

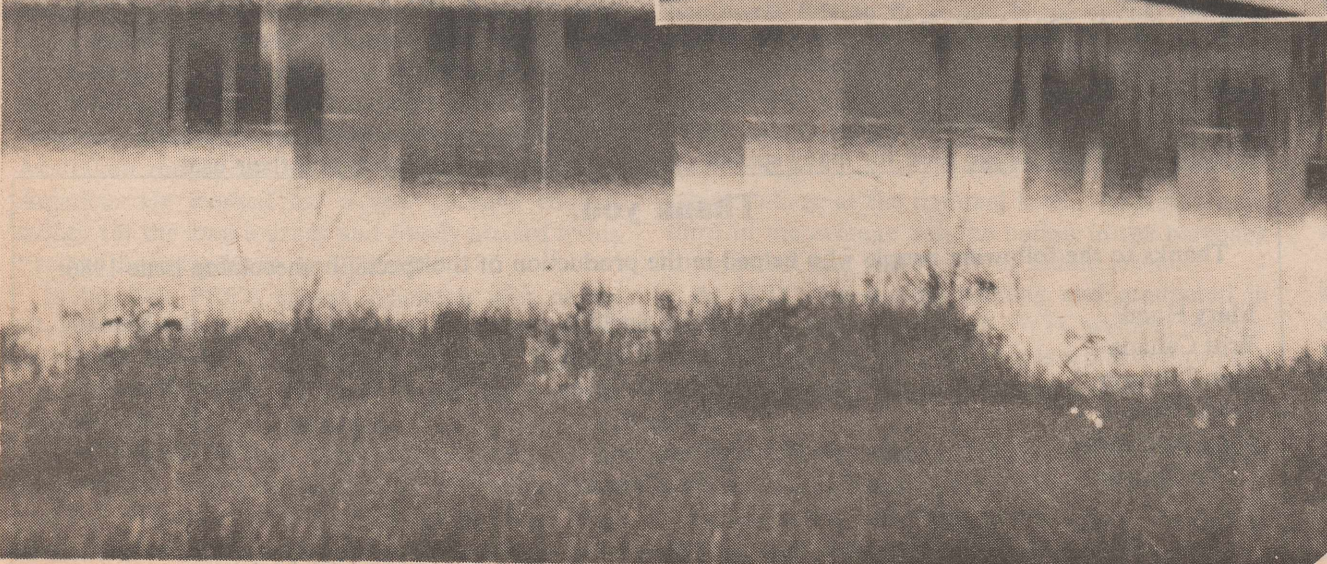
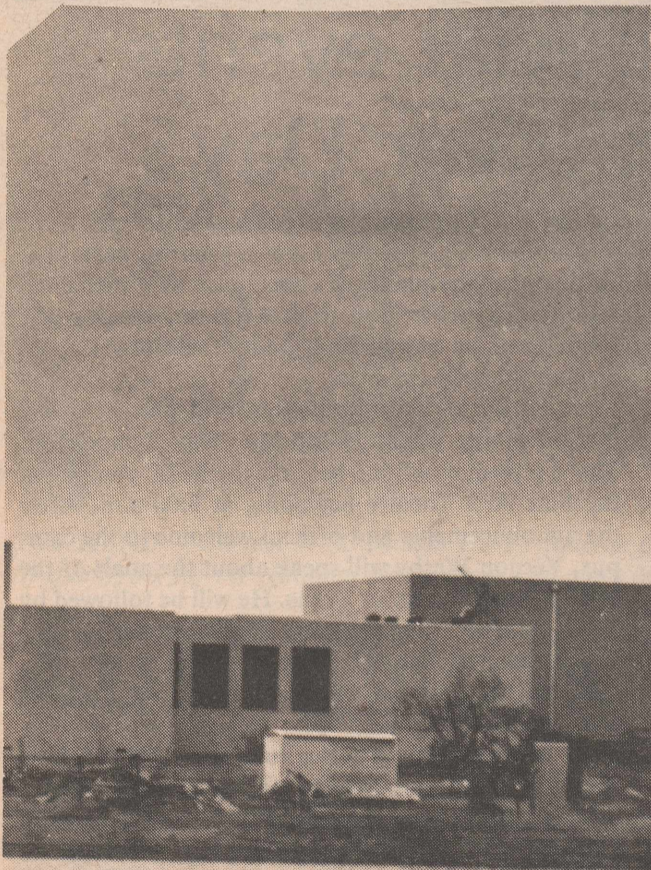
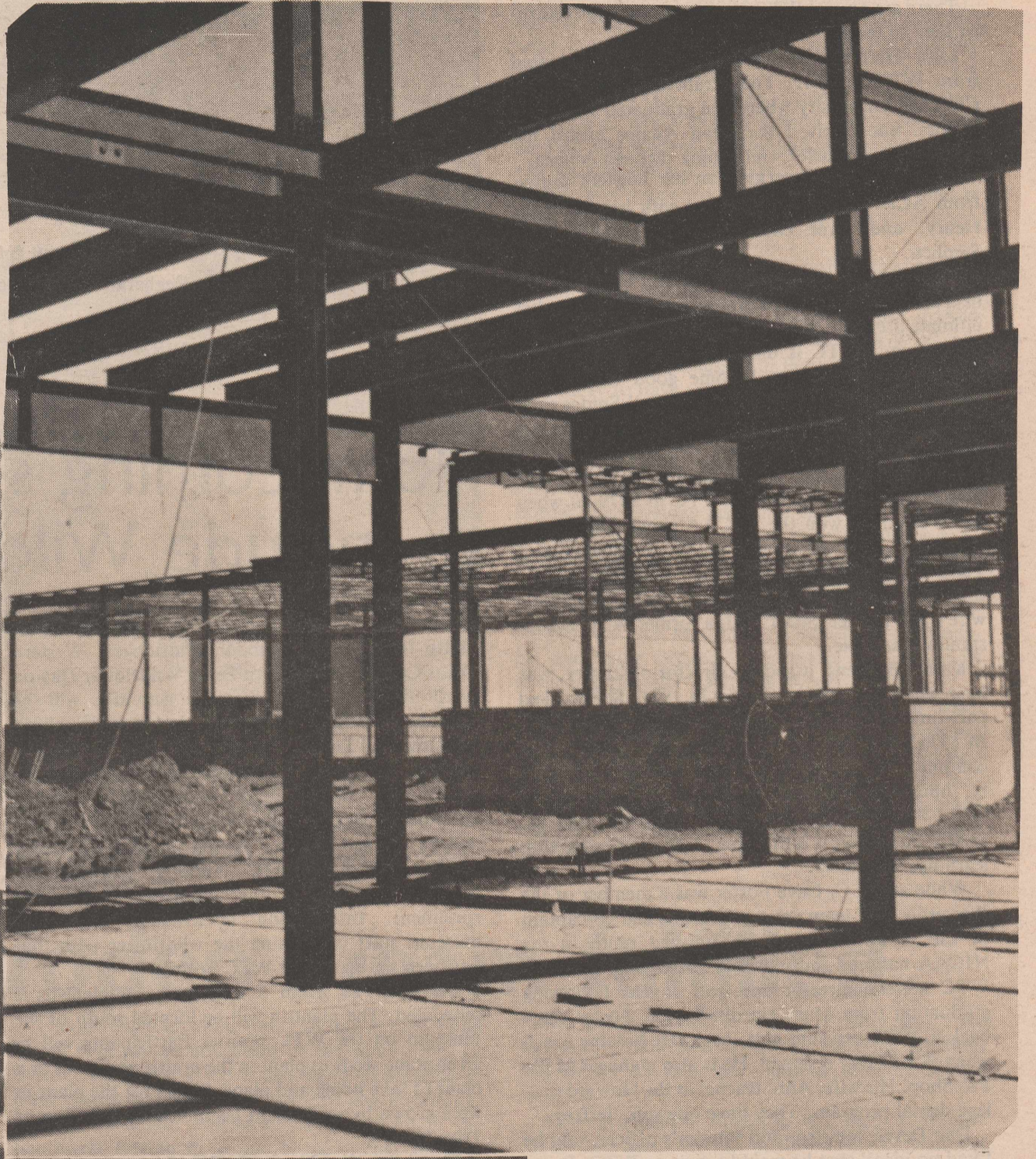
Through the Years

