alderman of Girard; Anita Bradford, Spur; Dalila Carrasco, Big Lake; Carrie Daniel of Loraine; Todd Danley of Mesilla Park, N.M.; Janyne Gravel of Slaton; Ken

Livingston of Seminole; Joel Marr, Tularosa, N.M.; Michael McCravey of Midland; Bobby Mendez of Lubbock; Stephanie Payne of Hamlin; Stephanie Reed of McCauley; Clayton Sorrells of Rule; Carmen Thielen of Port Lavaca; Emily Thornhill of Haskell; Tonya Tompkins of Big Spring, Ellen Walker of Roby and Ben Reynolds of Hudson Falls, NY.

PTK is the scholastic society of American Junior Colleges. In order to be eligible, students must

achieve a semester scholastic average of at least 3.2

On Feb. 8 a group from WTC attended the District IV meeting at Howard College in Big Spring. The honors topic, "Ethics and Today's Media", was discussed.

Captain Ressler, an Army ROTC representative, spoke to the chapter concerning scholarship opportunities on Jan. 30.

Members are currently working on the yearbook for competition at the state convention in El Paso, Feb. 20-23.



INITIATION — Tom Long, of Aspermont, new editor of the Western Texan briefs new staffers on deadline operations of the paper. From left, Shelia Benson of Plainview, Sandy Ross of Colorado City, Long, Robin Huntsman of Snyder, and Richard Knox of Sweetwater. —Photo by Jerry Snelling

New editor named

By Richard Knox

Freshman Tom Long of Aspermont has been named editor of The Western Texan for the spring semester. Long served as page editor last semester.

"I am excited about my new position and look forward to putting out a great newspaper for WTC students," Long said.

He is a business major with plans to attend Angelo State. Long feels that being editor and working under deadlines pressures will benefit him in the future.

Four other staffers were added to the Texan roster. Sandy Ross, freshman, serves as page editor and reporter. Ross is originally from Arizona, but currently lives in Colorado City. She is majoring in special education and plans to either teach preschool or operate a child care business.

Shelia Benson joins the staff as a reporter and photographer. She

writes the "What do you think?" people poll.

Benson is a freshman history major from Plainview. She enjoys writing and meeting people.

Jeanne Richardson of Snyder is a photographer who is interested in western photography themes. She holds a MS degree in ranching management from Texas A & M University. Richardson enjoys reading literature and is currently writing a book on ranching.

Physical education major Robin Huntsman of Snyder serves as reporter. She said she hopes to improve her writing skills. Her goals include being the greatest volleyball coach and attending West Texas State University.

Reporter Richard Knox of Sweetwater is a psychology major who says he enjoys being given a chance to improve his writing capabilities.

What do you think?

Do you think you are prepared enough to face the job market after leaving WTC?

By Shelia Benson



"I am better prepared now than when I graduated from high school. After I finish my major, I will be more prepared to face the job market."

Ed Teal Abernathy, Tx.



"Yes, I feel that I am ready to face the job market, but I am going to continue my education."

Barry Fletcher San Angelo, Tx.



"I think I am prepared because I have my high school diploma and I will receive my Associates degree from here in May."

Mark Cano Tucumcari, N.M.



"I have changed my major to undecided, so right now I'm uncertain about the job market."

Charlotte Carter Anson, Tx.



"I feel that I am better prepared after my education here at WTC, but I feel that in two more years of college, I'll be even more prepared."

Danny Schwertner Lubbock, Tx.



"I feel like I am sorta ready, but I also feel the need to further my education to help me in the future."

Diana Quincy Ralls, Tx.



TRIALHAND CELEBRATIES — Ann Dudley of Sweetwater escorted by Danny Schwertner of Lubbock.

—Photo by Tammy Ritchey

Couple honored

By Shelia Benson

Winners of the Mr. and Miss Trailhand were named during the Valentine's Dance Feb. 11. Ann Dudley of Sweetwater and Danny Schwertner of Lubbock won the honors.

Dudley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Smith. Her honors in high school included Presidential academic award, Youth Optimist award and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Dudley said her hobbies are

swimming, fishing, skiing, camping, hunting, art and reading.

Schwertner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Schwertner. At WTC he is involved in Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Senate and is a dorm RA and tutor.

His hobbies are playing baseball and studying.

