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Chat session

Jayna Gilbert (left), Missy Trull (center), and Allison Adams (right) all of Snyder, chat between classes. (Photo by Monica Hinojos)

Activities planned

Community college month observed

By Howard Bigham
WT Page Editor

National Community College Month will be observed at Western Texas College Feb. 14-20 with a variety of activities.

Gov. Clements signed a proclamation designating February as community college month.

A proclamation signed by County Judge Bobby Goodwin will open the week. Ads will run

in the Snyder Daily News featuring 'excellence in education', the athletic facilities and vocational training programs.

The activities planned include; volleyball, WTC staff vs. community leaders Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the WTC gym; Feb. 18, a reception to honor community leaders in the Scurry County Coliseum at 7 p.m.; and a Westerners game against Midland at 8 p.m. Anyone atten-

ding the game dressed in the WTC colors (green, blue and white) will be admitted free.

Mike Harrison, physical education instructor, is organizing the volleyball team for WTC. Anyone interested should contact him at ext. 290.

The community leaders have already recruited 17 players. They are Joe Fowler, city councilman; Donna Fowler, radio announcer; Dalton Moseley,

Accreditation pending

Committee visits WTC

By Dejdre Gantt
WT Reporter

A committee will visit WTC the week of February 22-25 to evaluate a WTC institutional self-study, examine the campus and conduct interviews with the faculty, staff and students. The committee is from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and will re-assess or confirm WTC's accreditation with the organization.

Richard Lancaster, director of the self-study proposal, said the visiting committee has scheduled Feb. 23-24 for intensive interviewing and student interviews are likely to occur during that time. He said the Southern Association committee wants "to find out student's impressions at WTC, whether they are getting what they expect from the college in terms of education, facilities and activities." He said the visiting panel wants the student's input on "how good a job is the college doing?"

Dr. Jean Netherton, chairman of the reaffirmation committee, visited WTC on Jan. 28-29 to meet with the college and to make

"The purpose was for the college to learn its strengths and weaknesses and build on the strengths. We know a lot more about ourselves now," he added.

The reaffirmation committee will give an exit interview on Feb. 25 where an oral report of their findings will be given. Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, said the meeting will be open for anyone to attend.

Krenek said the college was originally accredited ten years ago joining other colleges and public schools "in an attempt to maintain high standards of college education and to help insure quality of instruction and programs. College courses accredited by the Southern Association can be transferred to other accredited colleges."

He said a college must be reaffirmed every ten years by the Southern Association. He added that in the past the Association "measured input", whereas now they "measure output and effectiveness of the college." He said "the Southern Association has become the leader (among other accreditation organizations) in the new focus of college output."

sure the college was prepared for the upcoming sessions with the full committee.

According to Lancaster, the preliminary visit was very positive. "She said she thought we were clearly ready. She was impressed with the proposal and the 12-month progress report," Lancaster said of Netherton.

"WTC has been working almost two years on the self-study proposal and has involved almost every faculty member," said Dr. Ed Barkowsky who is the editor of the self-study. He collaborated with Lancaster, the chairmen and members of eight major committees to finish the proposal.

The study focuses on the issues of institutional purpose, educational support services, student development services, WTC organization and administration, financial and physical resources, faculty evaluations and institutional effectiveness.

"We have an excellent self-study and I would be surprised if they (the reaffirmation committee) find any serious problems with our study," Barkowsky said.

PPST Workshops

Feb. 22-24

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Go by the counseling office for more information.

Director assumes post

By Missy Trull
WT Page Editor

There is a new face on the WTC campus this semester. Dennis Carlton has replaced retiring James Tully as financial aid director.

Carlton assumes his new position after a lengthy career in petroleum management. He describes his new career as "quite a bit different" but he admits that in both professions government rules and regulations play a major role.

As financial aid director, Carlton's office is responsible for the administration of federal and state grant programs such as the Pell grant.

Carlton warns that it is a necessity for students to apply for aid well in advance. "It can hurt if a student decided spur of the moment to attend school. They come into the office and want financial aid." Such students are not aware of the processing time of aid applications. This makes it a must to meet the application's deadline. Carlton hopes to hand out the packets and hold a short "seminar" in the Student Center later this semester.

Another responsibility of Carlton's is overseeing the repayment of guaranteed Student Loans. "I have the responsibility of seeing who is making payments and who isn't." There seems to be more of the "who isn't" than the "who is." It's a nation-wide problem. Legislative solutions are being sought. "The government is now looking at



schools and their loan default rate. Schools with high default rates may lose some jeopardizing the program," says Carlton. He fears the whole program may just be done away with.

Approximately 40 percent of WTC students have some form of financial aid or scholarships and financial aid programs available can be found in the WTC catalog. Any questions students may have concerning financial assistance may be addressed to Carlton's office where he is assisted by Darla Doty and Diane Bohanon.

Carlton is a Snyder native. He is a 1970 graduate of Snyder High School and he attended Texas Tech University in 1970-72 and the University of Texas in Austin from 1972-73. He enrolled at WTC in 1976-77.

He received his bachelors of science degree in petroleum management and technology from the University of Alabama in 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and their daughters, Lisa and Shara, have made their home in Snyder for the past year and a half. The Carltons are members of the First United Methodist Church. Lisa and Shara, twins, are students at Snyder Junior High School.

Fall '89

Skills test becomes reality for freshmen

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Starting in the fall of 1989, all students entering any college or university will have to take a basic skills test as a result of state House Bill 2182.

The test will consist of 150 questions covering such subjects as reading, writing and mathematics. These questions will be multiple choice and one essay. The test will last approximately four hours.

According to HB 2182, a student may not enroll in any upper division course or take any credit beyond 60 hours or the equivalent until the student's test results meet or exceed the minimum standards in all test scores.

The test has two fundamental purposes. The first, is to assess the level of basic skills of students entering Texas colleges or universities. The second, is to assist students who need to develop fundamental skills.

This test will identify students in need of remedial assistance. HB 2182 states if the test results show remedial education is necessary, the institution shall refer the students to remedial programs made available by the institution.

Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling at Western Texas College, is a member of one of the Texas Academic Skills Committees created by the Coordinating Board of Colleges and Universities to develop the basic skills test. Hood said the four year schools are raising their cut-off score on ACT's and SAT's, so they would be less likely to get students who need remedial courses.

"Students would then need to go to junior colleges. We would be offering more and more remedial courses," Hood said.

Hood stressed this test will not replace the ACT or the SAT.

Hood said that the results of the basic skills test will provide diagnostic information for advising and placement programs on all campuses. The information will not be used for lower level admissions purposes, she added. However, admission into upper level study will depend on successful completion of the test.

Four WTC faculty members are on Texas Academic Skills Committees. The committee members are Dr. Ed Barkowsky, Elsie Anderson, Gerald Corkran and Hood.

Hood is serving on the Tests and Measurements committee.

"This is the committee that makes recommendations to the coordinating board and Texas Education Agency about costs, how long the test will last and special honorariums for the handicapped," Hood said.