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Homecoming

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WTC grads join faculty

By Tom Long

There are several WTC graduates that have returned here to teach.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, graduated from WTC in 1981. Then transferred to Abilene Christian University where she graduated with high honors. She received the Dean Adams award for overcoming obstacles while going through college.

Currently, she is working on her masters degree from ACU. She lives in Roscoe with her husband, Henry, and three children Emily, Marcus and Stephen.

Another graduate is JoAnn Snider, office careers instructor. She said returning to WTC was her ultimate dream. It took five years to make this dream come true. "WTC is unique because it allows the teacher and student to become good friends and share in each others accomplishments," Snider said.

Basketball coach Phil Spradling returned to his home court in 1983. He was first assistant men's coach under Barry Davis. Spradling played for Coach Nolan Richardson at WTC in 1979-80 when the Westerners won the NJCAA championship for the second time. He transferred to the University of Tulsa to play for Richardson there and helped Tulsa take the NIT championship for 1981. Spradling's wife is the former, Shari Teal, a former WTC Duster standout and exe.

Kathy Stephens, associate director of library, was here when the college opened in 1971. She worked part-time in the library while attending school here. In 1974 she graduated from WTC with honors. She continued her education at Texas Women's University, obtaining both her bachelors and masters by 1978. Stephens said she got an excellent start at WTC. Education is a life time thing--you never stop learning, she added.

While at WTC, Dave Foster was a member of the Westerner golf team for two seasons and co-captain of the 1976-77 team which finished ninth in the NJCAA national tournament. Foster now serves as WTC athletic director and golf coach. Following graduation from Mary Hardin-Baylor, Foster came back to WTC assistant golf coach. He became coach when Bob O'Day resigned. He is also manager of the Pro Shop. His wife, Ann, teaches in the Howard College dental program. They have one son, Jeffrey.