Other nominees were Mistri Davis, Thad Springer, Wendy Lunsford, Keith Hudson, Denise Merritt, Terry Hunter, Brenda Welch, and Freddie Villa

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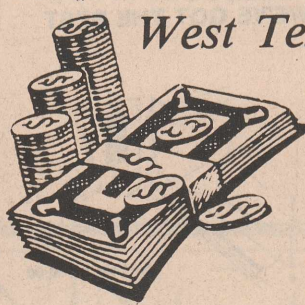
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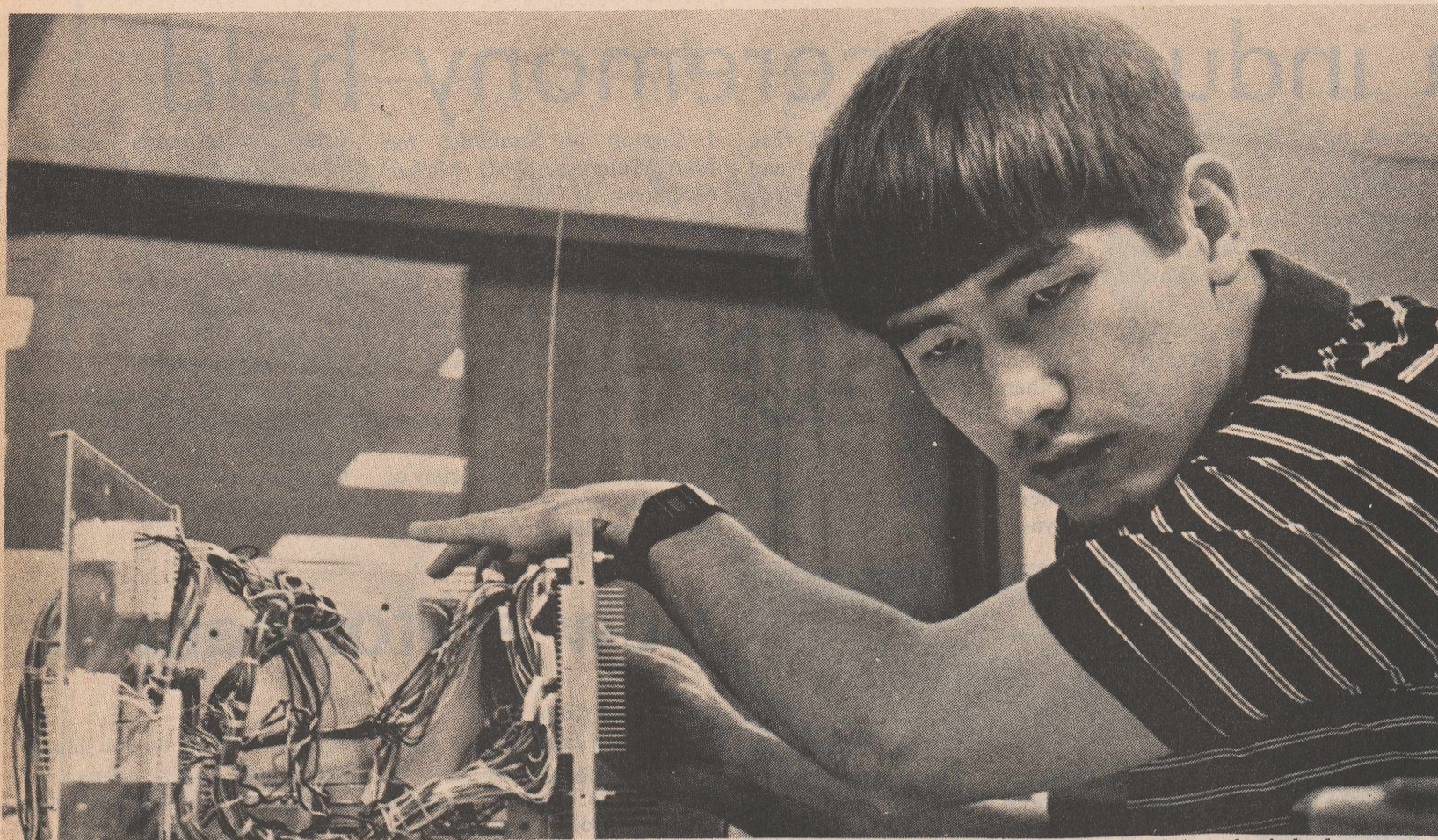


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News



THE INSTRUCTIONS SAY WHAT? — Jerry Byrd of Snyder reads the instruction manual for construction of the robot's body. —Photo by Jeanne Richardson

'Hero I' debuts soon

By Tom Long

In about two weeks the Western Texas College robotics department will introduce Hero I to the campus. What is that? Basically, it is an intelligent robot that is being built by WTC students.