Hood noted that the state test will replace the PPST for education majors. The skills test will first be administered in the spring of 1989 to the education majors.

"Even adults who take a class for fun will have to take this test before nine hours are accumulated," Hood said. She added "students will have to continue to take the test until they pass it."

Unless they pass the test, students will not be able to receive an associate degree or accumulate credit beyond 60 hours at another college.

WTC has begun to help students prepare for the test. According to Richard Lancaster, Associate Professor of English, the WTC English department has developed a basic skills test that will be given this semester to all English 131 students. "The students must successfully pass with a 70 to receive credit," Lancaster said.

Students not passing the test are advised to take an English

superintendent of SISD; Bill Moss, chamber of commerce director; Dr. James Burleson and Luanne Burleson; Rex Robinson, president of Snyder National Bank; Eddie Johnson, president of American State Bank and Bill Parker, president of West Texas State Bank.

"The volleyball game should be fun and exciting," Darla Doty, chairman of the committee, said.

Mike Kerker, associate programmer of testing for the Coordinating Board, spoke with the faculty during in-service and said the basic skills test is expected to be given five times a year and a different version will be given each time.

Kerker also noted that the state of Texas will set up a number of test centers for those who don't make the statewide tests.

A study guide will also be provided and will be scored so that high school seniors could prepare for the real test. Kerker said the cost of the test would be approximately \$20-30, which would probably include the study guide.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency have contracted with National Evaluation Systems, Inc. of Amherst, Mass. to develop and administer the test.

"I have a feeling the finished product will be harder (than expected), based on what I heard people say at the regional meetings," Hood said.

Role 'models' should uplift morals

Women who have been arrested should not be able to participate in beauty pageants for Miss USA, Miss America or Miss Universe.

The women chosen are representatives of their states and countries. Therefore, having committed a crime eliminates them from being eligible to participate in a pageant.

A few years ago, Vanessa Williams was deprived of her crown because she posed for *Playboy* magazine before being selected to represent her state.

Next month, Sue Bolick, Minn., and Suzanne Pitman, Kentucky, will be allowed to participate in the Miss USA pageant in El Paso. Bolick was arrested for gross misdemeanor theft and Pitman for driving while intoxicated.

These women are being allowed to participate because they have not been proven guilty. It seems that a system that would not allow Williams to participate would also prevent the others from participating.

Williams lost her right to represent her country by exposing herself. Such conduct, as well as being arrested for crimes, does not represent America in a decent, respectable way.

Miss USA should observe the laws of the land and abide by what is socially acceptable.



Dieter's recommended allowance not approved by FDA

The thing I hate worse about starting off a new year are people and their blasted New Year's resolutions. But of all of them, the worst are the dieters.

I watch them everyday as they gather at the salad bar in the cafeteria to exchange diet plans and health tips and to tell each other how great they look. And they are all so..... so healthy. Small waistlines, firm muscles, nothing bounces as they trot up and down the steps to the cafeteria. There ought to be a law against people like that.

I believe that it is time for us junk-food junkies to take a stand against these menaces to society. So, for those of us who would rather eat cheesecake than celery and who would just as soon walk on hot coals as to jog, I have come up with our own diet plan and health tips:

New Year's Diet Plan For Rebels

The following is a suggestion for one average day. Note that it may be doubled or even tripled.

7 a.m. Breakfast - 1/2 doz. jelly donuts, coffee with cream and sugar. (Note: only drink coffee with the highest caffeine content possible and donuts with so many preservatives on that their life expectancy is greater than your own.)

10 a.m. Mid-morning Snack - 2 Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, small bag of barbeque potatoe chips (doesn't matter what brand as long as they are high in salt, calories and preservatives) and a 16-oz. bottle of Dr. Pepper (never diet or caffeine free).

Noon Lunch - Pizza Hut All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. At least 6 slices, your choice of toppings (but pick off the healthy stuff like green peppers). Swing by Dairy



The Melton Pot

By Pam Melton

Queen on your way back to work or school for a Dairy Queen Blizzard (with Whoppers).

3 p.m. Mid-afternoon Snack - An entire bag of Oreo cookies, chocolate milk.

6 p.m. Dinner - Find the nearest greasy spoon and whorf down a greasy burger, greasy fries, a greasy fried pie, and a Coke. Buy a large bag of Peanut M&M's for the trip home.

8:30 Mid-evening Snack

Polish off that leftover chocolate merangue pie in the fridge and anything else that might be lingering about. Follow it down with a handful of Fig Newtons.

Midnight. Midnight Snack - Large bowl of Rocky Road ice cream topped with hot fudge. Five gulps of milk straight out of the carton.

Tips On How To Stay Unhealthy Here are a few suggestions on

how to keep up your flabby, pear-shaped physique.

1. Deep fry everything.
2. Eat only while lying on the couch or standing in front of the refrigerator or microwave.
3. Avoid the fresh vegetable aisle in the supermarket. Stay as close to the ice cream freezer as possible.
4. Hot fudge and marshmallow cream are your two best friends.
5. If you must eat cereals, buy only those containing at least 80 percent sugar.
6. Be a label reader. Buy foods loaded with additives and preservatives and artificial flavors and colors. Look for lots of words ending in "...ose", for example sucrose, dextrose and lactose.
7. Skim milk is death to a junkie.

8. Stay away from healthy people lest, heaven forbid, it might rub off on you. Avoid health clubs like the plague. Don't even drive by them. Take a different route instead, preferably by a Baskin Robbins with a drive through.
9. Attend only social events where massive quantities of food are served.
10. Cottage cheese will cause you to break out in hives and possibly go into convulsions.
11. When dining out be careful not to let them slip anything healthy in on you. Probe through the cream sauce thoroughly with your fork to make sure that there is no broccoli or cauliflower buried underneath. Remember, vegetables are the enemy!
12. When in doubt, dunk it in hot fudge.

Personality possesses passion for puzzles

I think that I can confidently say that everyone has a "passion" for something. I know people who devote all their attention to finding that perfect mate and others who are dedicated to their gardens, pets or fingernails. And I, too, have a "passion"...crossword puzzles.

I realize many people could care less that a three-letter word for tablescrap is "ort", or that a seven-letter word for spoilsport is "killjoy", but I thrive on such word-play. I am consumed with the search for "new words."



360° Off Course

By Deidre Gantt

I may set aside two hours to study for a history exam, but deep in my heart I know 15-20 minutes of that time will be spent with the

DALLAS MORNING NEWS crossword. Guests in my home get the impression that I am a current events expert, because I have newspapers littered throughout every room...Only I know that

those papers have never been read, but contain solved crosswords hidden within their pages.

I can't go a day without at least attempting to solve a crossword. I live for the chance to figure out the five-letter word for a goat antelope is "goral", or the four-letter word for a cebeles ox is "anoa"...

Is this a normal "passion" for a Sophomore in college? All I know is this hobby of mine is not like the five-letter word for "lost one's mind", but is like the four-letter word for "sweetheart."