Dan Dever, registrar and veteran's officer, said he "had no idea" that he would return to WTC. Dever graduated in 1974 with an Associate Arts degree in management and has been working here ever since. He said WTC is a great place to go to school because the community and faculty support the college. Dever and his wife, Freida, have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Jerry Dennis, diesel mechanics instructor, took a night class here in 1974. The next fall he began teaching full-time and worked here for five years. He returned to WTC for the second time last fall.

Don Buckland graduated with two-year degree in golf course and landscape technology in 1982. He worked part-time while attending classes and after graduation he became a full-time instructor. He says that he is looking forward to Homecoming and seeing former classmates.

Homecoming '86 Schedule

Saturday, April 19

8:30-12 noon	Registration and Reception	Student Center
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Department and Organizational Receptions	TBA
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Ex-Students Meeting and Election of Officers	Fine Arts Theatre
11:30 a.m.	Bar-B-Que Dinner	TBA
2 p.m.	NIRA Rodeo	Coliseum
2 p.m.	Golf Tournament for Ex-Varsity Golfers	WTC Course
2 p.m.	Registration continues/Hospitality Room	Coliseum-Room A
8 p.m.	NIRA Rodeo Dance	Coliseum Armory

Homecoming special events to include Wildflower Day

By Britt Canada

Students attending homecoming have an opportunity to learn more about wildflowers. Western Texas College will observe Texas Wildflower Day on April 18-19. Several different activities will be available to those interested in learning about wildflowers. During April, the Scurry County museum will display a water color wildflower exhibit.

This set of paintings features 58 different wildflowers found in South Texas. Also on exhibit will be art and creative writing projects by Scurry County school children. Another very popular museum display is the identified wildflower specimens. Information is available from the museum staff concerning the wildflower path that has been set up on the WTC prairie.

On April 18, from 3 to 5 p.m., a plant-in is scheduled. The plant-in will be located south of the museum on the WTC prairie. Participants will be given some seeds to plant in the prairie and seeds or a plant to take home and plant. Plants for the plant-in were grown by students in Ira under the direction of Troy Lily.

The theme for this year's Wildflower Day observance is "Wildflowers: Past and Present Uses". In keeping with this theme, Butterfly Weed was selected for the plant-in. This wildflower has several uses. Butterfly Weed is a forage food for many species of

butterflies, including some endangered species.

Another name for this plant is pleurisy root, suggesting that the plant was once used as a medicine. Also, Friday afternoon from 4-6 p.m., various personnel will be conducting guided wildflower tours around the WTC prairie.

On Saturday, several speakers will present information at the Texas Wildflower Day Symposium. The symposium will be held on the WTC campus in the Fine Arts Theatre beginning at 9:00 a.m. After the announcements and official welcome to the campus, Vernon Wesby will speak about the goals of the Native Plant Society of Texas. He will be followed by Mike Moeller, an assistant commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

In his talk, Mr. Moeller will address the present uses of native plants. Topics to be covered will include landscaping and agricultural uses. After a short break, Dr. Charles Shields of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will present "Herbs—Our Natural Legacy." This talk will emphasize how native plants have been used and how they are still used. The morning activities will conclude with the dedication of the Scurry County Sesquicentennial Cookbook.

Texas Wildflower Day observances are becoming more and more popular across the state. Visitors to the campus have an excellent opportunity to learn more about wildflowers and their uses.