Bill Sutton, instructor of robotics, said there has not been any real problems in constructing the robot, but some could possibly occur when Hero I is out on his first test drive.

Three students are bringing Hero I to life. Jay Ingram of Coahoma is building the arms, Jerry Byrd of Snyder is in charge of his main body and Dana Collins of Sweetwater is constructing his head, the remote control and

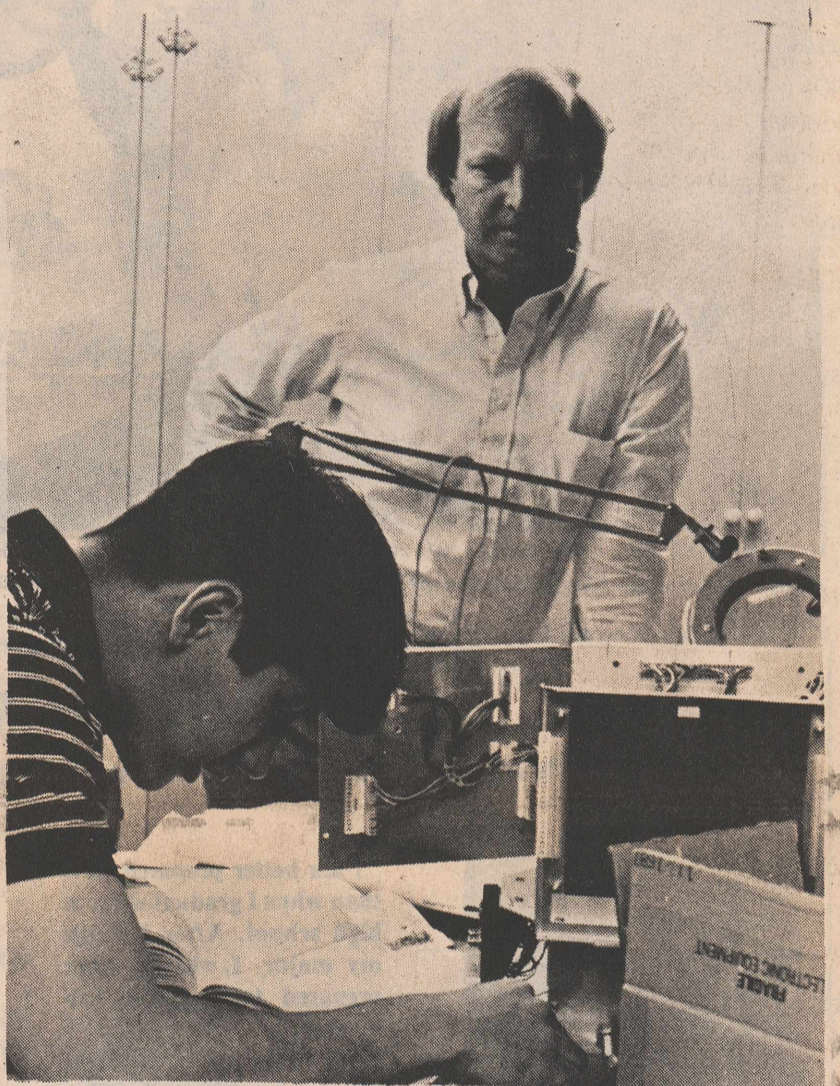
his voice.

The students seemed in agreement that the connector and circuit board is the hardest piece to put together.

WTC could be the only junior/community college with a project like this except for Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. Sutton believes this activity will be very beneficial for those students who take part.

Robotics is a very new area in technology and students start from the ground up in their learning process, he said.

The first words from Hero I will be "ready". Get ready to see him when he takes his first journey across the campus.