My passion is not "crazy", it is "dear."

Application dates nearing for transfer

Some Universities have early application deadlines for the Fall semester. These include Abilene Christian University, Baylor University and UT Austin. All require admission documents to be returned by March 1.

Some universities also have early FINANCIAL AID deadlines. To be considered for aid be sure to have all paperwork in.

There are numerous financial aid opportunities available at the universities with the earliest



Counselor's Corner

By Dan Osborn

applicants getting the best details. Education majors might check out the Future Teacher Loan Programs, which offer cancella-

tion of debt for each year of work. UTPB has several honor scholarships for students still attending WTC but planning to

transfer to that university. Commuting or moving costs may also be awarded.

Check with the major departments as well as the financial aid office at the school to which you transfer. The Texas Tech College of Engineering has had several scholarships for prospective computer science majors.

The Hardin-Simmons business department traditionally offers monies to prospective transfer students.

But it is time to start looking!

Application deadlines

ACU.....May 1
Angelo State.....July 15
Baylor.....March 1
Southwest Texas State.....April 1
Texas Tech.....April 1
Texas A&M.....March 1
UT at Austin.....March 1

Financial Aid Deadlines

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Angelo State.....March 1
(Carr Scholarship)
Baylor.....March 1
Southwest Texas State.....May 1
Texas Tech.....April 1
UT Austin.....March 1

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Students test low in geography facts

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

Many of the items we use everyday bear labels such as 'made in Taiwan, France or Italy.' It seems like everything is made somewhere else.

But where are these places? An article released by College Press Service indicates that American students don't know much about geography. Separate surveys of students' geography knowledge at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, California State and Mankato State Universities found some collegians were unable to find the Soviet Union on a map, thought Nicaragua was an Asian island, or didn't know who the U.S.'s leading trade partner was.

The 21 question survey averaged 12 correct answers. Only 14 percent located the Caribbean Sea and one-fourth of those surveyed could locate and identify Canada as the United State's leading trade partner or the Soviet Union as the world's third most populous nation.

"The tests are depressingly accurate," said Patt Morrison, a University of Southern California journalism teacher and Los Angeles Times reporter. "When

students place the Bering Straits on the coast of Maine and think Nicaragua, an island off the coast of India, something is definitely wrong," Morrison said.

Dr. Jim Palmer, who teaches both an introductory geography course and a world geography course at Western Texas College, has found similar results in WTC students. "I went through a Snyder paper and took all the cities and places listed in the datelines, which were mostly from the United States, and gave a test from that. Several students flunked miserably," said Palmer.

These results seem to be typical of American students and especially West Texans, who are physically distanced from other cultures.

One theory, according to an article in College Woman, is stated by Professor Allan Bloom in his book, The Closing of the American Mind. This theory maintains that collegians don't know anything because the education system has failed to teach it.

Palmer also believes that students are not given a good background in geography before college, however, he doesn't



believe it should be required in high school. "Requiring the course in high school would hurt more than help because it would be another course where students would memorize instead of learn," Palmer said. Another reason Palmer cites is that in high school, students would probably not understand the value and ap-

plication of geography to their own lives, whereas college students are more mature.

Palmer also explained why it is important to have knowledge of the world outside Texas. "Twenty years ago, the United States was self-sufficient. Now we have to trade with many other nations because we no longer have the

same resources and about one-fifth of our gross national product comes from other countries. The bottom line is economy," said Palmer.

The average size of a geography class is 16 students, and most are education majors who are required to take the course, added Palmer.

Tax forms available

By Melinda Thomas
WT Page Editor

The Learning Resource Center has all the 1987 IRS tax forms available in reprintable form. They have 1040, 1040A, and 1040 ez readily available. Deadline for filing is April 15.

The LRC also has a variety of informative and useful pamphlets and booklets explaining the new tax laws.

According to Zelma Irons, library technician, "the closer to April 15, the more people come in." The main users of the service are the teachers on campus.

Board okays roof repairs, land purchase

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

WTC Board of Trustees approved a bid of \$304,000 submitted by Lydick-Hooks of Abilene to replace five of the colleges worst roofs and repair ten others during the Jan. 25 board meeting.

The buildings that need roofs replaced are the science and lecture hall building, fine arts building, the physical plant, administration building and the health/physical education building.

Ten other roof areas will be repaired also under the bid. Others submitting bids were Roof Maintenance of Amarillo, Hamilton Roofing of Lubbock, Texas Roofing of Odessa, F. W. Walton of Texas City and Barn Roofing of Abilene.

According to Dr. Harry Krenk, WTC president, said the first priority of the company is to repair the roofs first so the college would be kept dry.

"The repairs will begin right away if weather permits," Krenk said. "The project will take the rest of the semester and most of the summer," Krenk added.

In other board action, the board approved the purchase of a 271 acre college farm.

The land was bought for \$350 per acre for a total of \$94,850. Krenk noted the land will be used by Jim Judah and Bob Doty, agriculture instructors, and the students in the ag program.

The farm is located six miles southwest of the college and was purchased from the Carl Voss, Jr. estate heirs.

In other action, the rates charged for use of the racquetball facility were reduced. Students will see a savings from \$4 to \$2 per hour (per person) and the general public fee will change from \$5 and hour to \$4 an hours.

According to LaNelle Hammond, pro shop secretary, this change in rates has shown an increase in students coming to play.

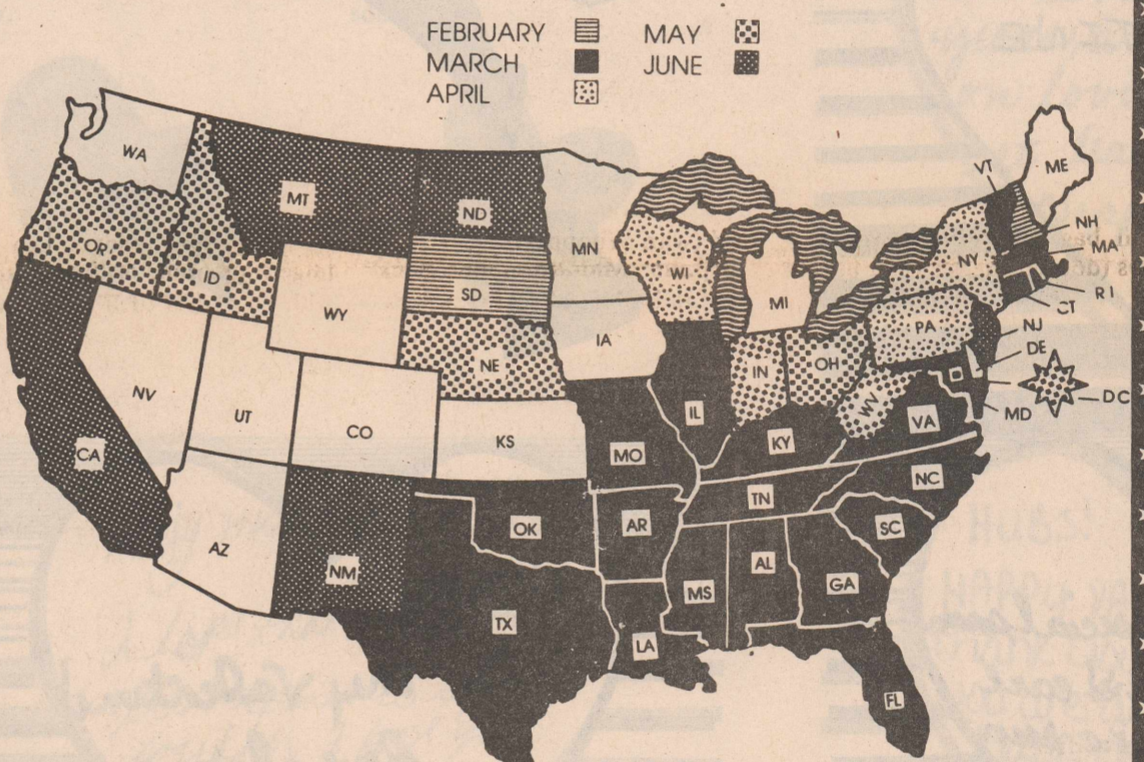
WTC has four racket courts and are open various hours between 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hammond said the courts are subject to demand and may close early or stay open later. Memberships are available for \$15 a month with a \$100 one time initial fee.



