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Illiteracy: Concern mounts

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Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series on illiteracy, a problem that is not new but has recently come to national attention.

Approximately 23 million Americans are functionally illiterate. Of these, 2 million are in Texas with North Texas making up about 40,000 of that number.

Functionally illiterate people do not have the ability to read or write. These people cannot write a letter, use a phone book or fill out a job application. However, a recent study by the National Assessment of Education Progress concluded that more than 90 percent of American adults are able to recognize the letters of the alphabet, sign their names and read a stop sign.

The illiteracy problem must be dealt with by educational institutions. Robert Adams, assistant professor of history at Western Texas College, said approximately 25 percent of WTC students are not reading at the college level.

According to Gerald Corkran, director of the developmental reading center, a state study found about one third of entering college freshmen, or 30,000 of the 100,000 freshmen in the study, cannot read or compute at the college level.

Literacy can be defined as that level required to function in society and progress in that society, according to Corkran. He added, "Aliterate people are those who do not value reading because there are too many other sources where they can get information."

Adams said the illiteracy problem starts in the elementary schools. "This (elementary school) is where it all begins. If the teachers do not attract the elementary students to reading and writing, they will not want to read or write when they are older."

Marilyn Lancaster, assistant professor of English, noted that illiteracy is not one person's problem. It is everybody's problem and everyone should have priorities set for themselves about reading and writing, she said.

WTC offers developmental courses in English and reading for individuals on a one-to-one basis.

"These courses are not remedial or pre-college courses, but are there to help those students in the areas that they need assistance," said Lancaster.

She said her courses focus on teaching students the value of reading and writing in order to show them a glimpse of the "real world."

Some students do not realize the necessity of being literate in order to succeed in life, Lancaster added.

"In order to learn, people must cultivate curiosity, develop self-discipline and place priority on learning," Lancaster said.

In Texas, HB 72 was introduced as an solution to the illiteracy problem, but many people feel it has caused more problems than it has solved. Lancaster said HB 72 alone cannot solve the illiteracy problem. However, Adams said the no pass/no play rule was a "great

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thing" on the state's part.

The media has focused much attention on athletes and literacy in schools. However, John Forshee, assistant professor of government, said athletes are no worse off than any other identifiable group of students.

Concerning athletes on the WTC campus, Adams said, "There has been no record of teachers offering "special privileges" to the athletes." He added that in the past he has had troubled students ask him for help in areas in which they needed assistance. Adams praised the coaches for their constant support of their athletes' education. He noted that the coaches keep up with their players by checking not only their grades, but also their class attendance.

Bob Doty, rodeo coach, said rodeo participants must keep a 2.0 GPA to stay on the team. Doty added, "Teachers can only go so far, it's up to the students to do the rest."

The National Junior College Athletic Association rulebook sets the minimum grade point average for both the male and female athletes. The minimum GPA is 1.75 and has been raised in the last couple of years from 1.6 according to Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services.

Despite the many studies that have been done in an effort to understand the illiteracy problem and the amount of attention it has received, no single solution will remedy the problem. Lancaster said the problem of illiteracy will remain with us until every person, including students, teachers and every individual in our society, becomes committed to actively promoting the value of reading and writing.

Marva Collins, a Chicago public school teacher who began her own school to deal with the illiteracy problems of inner city children a few years ago, said, "Unless we take action we will be condemning millions of young people to lives of unemployment and poverty — at great cost to them and to our larger society."

Electronics

Lower enrollment closes department

By Christy Bullock
WT reporter

The electronics program at WTC will be discontinued in the fall of 1987 due to a low enrollment in classes.

Bill Sutton, the instructor of the course since 1985, said he knew in the beginning that if the enrollment did not pick up, the program would be discontinued.

"The enrollment is down because high school counselors are not recruiting high school students as well as they should be," Sutton said.

Betty McQueen, dean of instruction, cites at least two reasons for the electronics program's enrollment decline. "We are not an industrialized area and our economy has less jobs of this nature across this state," she said.

According to Sutton, the school administration has been supportive with money for equipment and has been interested in

the program.

"The program has some of the best technical equipment available," Sutton said. "Our big expense is keeping the equipment up-to-date."

Electronics students are upset about the program's cut. "I feel that cutting the program is a terrible thing to do. It will emotionally hurt the people that are involved in teaching as well as the students. They will have to go to another school to get an electronics education," Stanley Mireles of Hermleigh said.

Dana Brumit of Snyder agrees by saying, "I don't think it is fair for them to mess up my chance at an education in electronics because of a lack of numbers."

Mireles also added that closing the program will hurt the school to some extent.

The program has been offered here since 1971 when the school opened. Sutton introduced the study of robotics in 1986.

Advanced equipment bought for automotive department

By Clay Jacobs
WT Reporter

The automotive mechanics department at WTC is undergoing some changes and advances because of new test equipment that has been purchased.

According to Lonnie Buck, head of the automotive department, "This is the first new equipment that has been purchased by the school since about

1972. Most cars bought from 1978 and up are more computerized and complicated. We need this equipment to keep up with the advances."

The approximate cost of the new test equipment is \$20,000.

"We will not be adding any new automotive classes in the immediate future. We may start an advanced auto mechanics class later," Buck said.

Cafeteria features cakes for student birthdays

By Beck Lopez
WT reporter

On Oct. 15, Rick Nesmith, cafeteria manager, baked a birthday cake for all the students who have birthdays in October. This is the first of many birthday cakes that he is planning.