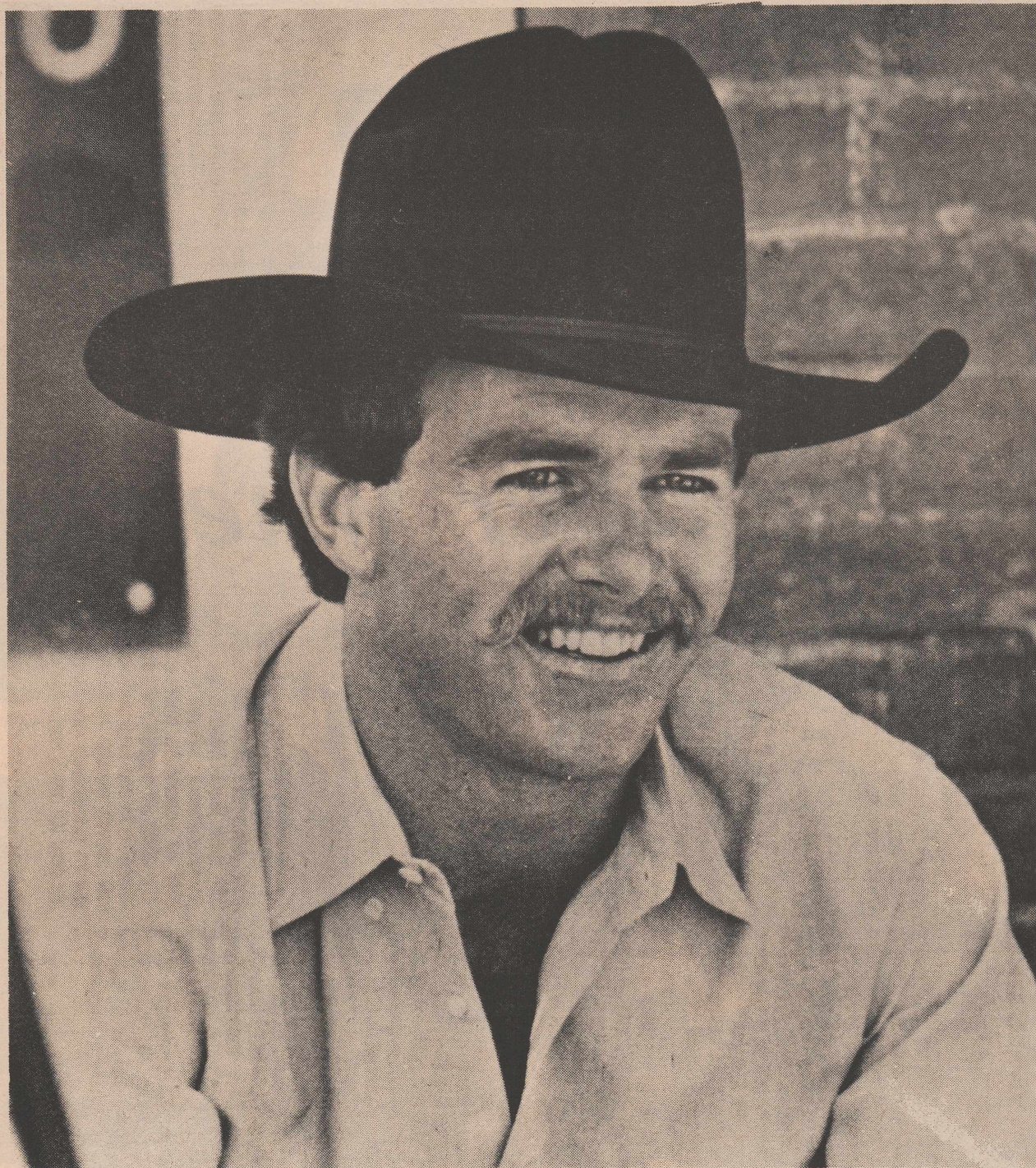
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TOP HAND — Former WTC student Dave Appleton of Australia has made his mark in professional rodeo by qualifying for the National Finals every year since his graduation in 1982.

Australian's rodeo dream fulfilled

By Darla Doty

Australian-born Dave Appleton arrived at Western Texas College in 1980 with one suitcase, a bronc saddle and a big enthusiasm for rodeo.

Now six years later, Appleton is still enthused about rodeo and with good reason. He is standing in the tenth Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association All-Around spot and is ninth in the PRCA bareback competition.

Appleton had a promising career ahead of him in Australian rodeo, but he really wanted to rodeo in America. He worked for a year to save enough money for the long journey and finally arrived to his "rodeo dreamland" in April of 1980.

In his first PRCA season Appleton won nearly \$3,000. This was just enough to wet his appetite and make him want to stay. It was at this time, though, that he began to look for a way to prolong his stay, since his visa was soon expiring.

At a friend's urging, Appleton contacted WTC rodeo coach, Bob Doty, about the possibility of attending Western Texas. After much red tape, Appleton was enrolled in school.

This gave him an opportunity to stay in the United States plus get an education at the same time. In return, WTC got a top rodeo hand—competing in three events—bareback, saddle bronc and bullriding.

As a freshman, Appleton placed second in the Southwest Region in saddle bronc riding, third in bareback riding and was runner-up for the All-Around title. At the College National Finals he placed fifth in the saddle bronc contest.

In 1982 Appleton and his fellow teammates captured second place at the CNFR. WTC was the top junior college at the national level. Appleton took third in the average and the nation in the bareback competition and was fourth in saddle bronc.

At WTC, he studied welding and graduated in May, 1982, with a 3.92 GPA. WTC welding instructor, Sam Walker, said, "Dave was a pleasure to have in class. I wish I had a thousand students just like him."

Appleton was named to Who's Who in American College Students during his sophomore year.

Appleton was well liked by his fellow classmates, too. He was voted "Mr. WTC" in 1982.

Fowler turns fun into success story

By Robyn Turner

Betty Fuller chose to attend beauty school because she loves to cut hair and be creative.

After graduating from high school, Betty attended a beauty school in Lubbock. Her boyfriend, Tommy, was not fond of college and wanted to pursue a different career. Betty and Tommy married and moved to Colorado City to farm.

Western Texas College opened up a new cosmetology department and Betty wanted to attend for fun. She enjoyed cutting and styling hair. Betty was looking toward the future and she felt that if anything ever happened to her husband, she would at least have a career and would be able to support herself and her three children.

Before Betty graduated from cosmetology school, the business that she currently owns, The Style Shack, came up for sale. Betty's friend, JoAnn Wilson Parker, who also graduated from WTC, offered to run the business until Betty graduated. Betty feels lucky to have attended WTC. "The instructors were good and I enjoyed working with other students," Betty said.