Leaky texts

Bookstore manager, Linda Schwarz mops water at the back of the bookstore. Many books were damaged. (Photo by Bill Summerlin)

Presidential And Congressional Primary States And Months



JULY: Democratic National Convention
AUGUST: Republican National Convention

1988 Presidential Election February Events

February

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|----|--|----|---|
| 8 | Iowa Caucus | 23 | Minnesota caucus; South Dakota Primary |
| 13 | League of Women Voters debate Manchester, N.H. (Democrats) | 27 | Atlanta Journal and Constitution debate (Democrats) |
| 14 | League of Women Voters debate, Manchester, N.H. (GOP) | 28 | Atlanta Journal and Constitution debate (GOP); Maine caucus |
| 16 | New Hampshire primary | | |

Enrollment down by 66

By Kay Carrizales
WT Reporter

Enrollment figures for the Spring semester are listed as 1,117, 52 of which have filed for graduation. This figure is down 66 students from the Fall semester.

According to Dan Dever, registrar, this doesn't represent a significant drop. He attributes the drop in enrollment to the slump in the economy which has caused some people to move away from Scurry County.

Although there were 34 classes killed on campus and five at the extension centers, Dever said this accounts for a small loss in

number of students enrolled Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, said "it is not unusual to lose this many classes and the number this year is lower than it has been in the past".

A class is cancelled when enrollment doesn't reach ten students. Twelve classes were cancelled in the automotive department and nine classes in the HPE department.

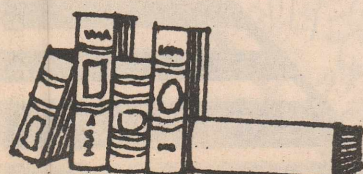
The others were scattered but McQueen said that most of the academic courses didn't suffer.

She attributes the drop in enrollment mainly to the loss of part-time students. McQueen also noted the number of full-time classes are about the same.

Texas Book Company

Students need to come in and buy books before Feb. 15.

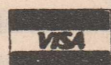
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From your
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To:
Clifton
I love ya Bro!
Mary Lee

To my love Renee
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My soul ever like and in our glass
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in my life that I care
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Happy Valentine's
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To
George!
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Valentine's
Sweeties!!
Doris
Marta

Valentine origins, traditions explored

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Everyone knows Valentine's Day is for sweethearts, friends and families. But do you know where the idea originated and who gave it to us?

There are several different ideas about the beginning. There are two that are the most popular. According to the Alternate Celebrations Catalog by Milo Shannon-Thornberry, Saint Valentine was a Christian Priest of Bishop who performed illegal marriages and was caught.

While he was in prison, he became friends with his jailor's daughter. On the day of his execution, he wrote her a letter and thanked her for her care and kindness and signed his name "Your Valentine".

Another popular belief is that Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. He was imprisoned by the Romans and the children missed him so much, that they sent him "love" notes through the bars of his cell.

There are many other beliefs, but they all agree that Valentine's Day originated in Rome about 270 A.D.

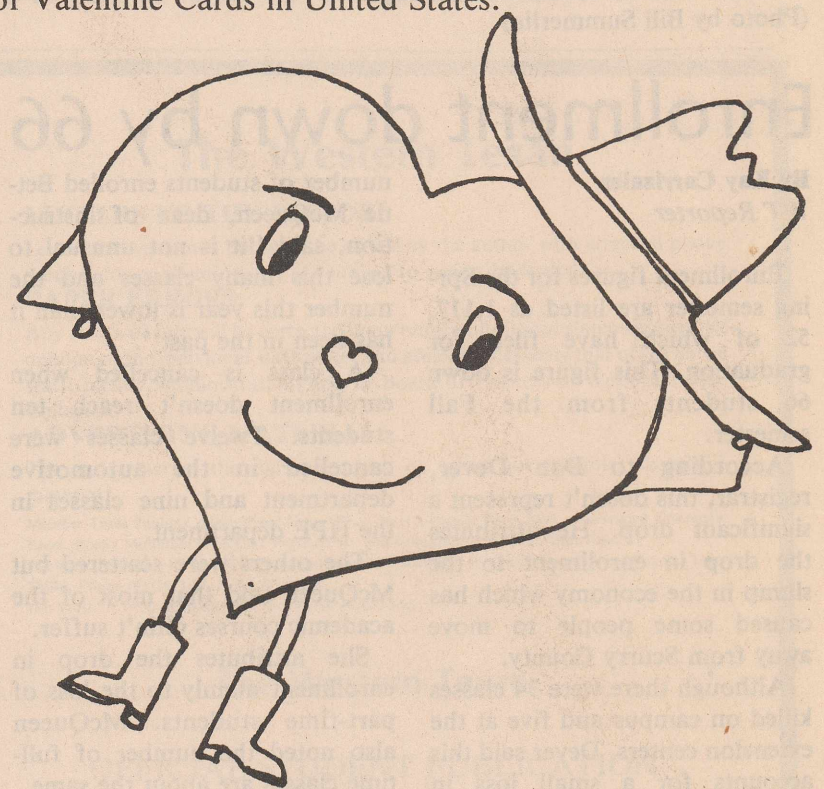
There are just as many customs as there are myths. Several early customs center around the idea of sweethearts.

One such custom was practiced in the 1700s. Unmarried women pinned five bay leaves to their pillows on Valentine's Eve, one in the center and one in each corner. In their dreams, they saw their future husbands.