It is his plan to have a birthday party every month for the students having birthdays that month. So that no one will be left out, a party will be held in May for the summer birthday students.

These birthday parties are just one of the changes that Nesmith has made. He has also placed new

cereal containers in the dining room. He stated, "I changed this so that the cereal will stay fresher and it also gives the students a greater variety".

Nesmith has also installed two milk dispensers and will be getting a chocolate milk dispenser.

According to Nesmith, there will be specials throughout the year. He will have them on holidays, the first being Oct. 30, for Halloween. He will prepare a buffet and hopes to have a pumpkin carving contest.

"Students just complain about some things to themselves," Nesmith said. "If you don't like something, come talk to me and if I can change it, I will."



Blow hard!

WTC students with October birthdays blow out the candles on their birthday cake. From left, Jerry Don Foster, Laura Roe, Amy Warren and Christy Miller

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Jones honored for service as trustee

By Tom Long
WT Editor

The WTC board of trustees opened its Oct. 13 meeting with a presentation to former board member Bill Jones. He was given a world globe for his many years of service to the board and college.

After a brief executive session the board approved several bids. They approved \$30,505 for liability insurance that will be spread among five local agents. This will insure coverage for the

college buildings, contents and general liability for up to \$2.5 million with a deductible of \$50,000.

It also offers insurance for all professional staff members at WTC and the college board itself. (Up to \$1 million)

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, gave a report on the fall enrollment. He noted the college student count of 1,207 is comprised of 545 full time students and 662 part time.

In other business the board ap-

proved the following bids:

—\$5,666 for the 1987-88 college catalog to Gilliland Publishing of Arkansas City, Kan.

—\$4,486 to purchase two IBM personal computers for use in classroom training for the office careers department.

—\$4,441 from Lubbock's Snap-On Tools for wheel alignment equipment to be used in the automotive mechanics department.

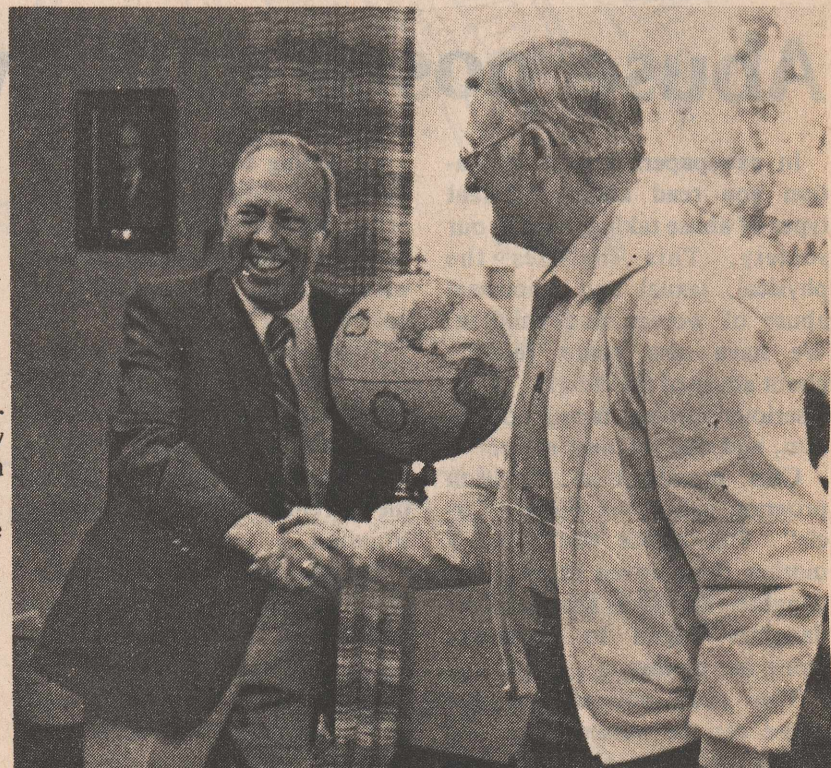
—A low bid of \$3,795 for a

turf sweeper for the golf course. This bid was submitted by Goldwaites's of Texas located in Fort Worth.

The board also approved the fall semester's small class report, a profile of classes which have an enrollment of less than 10 students.

The hiring of Leon Pettitt as assistant plant director was also approved.

The purchase of carpet for the office careers area and in the faculty office area was tabled until November.



Award

—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

At a recent board meeting, Bill Jones, left, received an award for outstanding service to the board and the college.

Editorial

Dorm security creates conflict

There seems to be a natural conflict with teenagers and anyone holding an upper hand, i.e. authority. There seems to be a glitter to the forbidden act, with many teenagers going the opposite direction when disciplined. How many times have you been told over and over not to do something, all the while this reprimanding makes you want to do it more?

This is the basic cause of the animosity between students and Terry Miller, the campus security officer. Perhaps Miller's enthusiastic approach to "busting" someone is a strong contributing factor.

Respect is a two way street. Students do not seem to have much, if any, respect for Miller. This opinion probably derives from the fact that he is not a commissioned police officer. This attitude is really not understandable when you consider the alternative—commissioned police on campus. This alternative would not result in fines or tickets, it would be MIP's, DWI's and other fun things.

On the other hand, Miller does not respect students much either. The enthusiasm that he puts into his work is good as far as the administration is concerned, but there is not any student that likes to receive a ticket from an enthusiastic officer. There is also a side to

Miller's story. Would you respect a student body that referred to you as "Deputy Dog"?