WE'RE PROFESSIONALS — Jerry Byrd left of Snyder and Jay Ingram of Coahoma put Hero I's insides together. —Photo by Jeanne Richardson

Trustees retire bond debt

By Tom Long

During the annual Board of Trustees meeting of Western Texas College, the board retired the college's \$3.2 million debt. This is just one of two bonds bought in 1970. The college lacks two more payments to have the other one paid off by January 1988.

The firm of Anderson and West, CPA, was approved to conduct the 1986 audit, having

submitted the lowest bid.

Other actions of the trustees included accepting a bid of \$3,095 from Texas School Services Foundation for liability insurance, a bid of \$34,850 from Bridges-Hemphill Enterprises, Inc. for a 21-passenger bus and a bid from Fisher Scientific of Plano for an autoclave at \$2,298. The autoclave will be used in micro-biology to sterilize supplies and destroy bacteria grown in the lab.

The trustees also approved a request by Rodeo Coach Bob Doty for the WTC Rodeo Club and Booster Club to sponsor an AJRA rodeo in Snyder, April 24-26.

The small classroom report given by Bettie McQueen, Director of Occupational Education, was also approved.

Dr. Harry Krenek, acting chief officer, informed the board that enrollment was 1,059 for the spring semester. According to

Krenk agriculture, word processing, welding, auto and diesel mechanic and criminal justice programs had increased in enrollment

Krenk said some departments had declined in enrollment. These included P.E., journalism, music, real estate, computer science and petroleum technology.

Golf and landscape technology is the college's best vocational programs to date Krenek said.

Twenty four students make president's list

Twenty four WTC students have been named to the President's List for the 1985 fall semester.

The President's List is composed of students who have a grade point average of 4.0 (A), the highest which can be attained,

while carrying at least 15 semester hours of courses.

Students on the list include Cheri Johnson of Alliance, Neb.; Tonya Lou Tompkins of Big Spring; Rebecca Ann Shuler of Clyde; Christy Dockery and Billy Jackson of Colorado City; Tammy Jo Miller of Fluvanna; Cam

Haden Stone of Gail; Rebecca Ann Alsop of Hermleigh; Ben Reynolds of Hudson Falls, N.Y.; and Todd Danley of Mesilla Park, N.M.

Others are Nicole Moist of Star, Idaho; Judith Sue Nelson of Sweetwater; Joel Marr of Tularosa, N.M.; Paul Smith of

Van Horn and Paul Schwertner of Wilson.

Snyder students listed are Jerry Don Byrd, Hermilo Castillo, Michele Bee-Leng Chiang, Belinda Ann Clayton, Dedra Kay Crawford, Trissa Green, Tony Hecksher, Carl Hodges and Randall Kimbler.

Counselor's Corner

Dan Osborne

Social service jobs limited

There are many vocations that involve working with people—sales, public relations, health occupations, teachers, etc. But those who want to help people with their personal problems usually turn to careers in psychology, sociology and social work.

These careers typically start with a bachelor of arts degree, but more and more graduates are finding they need master's or doctorate level training to enter the more fulfilling, higher paying positions.

At the bachelor's level, average starting salaries are around \$16,000 annually. The BA would provide opportunities in state schools, state hospitals, correc-

tional facilities, social work positions, children's homes and other programs.

The job market is very competitive right now for bachelor's degrees in psychology, sociology and social work, with over 1/3 of the graduates nationwide having to settle for work not related to their major. Governmental budget cuts in recent years have also limited the number of job openings.

With a master's degree, one moves into the \$20-30,000 salary level, working treatment centers, veterans' hospitals, MHMR facilities, rehabilitation casework, as well as teaching in community junior colleges.

Most opportunities exist,

however, for persons with doctoral degrees. These individuals can earn \$30-40,000 for work in hospitals, schools, prisons and in private practice.

Be knowledgeable about the job market for your particular career interest. You can determine the number of job openings your field is projected to have for the next few years as well as the average salary you can expect. For more information, check with the counseling center or your advisor.

Related occupations in the helping fields that are not so competitive are occupational and physical therapy, dentistry, special education teachers and speech pathologists.

WTC teachers attend Austin confab

By Robin Huntsman

Twenty WTC teachers traveled to Austin last week to attend the Texas Junior College Teachers Association. New association officers were elected and teachers attended meetings in their own teaching areas.

John Forshee, Assistant Professor of Government, was one of the candidates for President, but he lost to Mary Parker of Austin Community College.