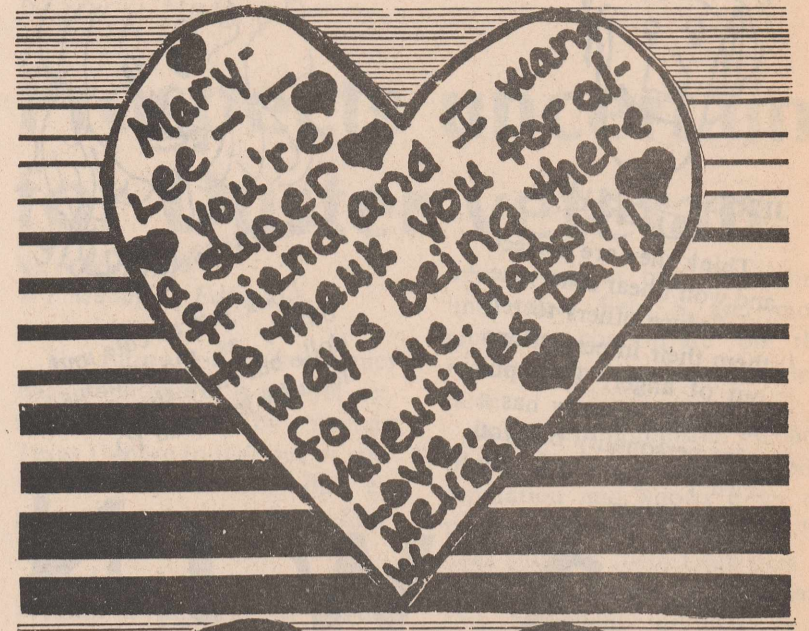
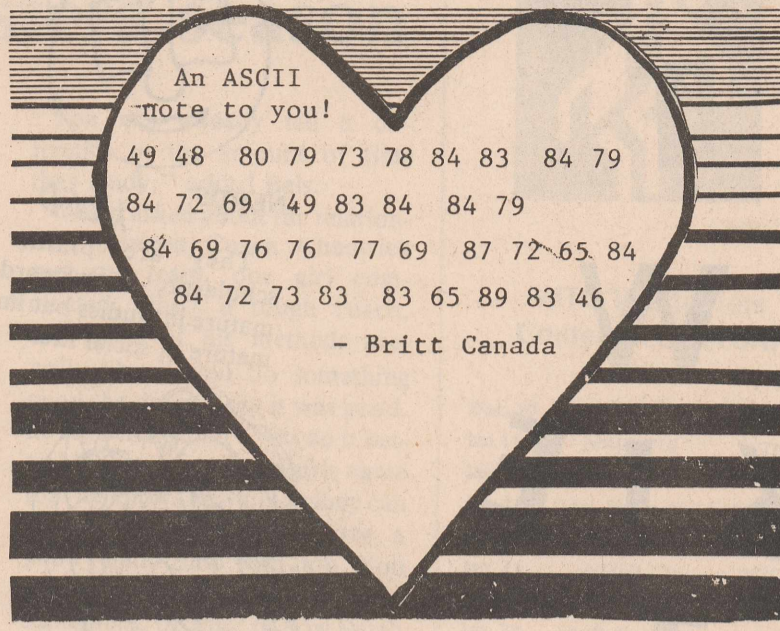
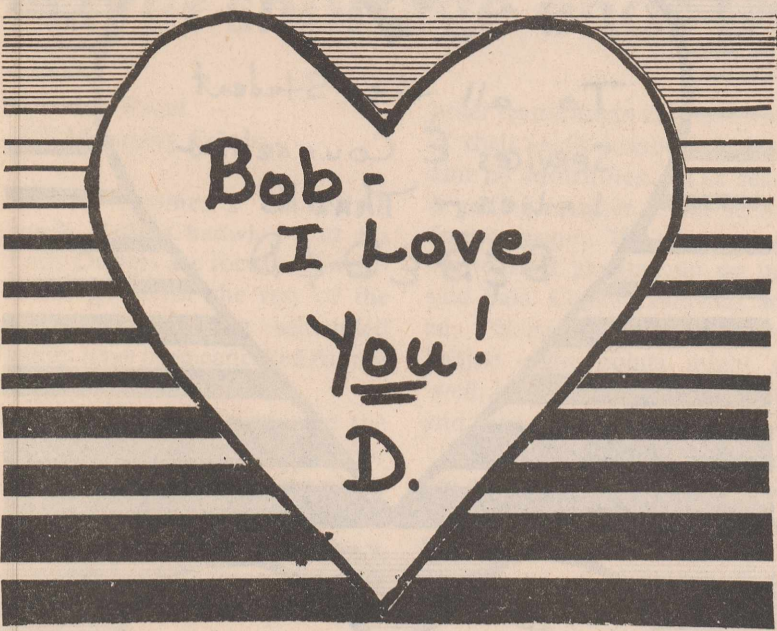
The oldest custom, however, is the practice of men writing women's names on slips of paper and drawing them from a jar. The woman's name chosen became his Valentine. The man paid special attention to her and gave her gifts.

Today's custom is the receiving of Valentine cards. The commercial cards were made as early as 1800.

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George!
Happy
Valentine's
Sweeties!!
Doris
Marta



Halitosis guarantees complete solitude

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

What's the last thing you want to have on your Valentine date? Bad Breath. Otherwise known as halitosis.

Everyone knows that one quick way to alleviate most cases of the dreaded problem is to brush your teeth, provided that the cause of bad breath is something simple, like morning breath. But there are several other common causes which may call for more drastic action.

According to an article in the Body Bulletin, brushing the tongue in addition to the teeth, is three times as effective in reduc-

ing bad breath as was brushing the teeth. Okay, so this is not exactly a monumental breakthrough. You probably already know that. But do you know why foods like onions and garlic linger no matter how many times you brush?

The reason, says the Body Bulletin, is that the odor created by foods like onions, garlic and spicy smoked meats actually enters your bloodstream and can still be present up to 72 hours later. Eventually it leaves through skin and lungs, so in effect, you just have to let it wear off.