Many students have voiced the opinion that they feel harassed by Miller. Possibly this is because of the small campus here. Let's face it, they do not have much to do, so they make the most out of their opportunities. Miller demands students to unzip their backpack, gym bag, etc., obviously with the high hopes for another "beer on campus" ticket. A police officer could not make you do that unless he had "probable cause" to foresee any wrong doings. Why in the world would Miller have any more rights than a commissioned police officer?

There is even another side to this issue. After someone has gotten in trouble, he/she tends to feel harassed. People do not get mad at themselves for breaking a rule, they get mad at the people that catch them. Now this is a ridiculously ignorant attitude.

Some maturity is needed on both sides of the coin. Students should look at the alternative to Miller—a commissioned police officer on campus. As surprising as it sounds, Miller is not that bad after all. So, let us start giving him a break and maybe he will be easier on us. But if he does not...

Letter to the Editor

If you wish to express an opinion, letters to the editor are welcome.

Letters that conflict with the *Texan's* point of view are especially encouraged.



Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

Housework, studies develop headaches

When I decided to start college, I realized that it was going to take the cooperation of the entire family in order for me to have time to study. Therefore, we sat down and redistributed the work load around the house. Prior to that time household chores had been, for the most part, my responsibility. I was pleasantly surprised at how willing the rest of the family was to pitch in and do their share. Little did I know that their idea of housework was going to be so different from mine.

Therefore, I have learned to adjust. We have made certain rules that have made our more relaxed attitude toward housework more tolerable. For instance, if someone opens the refrigerator to get a snack, it is the responsibility of the snackee to be sure that anything that is green started out that way. If not, or if it has fuzz, throw it away immediately. It is also a rule that if anyone cannot resist the temptation to write sarcastic notes in the dust on the coffee table, they must NOT put the date.

A few days ago, when I had a visitor, I was embarrassed at all the clutter in my living room, but they were very understanding when I explained that I had not

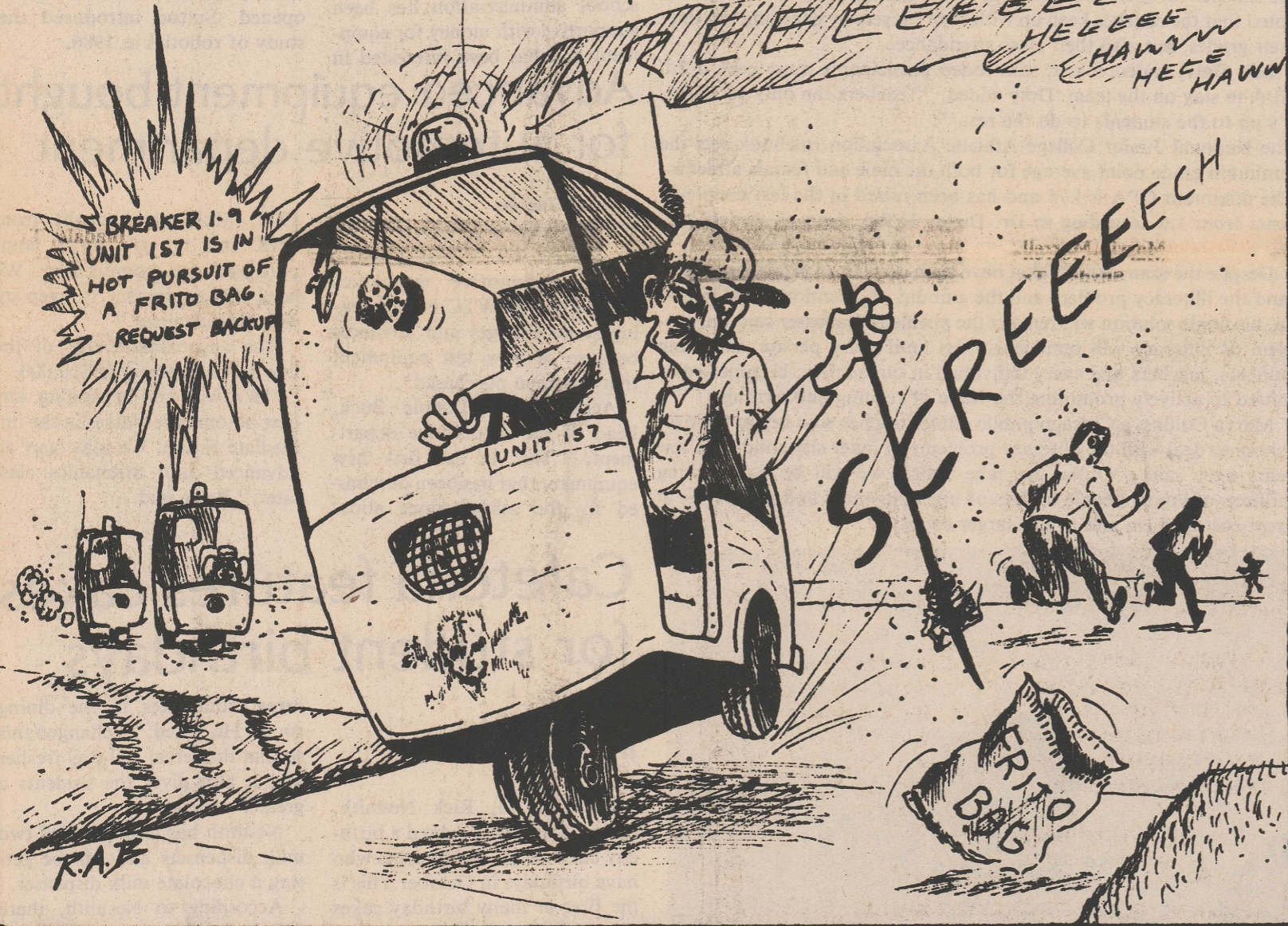
training the baby to pick up after herself. I didn't think it was necessary to mention that the baby is 17 years old.