"Betty was a motivator and was always willing to lend a helping hand to the other students," Judy Border, cosmetology instructor said.

Even though Betty loved to cut hair and be creative, she also thought that being a beauty shop owner would be a nice occupation. Betty sets her own hours and days to work. Betty also likes to meet people and feels that her job is a good way to meet people and make friends. "I consider my job to be rewarding in many ways," Betty said.

Within five years after Betty graduated from cosmetology school and went to work, she had her shop paid for. As time passes, styles change and Betty felt the need to remodel and update her shop. Betty strives to keep up with the styles and fashions whether it is pertaining to her shop or to the newest hairstyles.

"Dave got along with everybody," Doty said. "He was always interested in helping the other cowboys and would do what he could to promote college rodeo."

After graduation Appleton left here to hit the rodeo trail hard. He has qualified for the National Finals every year since then and was the first Australian to qualify for the National Finals in bareback and saddle bronc riding in one year. He also was the first rough stock contestant to qualify for the National Finals in two events since 1979.

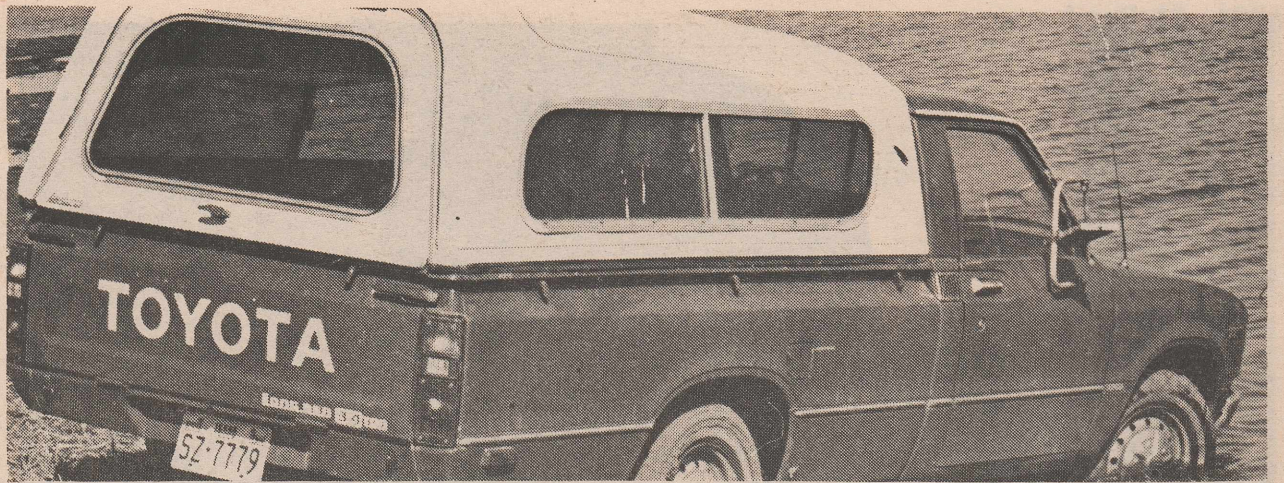
So far, in his rodeo career, Appleton has won nine saddles and 30 All-Around titles.

Appleton's out-going personality and always smiling face make him a perfect choice for his secondary careers of modeling and T.V. commercials. Last June he made a commercial for the Australian beer, Tooheys. He has also made commercials for Winston, Wranglers, U.S. Tobacco and Frontier Airlines.

In March, 1985, Appleton married Keely Santerre of Arlington. She shares his love of horses and travel. Appleton also enjoys golf and snow skiing.



...Gasoline prices began to soar.



...Dorm director David Harr's pickup went for a swim.

Remember when ..



...Bob Miller slam-dunked for WTC.



...Christine Sanders teased Linda Mason.



...Pam Johnson had a bad day.



...Kent McNeil had a large helping of pizza.



...The gym was held up by air.



...Judy, Sherri, Cindy and Katie showed off the latest fashions.



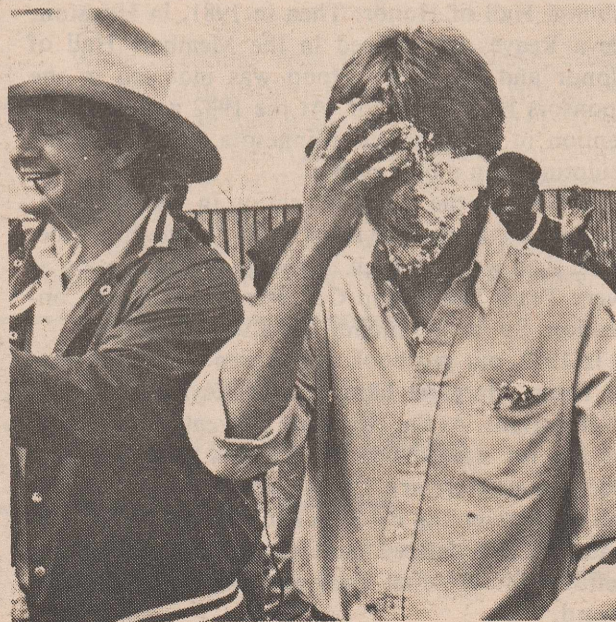
...Kerry Knox won first at the Halloween bash in 1981.