Another cause of bad breath could be an empty stomach, since the absence of food creates a lack

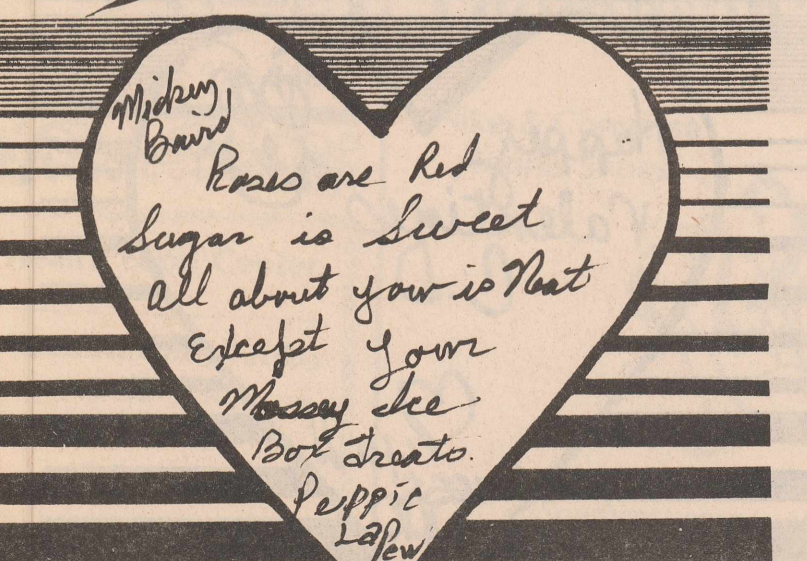
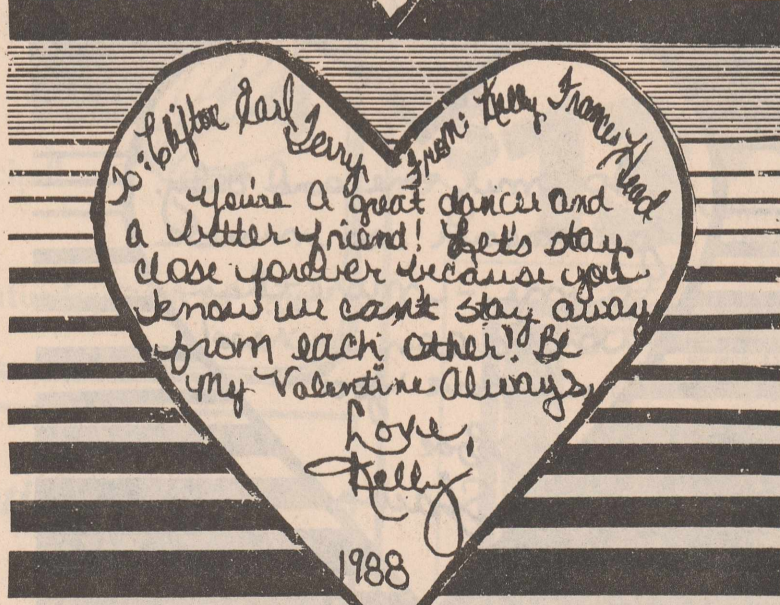
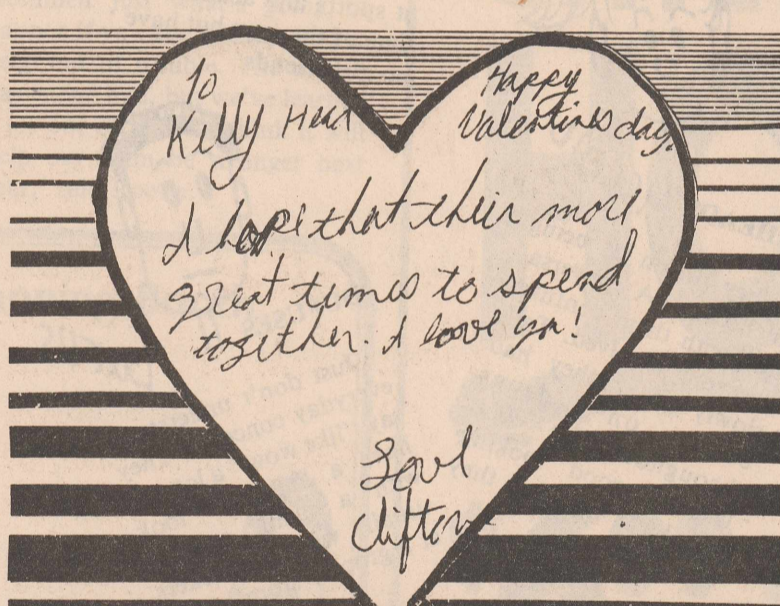
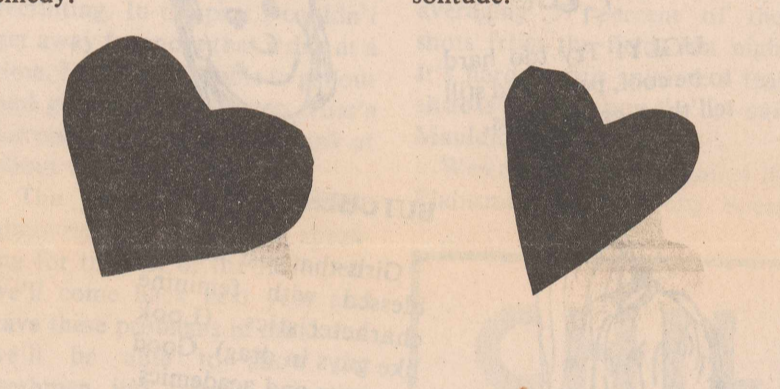
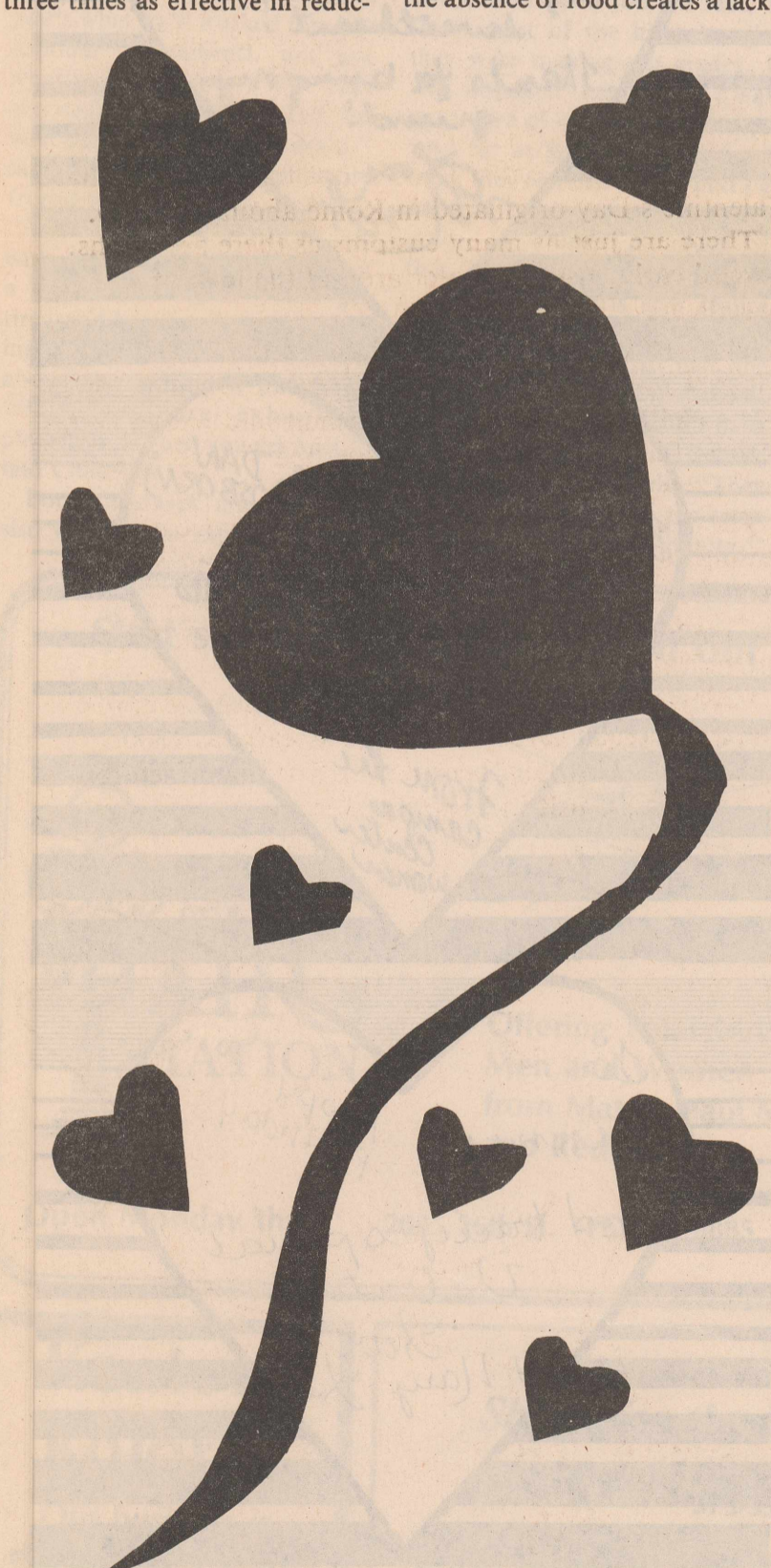
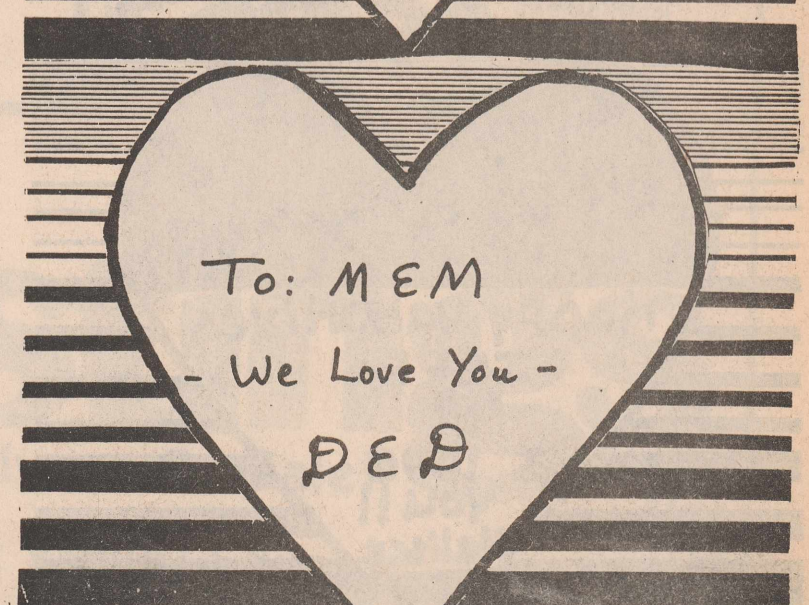
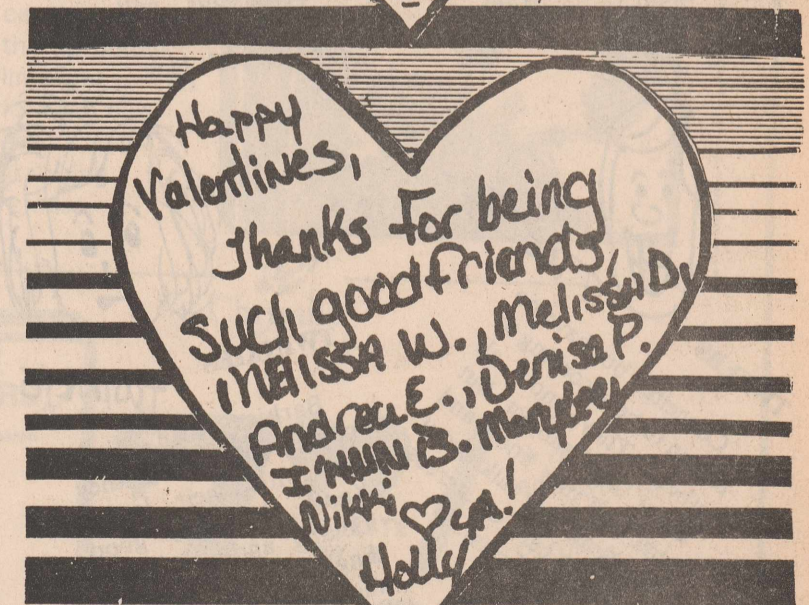