Forshee was disappointed that he lost, but he said he will possibly run again. Forshee said

he would work hard to serve the two-year college educators.

Forshee said Mrs. Parker will make a very effective President, and the Texas Junior College Association will continue to be the only professional organization representing educators in a two year college. He appreciates the encouragement, support and hard work he received from the WTC faculty.

Marilyn Lancaster, Assistant Professor of English, attended this convention last Friday. She said the convention was well-organized. The TJCTA is a very

professional organization that helps teachers by sharing viewpoints with other English teachers.

Jim Palmer, Professor of History, said he enjoyed the speakers, who talked about issues important to community colleges

The three keynote speakers were John Henry Faulk, humorist and folklorist, Larry E. Temple, Austin attorney and chairman of the Select Committee on Higher Education, and Christine Sommers, assistant professor of philosophy at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

Texas Trivia

State Flower--The state flower of Texas is the bluebonnet and was adopted by the request of the Society of Colonial Dames of Texas.

State Tree--The pecan tree is the state tree of Texas. This probably resulted in the request of Governor James Stephen Hogg to have one planted on his grave.

Scurry County--Scurry County was created from Bexar, 1876. It was organized in 1884 and was named for Confederate General W.R. Scurry. Scurry County leads the nation in oil production

Lone Star Flag--Blue field with a single white star and a red and white stripe. It was adopted Jan. 25, 1839.

Texas Flag Pledge--"Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one and individual."

Six Flags Over Texas

- Spanish 1519-1685
- French 1685-1690
- Spanish 1690-1821
- Mexican 1821-1836
- Republic of Texas 1836-1845
- United States 1845-1861
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- United States 1865 to present

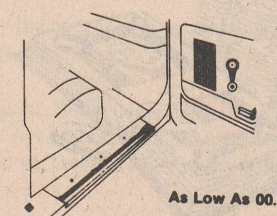
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Shaping Up

Lee Burke

Snoring, loud noises may increase blood pressure

The vast majority of people who are significantly overweight do not have any underlying serious glandular problem that needs to be treated medically.

When obese people state that they don't eat more than anyone else, they are telling the truth.

Skipping meals to diet is actually counterproductive since it stimulates the body to store away more calories at the time of the

next meal.

People who use walking canes should opt for the pistol grip or bicycle handle type over the C-shaped handle. Repeated pressure damages the nerve to the little finger on the grip hand with the C-shape handle.

Exercise does not increase obese people's appetite.

Regular, frequent marijuana smoking damages the large

breathing tubes to the lungs and causes acute and chronic bronchitis.

One Finnish study shows that people who snore heavily are much more likely to have high blood pressure or angina than silent sleepers.

A Swedish study shows that subjects exposed for 10 minutes to extremely loud noise showed acute increases in their diastolic

blood pressures. (Now I understand my irritation to my daughter's "blaster" early in the morning.)

Most of our time is spent in a sitting position and, therefore, we tend to develop generalized tightness of certain muscle groups such as the hamstrings, hip flexors, lowback, and calf muscles." Solution: Stretching Exercises.



Fate of athletic college coaches to rest with court decision

by Jim Schwartz

Hanover, N.H. (CPS) -- While the National Collegiate Athletic Association held what it billed as a major sports reform convention in New Orleans recently, the most immediate change in college sports may come from a court decision due here soon.

If he wins his suit to remain on the field as Dartmouth's head football coach, Joseph Yukica could end up slowing the revolving door for college coaches nationwide, some sources say.

Yukica argues his contract obligates Dartmouth to keep him on as head coach through 1986.

"All I am asking is that my contract be followed," Yukica contends.

Dartmouth, on the other hand, wants to hire a new coach to replace Yukica, whose teams had a 33-41-3 record over eight years.

The school is willing to pay Yukica's salary through 1987, but it doesn't want him coaching the football team.

"We find it hard to believe that the judge would require us to have a man in a position where the college doesn't want him," Dartmouth Athletic Director Ted Leland says.

Historically, he adds, "the remedy for getting out of personal services contracts is dollars."

"The college wants him off the field," Leland, who fired Yukica after his 2-7-1 1985 season, ex-

plains.

Schools, of course, traditionally push coaches off the field when their teams don't meet athletic directors' expectations. Twenty-one NCAA Division I schools fired head football coaches during or just after the 1985 season.