...Final grades were posted.



...Leonard Cotton beat his own drum.



...Red Riggins had a sweet tooth.

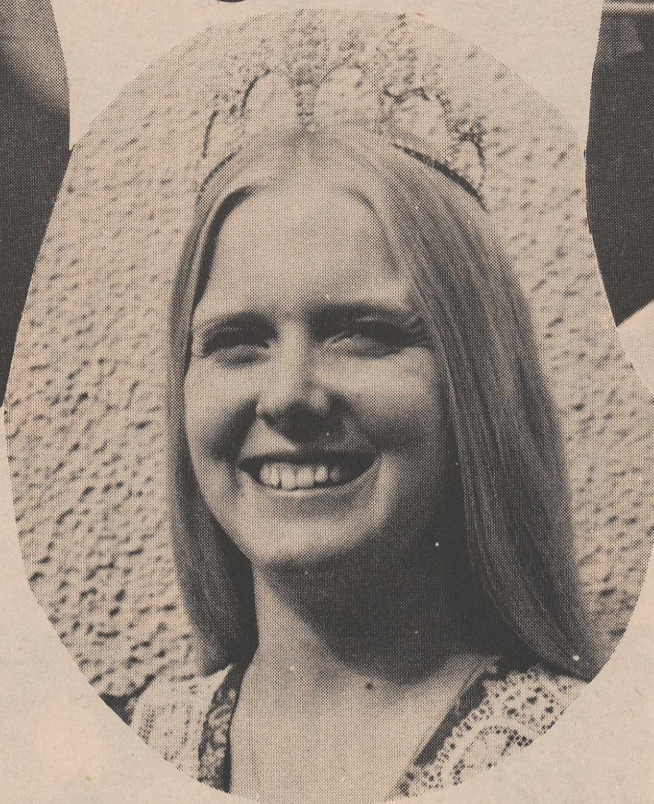


...The billionth barrell was pumped.

Past Homecoming Queens



1975
Kim Carney



1977 - Kathleen Utsman



1984
Kellie Kyle

Phi Theta Kappa garners numerous awards

By Mary Hood

Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was chartered on Feb. 11, 1972, with 30 charter members. They were Bruce Almond, Nancy Bailey, Brenda Benetiz, Linda Benetiz, Darrell Campbell, Debbie Campbell, Keith Dolloff, Joel Dyess, Bonnie English, Dianne Eime, Sara Fincher, Bobbie Hargrove, Becky Higgins.

Other members included Kathy Higgins, Ginger Howell, Mary Ann Masters, Sharon Moore, Dee Osborne, Kathy Rhodes, Sara Richter, Ricky Ridelle, Mary Simpson, Jerald Smith, N.C. Smith, Ruth Tate, Elaine Teal, Emma Jean Thompson, Linda Thompson, Duchess Whetsel and Robbie Baize.

The first sponsors were Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Rita Colley Chrane. In 1973-74, Dr. Mary Hood became a sponsor and in 1978, Dr. Duane Hood became a co-sponsor.

Psi Zeta was a brave, young chapter, and in 1974, they ran two candidates for national office: Cary Billingsley for national president and Karen Morris for southern representative. They both lost, but the young man who was elected national president was Mr. Rod Risley, who is now executive director of Phi Theta Kappa.

Psi Zeta members have always been hard workers and as the years passed, their hard work paid off. In 1976, June Harbin won the national Art award and received a scholarship to the honors institute in Ox-

ford, Mississippi. Then in 1977, Ken Gusta was selected as the "Most Distinguished Member" in the state of Texas and he and his wife, Jean, attended the honors institute in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1980, at the national convention in Washington, D.C., Sonny Lee, past president of Psi Zeta was placed in the Alumni Hall of Honor. Then in 1981, in Houston, Neva Reaves was placed in the Members Hall of Honor and Dr. Mary Hood was inducted in the Sponsors Hall of Honor. At the 1982 national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pam Watkin's sculpture won a blue ribbon.

In 1982, at the state convention in San Antonio, Psi Zeta conducted the registration for the first time. Since then we have been in charge of registration at every Texas Leadership Conference and State Convention. So far the money has always balanced.

In 1983, our yearbook was chosen best in the state of Texas. Margaret Langis and Cheryl Wright were co-historians. At the 1984 state convention in Austin we ran for state office for the first time and were elected state secretary. Cathy Caddell did an excellent job of representing Psi Zeta and Western Texas College. We also entered the Honors Topic Skit Competition for the first time and received the travel award.

1984 was a really big year because we got brave enough to run for national office again. In Washington, D.C., Danny Hunter from Roscoe,

Texas, was elected national president of Phi Theta Kappa, and Psi Zeta Chapter received the Award of Excellence. Having a national president from Western Texas College was a most exciting experience. In 1984, Dr. Don Newbury, President of WTC, was also selected for the Presidents Hall of Honor.