In order to be perfectly fair, I should mention that in spite of her relaxed attitude toward cleaning, my 17 year old has turned out to be the best cook in the family. We call her the casserole queen. I have found that in order to best appreciate her meals, I don't look while she's cooking. If I know for sure what she throws into the pan, I would probably be unable to eat it.

As much as it pains me to admit it, anything would be an improvement over my cooking. Even when I was home most of the day, the food that ended up on the table was never quite like that in the cook book. Dana calls her cooking skills "defensive cooking". Her theory is that if she beats me to the kitchen, she isn't forced to eat my cooking. There is also the possibility that her enthusiasm can be traced to the fact that the tradition in our house is that whoever cooks supper is excused from dishwashing.

Now that my first major exams are behind me, I think that it really is time that I get things in hand and give the house a good cleaning. Does anyone know where I can rent a forklift?

WHEN VISITING W.T.C. CAMPUS. LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE SIDEWALK.



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Abuse poses nationwide dilemma

In newspapers across the nation you read about different types of abuse taking place in our society. This includes the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of women and children. We have also heard recently about abuse of the elderly. This is a serious problem facing our nation, and one we must solve.

CBS broadcast a television program called "A Family Circle". This movie was about a mother that moved in with her daughter. Conflicts arose and the daughter began to physically abuse her mother.

This story pointed out that abuse can be passed from one generation to another. In this case the mother had abused her daughter when she was rearing her family.

According to Kay Bellamy of the Scurry County child welfare office, reasons vary but the most common is young teenage parents with no family resources, who are not prepared for a family.

There are many factors to consider when a child is found abused. The age of the child is very important, then the type of abuse (physical or sexual), and finally the parents' attitude about the situation.

Bellamy also said that education and the society we live in today are big factors causing such abuse. In today's society, the mother is out in the working field and the family is sometimes forgotten and communications break down, which can lead to frustration or abuse. Parents set an example of

parenting and then their children tend to repeat the pattern set by their parents. This supports the idea that abuse follows family patterns passed through time. Also parents may set high or unreasonable standards for the children to live by, which could lead to problems.

Finally, "a big factor in helping abuse cases is separating neglect or moral reasons from true abuse," said Bellamy. True, someone may not have the highest morals and feed their children fast foods every night, but these are not abuse cases in which the case workers are authorized to work.

Abuse cases are taken on a referral basis. Case workers prioritize the referrals as:

1. Immediate - child is under two years old and life is threatened.

2. Week - an older child that is having difficulties communicating with his/her parents, but life is not in danger.

3. Marginal - a case where the case worker feels that morals are in question, or in the case of a teenage pregnancy with no means of support. This is also the classification for prank calls. Bellamy and myself agree that there is a mass of information in the media about sex and violence. The family never sits down and discusses its morals and values.

It is important for us, as parents and future parents, to reflect upon our own rearing and if any abuse was there, seek therapy so that the pattern will be broken.

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THEATER



Drama department production planned

By Suzette Harris
WT page editor

The drama department opens its season with "Terra Nova" by Robert F. Scott. Scott is a British explorer who wanted to be the first man to the South Pole.

There were three Englishmen who died during the exploration. Their bodies were found along with their journals. The play is based on these journals. Scott became an English hero.

According to drama instructor, Jim Rambo, "Terra Nova" deals with honor, sacrifice, duty and excellence of people. It puts the characters in circumstances that few find themselves in.

The cast of the play includes Jeff Milburn, Brownfield; Shauna Gilbert, Vernon; Jim Rainbolt, Post; Jamie Cofer, Snyder; Bobby Mendez, Lubbock; Bret Dillon, Seagraves and Jim Miller, Lubbock.

The stage crew includes Dalila Carrasco, Big Lake; Cathy York, Gail and Theresa Rodriguez, Lubbock.