"There is a long history of turnover in college coaching," observes Vince Dooley, head of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Dooley says the average Division I coach keeps his or her job for four years.

Some observers think if Yukica wins the right to stay on the field for the life of his contract, colleges might find it harder to fire coaches, and will have to change

the way they word their contracts with coaches.

But Judge Walter Murphy of the Grafton (N.H.) County Superior Court does not agree.

The issues in the case are particular to Yukica's contract with Dartmouth, Murphy explains.

"No state law says that we are compelled to keep him. Specific performance is not an available remedy for alleged breach of a contract for personal services," Dartmouth lawyer Gary Clark argues.

Clark says a court decision in Yukica's favor could disrupt normal relationships between employers and employees.

"What would happen if divorce courts enforced the

clause in marriage contracts, 'Til death do us part?'" Clark wonders.

Yukica contends Dartmouth contracted to retain him as head football coach. Dartmouth says it simply agreed to employ and pay Yukica through 1987, but not in any specific position.

Many coaches' contracts, however, apparently are specifically for coaching.

"Every contract I know is for a particular position," the AFCA's Dooley says.

"If there is dissatisfaction, the two parties will sit down and negotiate," Dooley says. Usually a coach will agree to leave after negotiating a monetary settlement with the school.

Yukica also claims only the Athletic Council, not Leland, has the power to fire him.

Last December, Murphy, a former football coach himself, agreed that unless Dartmouth could prove Yukica knew firing authority had switched from the Athletic Council to the athletic director in 1981, the council would have to vote whether to retain the coach.

Dartmouth's Athletic Council, unable to prove it had told Yukica about the switch, voted 9-1 in late December to fire Yukica.

Murphy also said he soon will rule whether the school has to keep Yukica as head football coach.

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Sports

Game schedule given...

Five on five games run until March 6

By Ed Coppage

Five on five intramural competition started last week and runs through March 6.

After the regular season games are over, a single elimination tournament is scheduled. The times and dates of the tournament will be announced later.

The nine teams in the competition are Silver Bullets, Underdog, Cowboys, Ropers and Putters, Faculty Plus, Happy Campers, Hershey, Almond Joy and Golfers.

The schedules for following night games are:

Feb. 25

- 7:15 Faculty-vs-Almond Joy
- 7:55 Ropers&Putters-vs-Golfers
- 8:35 Cowboys-vs-Happy Campers
- 9:05 Ropers&Putters-vs-Hershey

Feb. 26

- 7:15 Happy Campers-vs-Golfers
- 7:55 Silver Bullets-vs-Hershey
- 8:35 Happy Campers-vs-Almond Joy
- 9:05 Cowboys-vs-Underdog

Feb. 27

- 5:15 Silver Bullets-vs-Faculty Plus
- 7:15 Silver Bullets-vs-Ropers&Putters
- 7:55 Golfers-vs-Almond Joy
- 8:35 Golfers-vs-Hershey