In Laredo at the 1985 state convention, Psi Zeta was again elected state secretary with Kathy Rhodes representing us in that office. Cathy Caddell was selected "Most Distinguished Member" in Texas, and Dr. Mary Hood received the "Mary Wilson Outstanding Sponsor Award". Steve Okelberry was elected southern vice president in St. Louis and transferred from Kilgore College to enroll in WTC.

At the 1986 state convention Psi Zeta received the Texas Communications Award thanks to the hard work of Terry Hunter. Mary Hood was placed in the Texas Sponsors Hall of Honor. At the national convention in Philadelphia, Psi Zeta's yearbook received an "Award of Excellence", and the chapter received an "Award of Excellence". Mary Hood has just completed a term as President of the National Sponsors Advisory Committee, and Dr. Duane Hood will serve this year as President of the Texas Sponsors Advisory Committee.

Psi Zeta members look forward to welcoming back many alumni with a reception on Saturday morning in the Counseling Center.

GOLF RECORD

Western Conference:
 1971-72 6th place
 1972-73 2nd place
 1974-75 3rd place
 1975-76 1st place
 1976-77 1st place
 1977-78 1st place
 1978-79 4th place
 1979-80 1st place
 1980-81 2nd place
 1981-82 1st place
 1982-83 3rd place
 1983-84 2nd place
 1984-85 5th place

**WTC sports
 impressive
 records**

RODEO RECORDS

1973 - Southwest region champs
 5th in nation
 1974 - John Gass—national saddle bronc champion
 1975 - Joann Whitehead—national barrel racer
 1981 - Runnerup men's regional champs
 11th in nation
 1982 - Runnerup men's regional champs
 2nd in nation
 1983 - Runnerup men's regional champs
 12th in nation
 1984 - Runnerup men's regional champs
 11th in nation
 - Runnerup women's regional champs
 7th in nation
 1985 - Runnerup men's regional champs
 14th in nation

MEN'S RECORDS

WTC individual honors the past nine years:
 All-Western Conference - 40 players
 All-Region V - 30 players
 NJCAA All-American - 9 players

6 consecutive Conference Championships
 4 consecutive Regional Championships
 3 consecutive play-offs to the National Championship
 8 consecutive trips to the Regional play-offs
 5 out of 6 trips to the National Tournament

WOMEN'S RECORDS

1974-75 Conference Champions, Regionals. Season record 16-5
 1975-76 Conference Champions, Regionals. Season record 23-4
 1976-77 Conference Champions, Regionals. Season record 17-10
 1977-78 2nd in Conference, Regionals. Season record 14-11
 1978-79 Conference co-champions. Season record 14-11
 1979-80 2nd in Conference. Season 26-10
 1980-81 2nd in Conference. Season 25-7
 1981-82 Tied for 2nd in Conference. Season 24-8
 1982-83 Conference champions. Season 25-7
 1983-84 2nd in Conference. Season 27-8
 1984-85 2nd in Conference. Season 31-6

WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICANS
 Marilyn Payton 1974-75
 Cindy Luttrull 1977-78
 Nodia Vaughn 1978-79

MEN'S ALL-AMERICAN
 Walter Hanibal
 Bob Miller
 Paul Pressey
 Honorable Mention - Lawrence Butler
 Honorable Mention - Larry Banks

Hunter exchanges books for politics

By Mickey Baird

The past few months have been packed with miles and smiles for Danny Hunter. Hunter announced his candidacy for state representative of the 78th district on January 20, 1986. From that time Hunter has spent long hours on the campaign trail hoping to become one of the youngest members of the Texas Legislature.

While attending Western Texas College, Hunter was involved in all phases of campus activity. He was student body president and president of the P.T.K. It was under this leadership that the campus chapter won the "Award of Excellence". He then became the National President of P.T.K.

Hunter says he feels that WTC provides the education needed before going on to a major university.

"I decided it was time someone rolled up his sleeves and got in there." **Danny Hunter**

Hunter said he decided to run because, "I decided it was time someone rolled up his sleeves and got in there."

Hunter says he understands the needs and problems of the people in the 78th District because he is a man of the "earth". He was raised in the rich farmland southwest of Roscoe and knows the perils farmers face.

He also said he thinks the unique part of WTC is the one-on-one communication between instructors and students.

When asked what advice he would give college students, Hunter said that college curriculum is 50 percent education and 50 percent student activities. He added that he felt it was important to be active on campus.



Danny Hunter

Drama students choose various career paths

By Jim Rambo

The WTC Theatre program has seen many students come and go. Many of those students have chosen careers relating to theatre, while others have chosen different ones. Although those students came from different places and are now pursuing their various goals, they all have one thing in common, the WTC stage. The following are just some of the students and their accomplishments.

Darrell Hayes graduated from Sam Houston State University, in December of 1985. He is presently the Drama teacher at Eisenhower High in Houston. Darrell is best remembered for his performance as Rev. Arthur Humphrey in *See How They Run*.

David Fleming is currently an engineering major at Texas Tech. He received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1980. David is best remembered for his work in *See How They Run* and *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*.