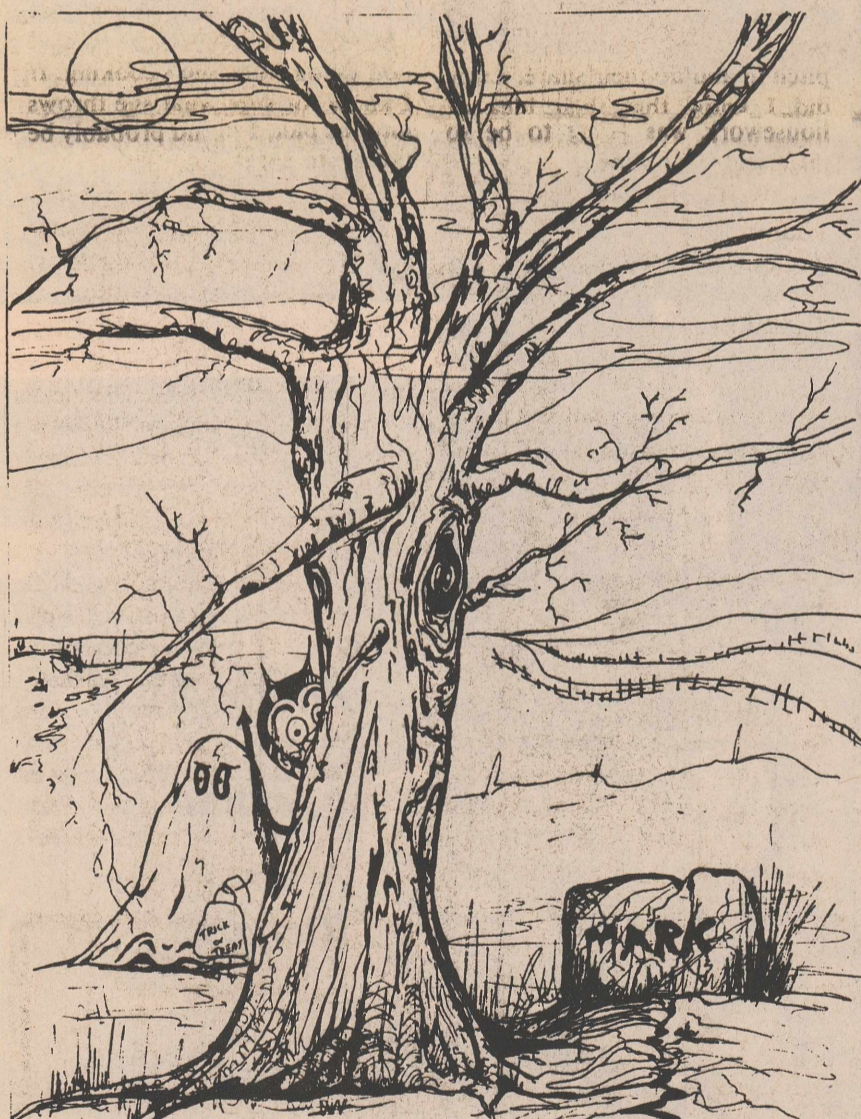
"The play is in four dialects," Rambo said. This takes a lot of time and effort from the students.

"This is a wonderful group of students," he added.

"Terra Nova" runs Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 17. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night.

Happy

Halloween



Books received

The Learning Resource Center has received additional books including recreational and information materials.

Recently received by the LRC is *Blum's Guide to College Money* which consists of three volumes titled "Free Money for Humanities Students", "Free Money for Education Students", and "Free Money for Science Students." These volumes are located in the LB section of the reference stacks.

The LRC is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Campus Briefs



Costume contest

The entertainment committee is sponsoring a faculty costume contest Thursday, Oct. 30 during activity period in the Student Center. The committee will serve as contest judges.

Awareness week

The student senate would like to remind the student body that this is Alcohol Awareness Week.

It is an individual decision whether or not to drink. If you decide to drink, don't drive. And don't ride with anyone who is drinking.

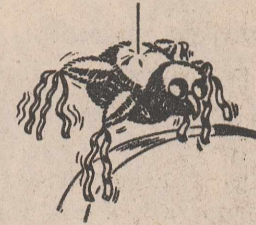
Deficiency slips

The counseling office would like to remind students that this is the week for deficiency slips. Students are encouraged not to give up if they receive one of these. Three things students need to remember; go by and talk to instructor, go to class, and go by the counseling office to receive a free tutor to help with your troubled course.

PTK induction

Today Phi Theta Kappa inducted 23 members. The ceremonies were carried out by vice-president Dalila Carrasco and Bobby Mendez, president.

Their next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 6.



Your Turn

By Mark Rauterkus and Clay Jacobs

What do you see as a problem with campus security at WTC?

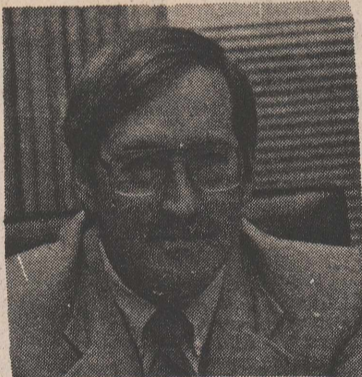
"I feel that campus security is necessary to establish some form of law and order, but sometimes it gets out of hand. They are there to keep the peace, but sometimes they enforce much too strictly."

Marvin Morrell
Snyder, Tx



"I feel that campus security is too overbearing on situations that are out of student's control. For example, you cannot park between lines that are not there."

Laura Nix
Inadale, Tx



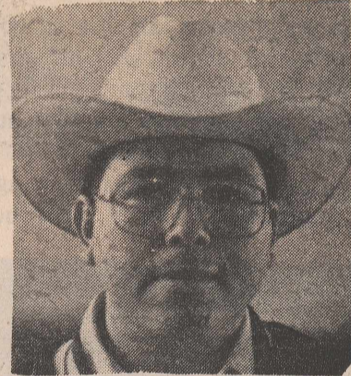
"I'm not aware of any problem with campus security. There may be a lack of communication between the students and people in charge of security."

Dr. Harry Krenk
President, WTC



"I feel that campus security should stand in the dorm lot and direct traffic since they don't like how we park. I don't understand why they are concerned with matters so trivial."

Margie Ornelas
Abilene, Tx



"I think campus security should be improved and modernized to help make WTC a safer place for students to learn and live at."

Thomas Arellano
Robert Lee, Tx



"I think security should be more concerned with our well-being than with just making money by giving out tickets over minute infraction."