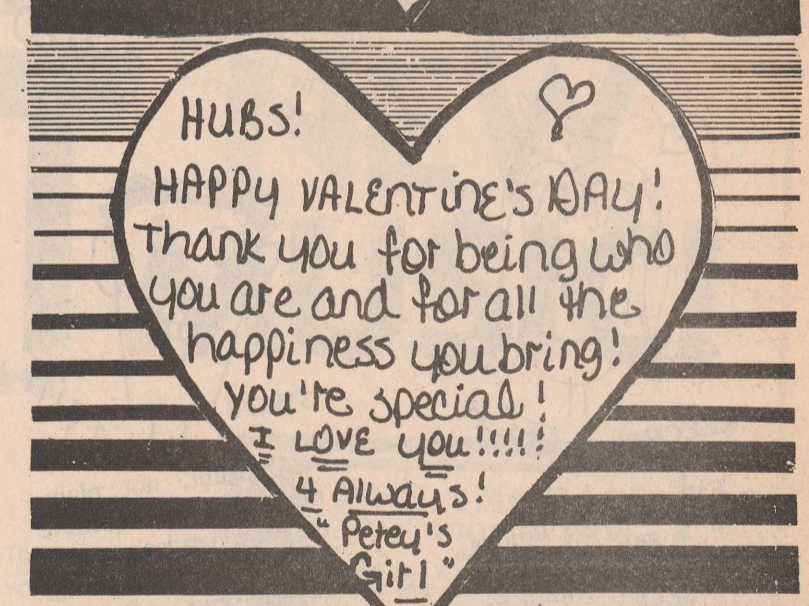
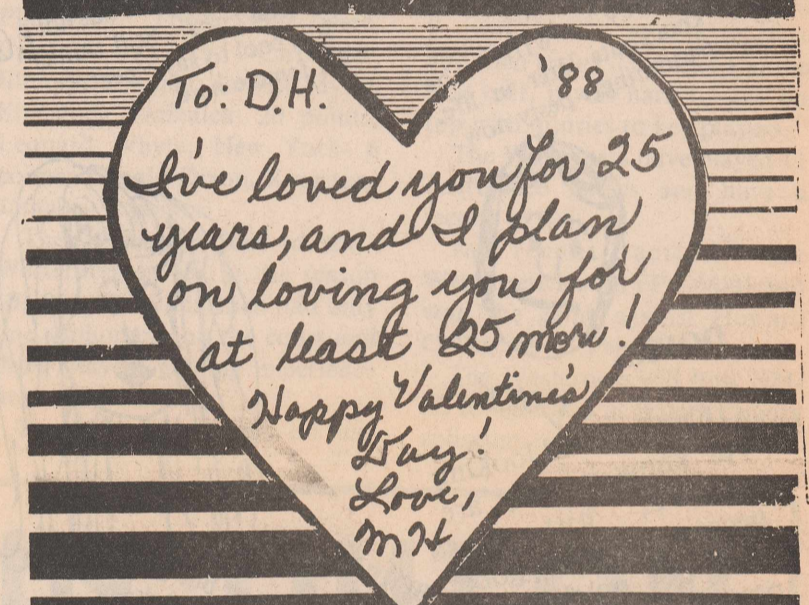
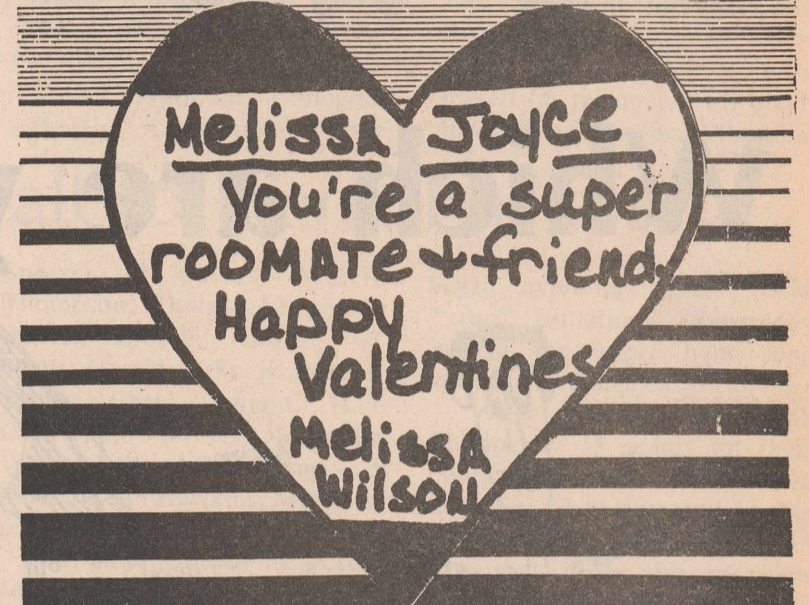
of saliva. Saliva is needed to flush away smelly bacteria from the teeth, tongue and gums. This doesn't mean you get to pig out just to keep from having bad breath. The Body Bulletin suggests chewing gum, lozenges and fresh fruits and vegetables can increase saliva flow.