March 4

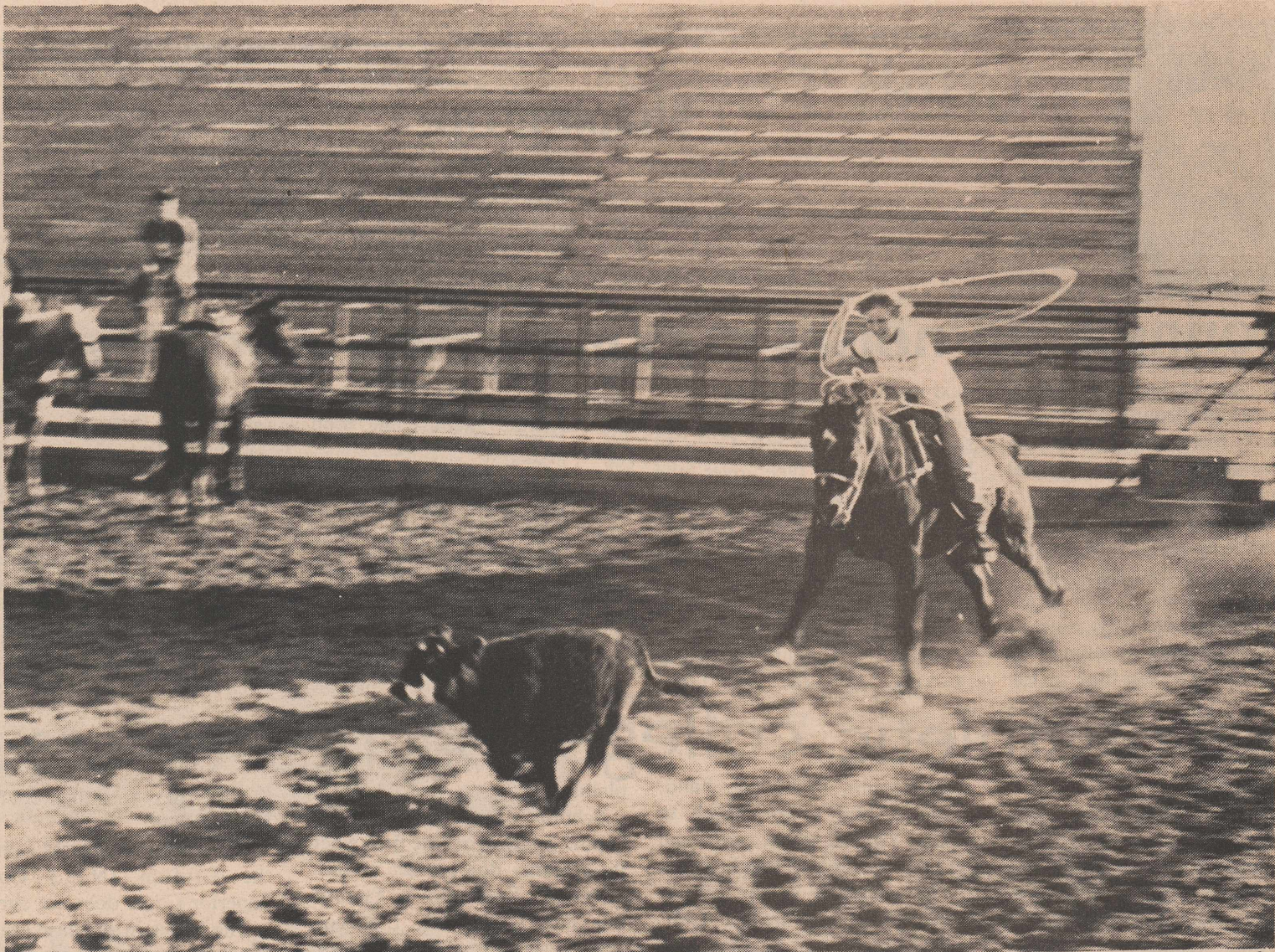
- 7:15 Faculty Plus-vs-Hershey
- 7:55 Ropers&Putters-vs-Almond Joy
- 8:35 Cowboys-vs-Golfers
- 9:05 Silver Bullets-vs-Happy Campers

March 5

- 7:15 Hershey-vs-Almond Joy
- 7:55 Underdog-vs-Golfers
- 8:35 Faculty Plus-vs-Cowboys
- 9:05 Silver Bullets-vs-Underdog

March 6

- 5:15 Faculty Plus vs Underdog



ROPE THAT DOGGIE! — Shelly Eldridge, of Capitan, New Mexico, practices her roping technique in anticipation of the college rodeo finals in April. —Photo by Jeanne Richardson



ELBOW JABBING OFFENSE — Undefeated Hershey's rally around their opponent. From left, Dennis Lee of Post, Keith Hudson of Paradise, Timmy Chunn of Jayton, and referee Terry Kennedy of Post. —Photo by Jeanne Richardson

Post season tourney nears; teams play for berth position

By Eddy Lopez

Although the Western Junior College Athletic Conference post season tourney is still two weeks away, four games should do a great deal in determining the pecking order when the three-day affair begins March 4-8 at Scurry County Coliseum.

WTC has home games tonight against Frank Phillips College

and Saturday against Clarendon. They travel to Midland to challenge the top-ranked Chaparrals Feb. 24 and end their regular season Feb. 27 playing South Plains at Snyder.

Coach Kelly Chadwick's Dusters, 7-2 in the conference, are tied for second place with South Plains College.

Tonight they face Frank Phillips College and host the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs in a make-up game Saturday here. They will challenge SPC March 27 at Levelland. The Dusters ran over New Mexico Junior College, 70-53, Feb. 13.