Jimmy Walsworth
Albany, Tx

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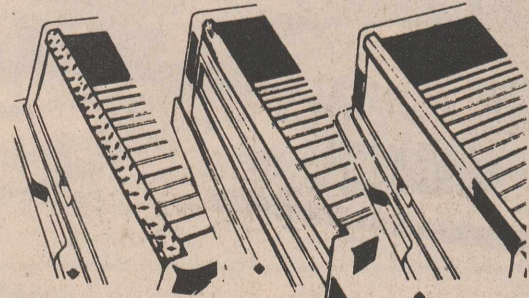
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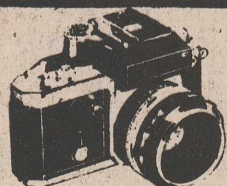
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Students, Faculty join 'White Buffalo' festival



Getting a kick out of class

Tae Kwon Do students give an exhibition before a large crowd in the coliseum annex.

Celebration offers varied activities

By Suzette Harris
WT Page Editor

Several Western Texas College faculty and students participated in the sixth annual White Buffalo Days celebration.

The three-day affair was held Oct. 11-13 and included a parade, an auction, a biathlon, arts and crafts, turtle races and a talent show. Three performances of the Whirlagig concluded the events.

The Whirlagig offered a look at Snyder's history from the beginning through the oil boom era.

The musical was written by locals and featured over 100 Scurry County residents.

Drama students Jeff Milburn and Jim Rainbolt joined payroll officer Sue Sewell and Rebekah Thornton, wife of art instructor Mike Thornton, in several song and dance selections.

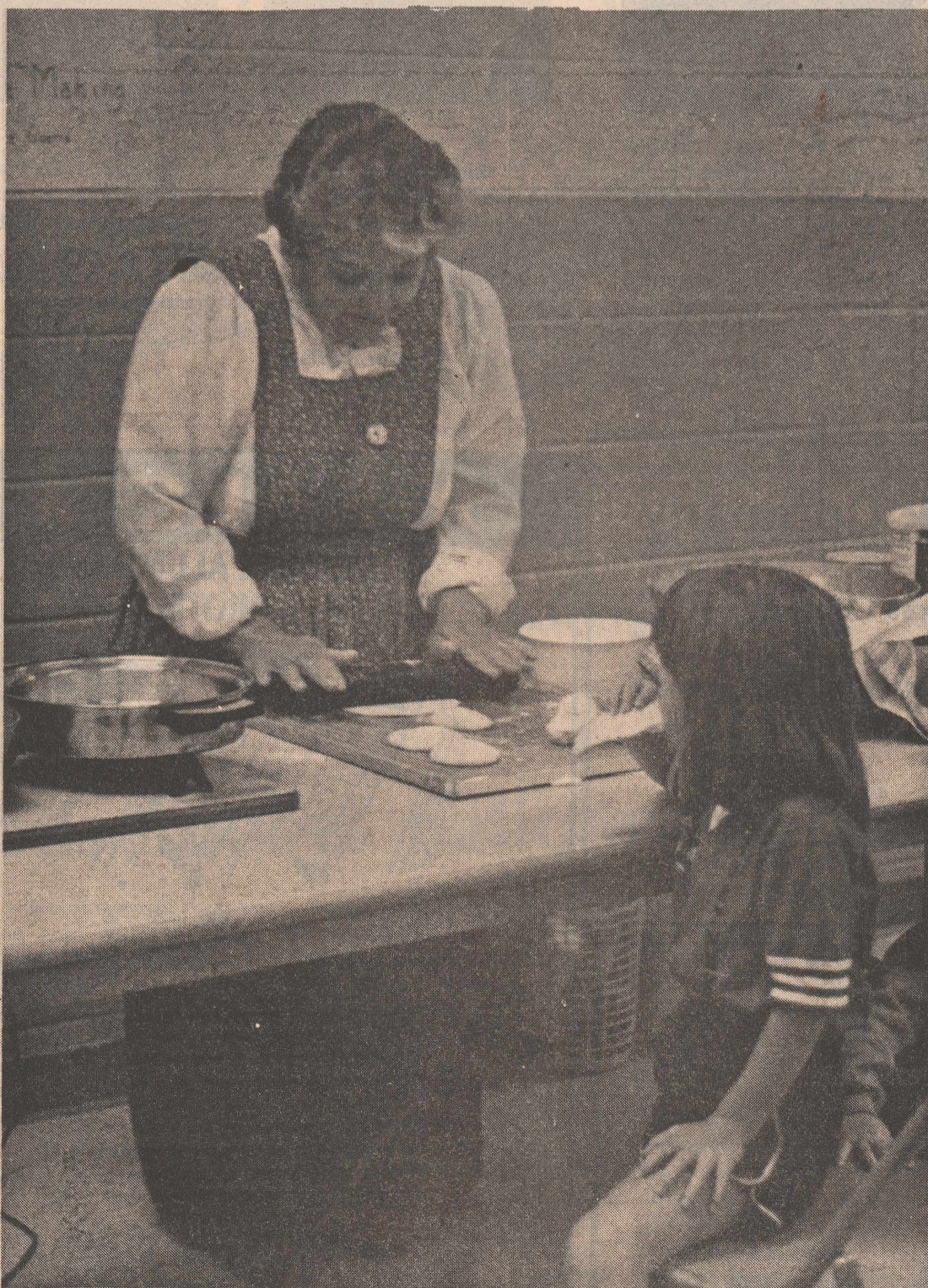
Jerry Baird, director of continuing education, sang his version of Walter Brennan's "Ole Rivers". He was joined on stage by Matilda, a mule.

The biathlon was once again organized by P.E. instructor

Patrice McKinney.