Donna Browing, assistant to Jerry Worsham, in the Snyder High School Drama Department, graduated from Tarleton State University in December of 1985. Her performances at WTC include the roles of Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tillie in *The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, and Ida in *See How They Run*.

Doni Douglas is a costuming major at the University of Houston, central campus. She is best remembered for her performances in *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, *See How They Run* and *The Good Doctor*.

Toni Disko graduated from Texas Tech in May of 1984, as a history major. Her performances at WTC include *The Effect of Gamma Rays on the Man-on-the-Moon Marigolds* and *See How They Run*.

Jay Blakemore is now a senior Theatre major at Baylor University. Since leaving WTC, he has appeared on the stage in Indianapolis. He is best remembered as Ken Harrison in *Whose Life is it Anyway?* and as Ross in *The Elephant Man*. Jay received an Irene Ryan acting nomination for his performance in *The Elephant Man*. Jay also received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1983.

Tod Fritz received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1983. Currently Tod is employed by

Southwestern Bell, in Snyder. He is best remembered for his technical work in such productions as *Whose Life is it Anyway*, *The Real Inspector Hound*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Becket*.

Rob Clark is currently employed for a construction firm in Dallas. His performances on the WTC stage include the roles of Becket in *Becket*, Birdfoot in *The Real Inspector Hound* and as Perchick in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Nettie Moss Ticer is a prospective mother and English major at Texas Tech. She is best remembered for her technical work in *The Elephant Man*, *The Hasty Heart*, and *Laundry and Bourbon*. She received an Amoco award for lighting design in *The Elephant Man*.

Jimmy Ticer is currently a departmental manager at Payless Cashways in Lubbock. He is best remembered as Tony in *The Boyfriend*. Other shows included *Major Barbara* and *The Elephant Man*.

Robert Loveless is currently a co-manager for TG & Y in Slaton. His performances at WTC include Dr. Teaves in *The Elephant Man* and Major Undershaft in *Major Barbara*. Robert received an Irene Ryan acting nomination for his performance in *Major Barbara*.

Duncan Joys went to Los Angeles after leaving WTC. There he appeared in numerous comedy clubs. Duncan is best remembered as Carr Gomm in *The Elephant Man*, Loma in *Major Barbara* and Sidney in *Deathtrap*.

Billy Kelly recently became a new father. He is the manager of Joe Hudspeth's Tire and Appliance store in Sweetwater. He is remembered for his numerous performances in *The Elephant Man*, *The Hasty Heart*, *The Boyfriend*, *Major Barbara* and *The Boyfriend*, *Major Barbara*, and *Story Theatre*. Billy received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1984.

Lorie Granclair received the Nordin Acting Scholarship in 1984 to attend Texas Christian University. She will graduate from TCU in May of 1986 and plans to pursue a professional acting and modeling career. Last year Lorie received an award for the best student directed show at TCU. Her performances at WTC include roles in *Laundry and*

Bourbon, *Major Barbara*, *Deathtrap*, and *Death of a Salesman*. Lorie also received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1984.

Kevin Huddleston a recent newlywed, is currently a Bible major at Abilene Christian University and will graduate in May. Kevin held such roles as Lord John in *The Elephant Man* and Yank in *The Hasty Heart*. He also appeared in *The Boyfriend* and *Major Barbara*.

Kim Lunsford is presently employed in Arlington. She has acted in Fort Worth since leaving WTC and is continuing to audition in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Kim is best remembered for her portrayal of R.S. Kendall in *The Elephant Man*, Barbara in *Major Barbara* and *The Boyfriend*.

Teri Duvall Sawyer is a mother and wife, living in Austin. She is best remembered for her performances in *The Elephant Man*, *The Hasty Heart*, *The Boyfriend*, *Major Barbara*, *Story Theatre* and *Deathtrap*.

Jeff Combs currently a junior theatre major at Texas Christian University. He received the Nordin Acting Scholarship in 1985 and the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1985. Jeff's performances at WTC include the roles of Stephen in *Major Barbara*, Cliff in *Deathtrap*, Charlie in *Tintypes* and Billy in *Wings*. He also appeared in *Story Theatre*. Jeff received an Irene Ryan acting nomination for his performance in *Tintypes*.

Aaron Knight is currently a Theatre major at the University of Oklahoma. He received a scholarship to attend the University of Oklahoma. Aaron received the "Outstanding Theatre Student" award in 1985. He will be best remembered for his roles in *Major Barbara*, *Deathtrap*, *Tintypes* and *Wings*.

Cherie Loveless is now a Theatre major at Texas Tech. She is best remembered for her performances in *Tintypes* and *Wings*.

Rene King is a student at Lubbock Christian College. She will be best remembered for her roles in *Major Barbara*, *Story Theatre*, *Tintypes* and *Wings*. She received an Irene Ryan acting nomination for her performance in *Tintypes*. Just recently, Rene portrayed the same role in *Tintypes* at Lubbock Christian College.

FIRST FACULTY — Several members of the original faculty still remain at WTC. Those pictured are Larry Anderson, Edward Barkowsky, Gerald Corkran, Janet and Bill Halbert, Mary Hood, James Palmer, Ray Robbins and Sam Walker.