Sports Spotlight

Dave Stewart

All-Star weekend performance highlights NBA's superb talents

All-Star weekend was fun; 5-7 Spud Webb outdunked teammate Dominique Wilkins to capture the slam dunk championship and an arrogant Larry Bird lived up to his word and won the three-point shooting contest.

The All-Star game itself was one of the best in recent years, showcasing the talents of the NBA's best. Isiah Thomas scored 30 points to lead the East to a 139-132 victory over the West. Webb and the 6-1 Thomas showed that the small guys still have a chance to shine among the giants of the NBA.

But now All-Star weekend is over and things are getting serious around the league. Barring major injury it looks like the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers are headed

toward another meeting in the NBA Championship Series. The Celtics and Lakers are winning at a record pace and lately the Philadelphia 76ers have been winning big. Chances are if you only follow the NBA on CBS, the Celtics, Lakers, and Sixers are the only teams you know anything about. However, there are some darkhorses out there that may be ready to make a run at the NBA title. Following is a look at some of these other teams.

In the East, the Milwaukee Bucks continue to pile up victories. Former WTC star Paul Pressey is a member of these Central division leaders. The Atlanta Hawks are another team that has been on a roll lately and cannot be overlooked. The Detroit

Pistons, led by Isiah Thomas, have the talent and may finally be putting it together.

Out West, Ralph Sampson, Akeem Olajuwon, and the Houston Rockets should give the Lakers all they can handle if they meet in the playoffs, unless Olajuwon's injury is very serious. If the Rockets falter, the Denver Nuggets, Portland Trailblazers, and the Dallas Mavericks are waiting in the wings.

One player who deserved to be in the All-Star game but wasn't is Purvis Short of the Golden State Warriors. He is the NBA's fourth leading scorer and about the only thing Warrior fans have to brag about.

The playoffs should be exciting and the Celtics and Lakers better not get too confident just yet.

Westerners play in Florida

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Western Texas College has accepted an invitation to play in the first annual Intercollegiate Golf Match Championship next February, sponsored by The University of West Florida, in cooperation with the Scenic Hills Country Club of Pensacola.

In addition to Western Texas College's golf team, coached by Dave Foster, 10 junior college teams from Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and Texas as well as the University of Southern Mississippi and UWF will compete for trophies and three medalist trophies Feb. 20-23.

"The UWF athletic department—and especially golf

coach Jake Johnson—are proud to host this championship," said Dr. Joe Ellenburg, athletic director at UWF. "It is our hope that this Championship will be the first of what will become an integral part of our golf program for many years to come," Ellenburg added.

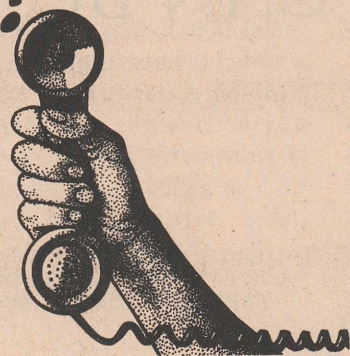
Invited teams included Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Alexander City State Junior College, McLennan Community College, Odessa College, Paris Junior College, Palm Beach Junior College, San Jacinto College North, Shelby State Community College, Wallace State Community College, Western Texas College and USM.

"The golf course at Scenic Hills Country Club is very severe to the average player's game," Johnson said. "The course is great and is a very good test of golf."

The Championships will employ a sophisticated format of scoring, which as far as Johnson and officials at the PGA have been able to determine, "this type of format is the first ever."

James Ray Carpenter, executive director of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and Vince Whibbs, mayor of Pensacola, have accepted invitations to be on hand for a media social to precede the Championship.

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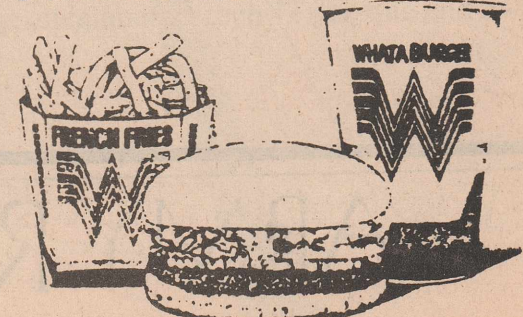


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