According to Annette Williams, publicity chairman for the event and mid-management instructor, "This year's White Buffalo Days was a success. We had a lot more activities and participation than in the past."

Dr. Robert Taylor, local artist, unveiled his bronze buffalo statues at the White Buffalo Gala and auction. Taylor is selling two sizes of the statue to raise money to make a life size buffalo to be placed at the Scurry County Coliseum.



Where's the beans?

Alice Guerra demonstrates the art of making flour tortillas while little Cortney Rinehart samples her work.



Did I make it?

Everett Bronn checks his time as he crosses the finish line. Everett did not win the biathlon Saturday, but did finish with a good time.

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Busy hands

Effie Cole enjoys quilting as a hobby. Ladies displayed their handiwork as they demonstrated quilting and other old-time handiwork.

By Tom Long
WT Editor

and

Sandy Ross
WT Associate Editor

Andersons note changes at WTC

Larry Anderson, Director of Library Science, has been at WTC since March of 1972. He received his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas, and his master's degree at East Texas State University.

Elsie Anderson joined the staff in 1973 as a part time faculty member, and became a full time faculty member in the fall of 1974. She is currently an associate professor in mathematics. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Rhodes University in South Africa, while she was a resident of Zimbabwe. She earned her master's in library science at East Texas State University. One thing that most students notice about Mrs. Anderson is that she has a

British-Afrikaan's accent. She came to the United States in 1961 after meeting her husband in 1957 in Europe.

During their time at WTC, the Andersons have seen the school grow and develop to present day form. For instance the Andersons recall moving the library in 1973 from the Ag building to the new LRC on book carts.

With the changes in the college the Andersons also have seen the student change. They feel educational reforms will better prepare the student for college. In recent years the Andersons have noticed that today's student is more serious about their education.

Both Andersons feel that their is no comparison between junior colleges and major universities. At a junior college, education is

more on a one-to-one basis and their are smaller classes. In some instances, they feel that a junior college has instructors more qualified to teach the basics.

The Andersons received the Drama Patron Award from the WTC Drama Department, for their support of the drama department. Jim Rambo, Drama Instructor, said, "The Andersons are tremendous supporters in the fine arts at WTC." He went on to say that "The award was designed to say thank you".

In addition to their duties at WTC the Andersons are active in the Girl Scouts in Abilene and are on the camp committee in Sweetwater. They also have a farm and both agree that it takes up their spare time and money.

The Andersons have two

daughters, Jean and Margaret, who both graduated from WTC. They are now students at North Texas State University.

Mrs. Anderson would like to encourage students to keep trying and not to be afraid to ask questions. Mr. Anderson encourages students to use the Resource Center and wants to tell students to come to the LRC and don't be afraid to ask for help. He also wants to create a friendly and helpful atmosphere in the LRC.

The Andersons both agree that making students think is the most important thing to teach students. With that ability they can be successful. They also said, "WTC has been good to us and WTC has a good future because the college has the student's interest at heart".



Elsie Anderson



Larry Anderson



Double identities

Before and after photos of the Doty family shows their alter egos. From left, Sterling, Bob, Darla and Jay.
—Photo by Mark Rauterkus

Dotys enjoy WTC

Bob and Darla Doty came to WTC in 1979. Bob is an agriculture instructor and rodeo coach. Darla is the typesetting supervisor and co-Advisor for *The Western Texan*.

Bob received his bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University and his master's from Sam Houston State. Darla received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. After graduation, she spent six months in Poland as a 4-H exchange student.

Before coming to WTC, Bob taught high school agriculture for two years at Lueders-Avoca, six months at Ft. Davis and a year at Big Spring. Last season his rodeo team took first place at the College National Rodeo Finals.

Darla has served in several capacities at WTC. She has been the dorm director for one year, and the journalism instructor for

a year. She resigned in order to spend more time with her children. Her current position is part time.

The Dotys are the parents of two boys. Jay is five and Sterling, three. Jay plays soccer for the Cubs in the Snyder Soccer Association. Sterling is an avid rodeo fan.

Both Bob and Darla enjoy snow skiing, and Darla enjoys gardening. They both feel that the family unit is a very important part of their lives.

When asked what they would like to teach their students, Bob said "To get a good education because they won't be able to rodeo all of their lives."

Darla would like to teach students "a sense of responsibility. Out in the 'real' world they will not be given two or three chances like they are in school."

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Intramural teams clash in a recent game played to determine semi-final champions.

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Season begins

Westerners to host McMurry College

By Kevin Kendrick
WT Sports Reporter

In just two weeks the Westerners and Dusters begin season play.

The Westerners host McMurry College Oct. 30 at the Scurry County Coliseum at 7 p.m. The Dusters go on the road to Waco for the McLennan tournament.

According to Coach Kelly Chadwick and Phil Spradling, both teams fared well in recent scrimmages. Against Howard College the Westerners split in four quarters of play.

Spradling cited the "solid performances" of sophomores Alvin Lee, John Lewis, Kevin Kendrick and Terry Ridgeway and freshmen Melvin Thompson and Harvey Marshman.

The Westerners then traveled to Plainview to challenge the Wayland team.

"Wayland had some good

talent on their team, which really tested the skills of some of our players," Spradling said.

The men again scrimmaged Howard and came out on top in total points.

The Dusters scrimmaged Odessa College, the defending national champions, and beat them both times. "The team's overall performance against Odessa was good," Chadwick said.

"We are ready to get underway with the season," Brenda Welch said. Welch was first team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-American last season.

Chadwick predicts that the team will look good in the first season opener if post players Wendy Milner, Lisa Thompson, Karen Smith and Bonnie Detrixhe work together inside.

"We urge fans to come out and support our teams," Chadwick said.

Intramural football season comes to end

Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Editor

The 1986 Intramural football season is coming to a close. In the final week of play there are still two unbeaten teams. D.A.T. and the Cool-Errors will be playing today, weather permitting. The winner is going to receive the prestigious Intramural T-shirt. D.A.T. only has to win this game and they will be the champions. If the Cool-Errors win they will have to beat the Rodeo Bunch to take the title. If the Cool-Errors

beat the D.A.T.s and lose to the Rodeo Bunch, there will be a play-off game between the Cool-Errors and the Roughriders, who tied during the regular season. The Roughriders' only loss came at the hands of D.A.T. in the first game of the season. They have been unstoppable ever since.

"I think we are going to win because we have a good team, we have great speed and good athletes on our team," said Ed Coppage of Crosbyton who plays for the D.A.T.

"I think there is no question

about it; we will win. We will win because we are better. We've got the best defense. We might give them a six-point advantage before the game. We are planning to get in touch with Coach Harrison about the T-shirt sizes for each member of our team," said Aaron Chavez of Ft. Stockton, who plays for the Cool-Errors.

Other teams competing but unequal to the competition were the Silver Bullets, Rodeo Bunch, and the Reeboks who were led by Terry Bratton, and went winless throughout the season.

"We played close games but we had too many bad breaks," said Bratton.

Next up for intramural competition is co-ed volleyball with six teams competing. They are the Almost Over the Hill Gang, Mace's Marauders, Probation Crew, Munchkins, Throwtogethers, and The Team. Each team will play each other once and the one with the most victories will be declared the winner. The season kicks-off this week. The games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.



Sports Talk

By Todd Neal

No pass/no play raises standards

No pass/no play is definitely a major step in the right direction for promoting the academic end of an athlete's curriculum. Statistics already have revealed steady improvement scholastically by the student athletes here in Texas. One year ago 23 percent of the high school students in this state made below 70 in at least one course. This year that is down to a highly respectable eight percent.

One major complaint from the athletic standpoint is the mandatory six-week suspension for a below 70 average. This, in many instances, entails over half the season. Possibly a two-week suspension with the re-evaluation

at the end of the two weeks for possible reinstatement would encourage young athletes to raise their grades rather than just quit trying because "they can't play anymore this year."

The low percentage of college athletes obtaining their degree poses a major problem. I feel that this stems not from lack of effort as much as from lack of preparation. Too many athletes are behind when they begin college because they were star high school athletes who were permitted to "just get by." Many feel that no pass/no play might be a bit harsh for the first step, but it's a necessary step and statistics never lie.



Shapin' Up

By Lee Burke

Burke gives facts concerning STDs

STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) are those diseases that are passed on from one person to another by intimate physical contact. Not all STDs involve sexual contact, and some do not affect the sexual organs. These are some commonly asked questions about STDs:

Q. What are my chances of getting an STD?

A. The more people with whom you have intimate contact, the greater your risk of becoming infected.

Q. Can STDs be transmitted through saliva?

A. Most definitely; example, the herpes B virus, and oral herpes.

Q. Can I get STDs from toilet seats?

A. Generally speaking, no.

Q. Can I take antibiotics or other medicine to prevent STDs?

A. No. This is very risky due to the broad spectrum of organisms causing infection.

Q. Can condoms prevent STDs?

A. While condoms do not provide 100 percent protection, when used according to the instructions provided, they are the best protection available.

Q. Can someone with no STD symptoms still be contagious?

A. Yes. Example: Women who have chlamydia or gonorrhea do not know they are infected but can still pass on their infection.

Q. When is it safe to have sexual contact with someone who has an STD?

A. Not until the infection is completely gone --checked by a health professional.

Q. How can I tell if I have an STD?

A. The only sure way is to be checked by a professional. Some symptoms are: burning or pain in the genitals, anus or rectum, pain in the abdomen during sexual activity, unusual discharge from the penis, and sores, growths, warts, rashes, or itching in the mouth or in the anal or genital areas.

Q. If I have pain when urinating, do I have an STD?

A. Not necessarily. This symptom can be caused by other conditions, but should be checked by a professional.

Q. If I ignore STD symptoms, will they go away?

A. Symptoms may go away, but the infection will not unless it is treated.

(Play Safe: How to avoid getting sexually transmitted diseases, by Mandel and Mandel)

Contracting an STD is an embarrassing and frightening thing. It cannot be ignored and must be treated. There are public health organizations available to treat STDs, both physically and emotionally. Remember, the more contact you have, especially with several partners, the better the chance of getting a STD. Know your partner and use common sense. If you need help or information, please contact my office, the biology department, counseling, your advisor or someone you can talk with and get the facts.

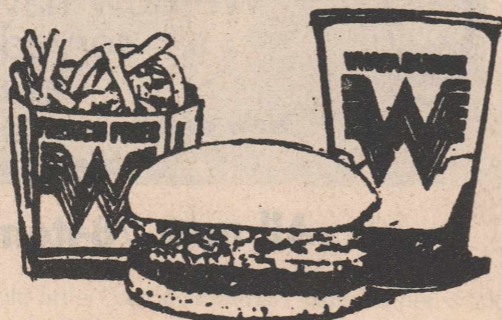


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