Unfortunately, other bad breath culprits are not that easily eliminated. Colds and other upper respiratory infections are also cited as causes of bad breath, since breathing through the mouth dries the above mentioned saliva. Until the cold is over, plenty of liquids and antibiotics are the prescribed rewetting remedy.

And if you can't swallow that, why not just grab some mouthwash? Sounds simple enough but the temporary good results may actually worsen the problem later. Overuse of mouthwash can irritate oral tissue and cause inflammation which can start the problem all over.

An alternate method suggested in the article is to rinse with a mixture of water and a few drops of peppermint oil.

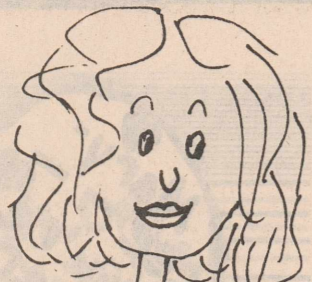
Whether its a first date, or one with a long-time sweetie, bad breath has no place in your Valentine's plans. Unless, of course, you've always craved solitude.





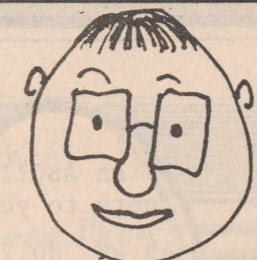
JERKS JERK

Think they are perfect and won't hear otherwise but induce others to tell them their imperfections out of anger. They put up fronts, usually has a nice personality but you can't get to it, brown noser.



BARBIES BARBIE

Look just as cute and bubbly as the famous doll, but have the same maturity level and IQ.



NERDS NERD

They are plain, scholastic, awkward; mature in studies but immature in social life.

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Which are you?



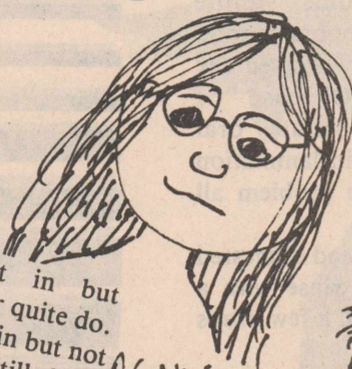
QUEENIE

QUEENIES
Do many things well, attend numerous social gatherings. They are usually on every committee, team or organization. They were nominated to Who's Who in first grade. Too busy for a boyfriend but has lots of friends of both sexes. Usually good looking.



TWIRPS TWIRP

They will be knockouts later in life, frustratingly pesty now.



AGNES

Try to fit in but somehow never quite do. Not ugly or plain but not special either. Still think it is cool to say "peace". A female nerd.



GEEKS GEEK

UGLY! Try too hard to be cool, pesty and still tell third grade jokes.



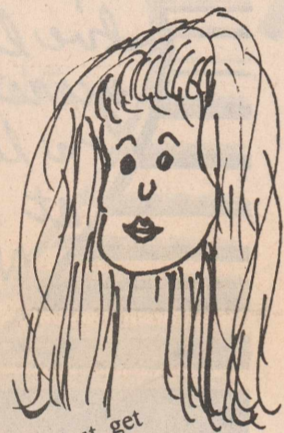
BUTCHES BUTCH

Girls that just weren't blessed with feminine characteristics. (Look like guys in drag). Good at sports and academics. One of the guys but have no girl friends.



DORKS DORK

Can be good looking but know it, they are unique, but not necessarily in a good way; not much brain power and no common sense.



BIMBOS

Good looking but get into jams with out thinking. The kind you date but don't marry.



AIRHEADS AIRHEAD

They dream of being intellectual. A conversation with them confuses everyone involved. Talk slowly as if they had been on drugs throughout the 60's. Usually good looking but have no idea they are.



DUFUSES DUFUS

Just don't understand everyday concepts. They say "like wow" a lot and have a "spaced" look with a blank quality, usually work as sackers at a grocery store.



LEECHES LEECH

Fall absolutely in love with a guy and won't leave him alone until he feigns death.



TWITS TWIT

Arrogant, not plain, not gorgeous but believe they are handsome; pesty, won't take no for an answer but will tell everyone the answer is always 'yes'. lazy.



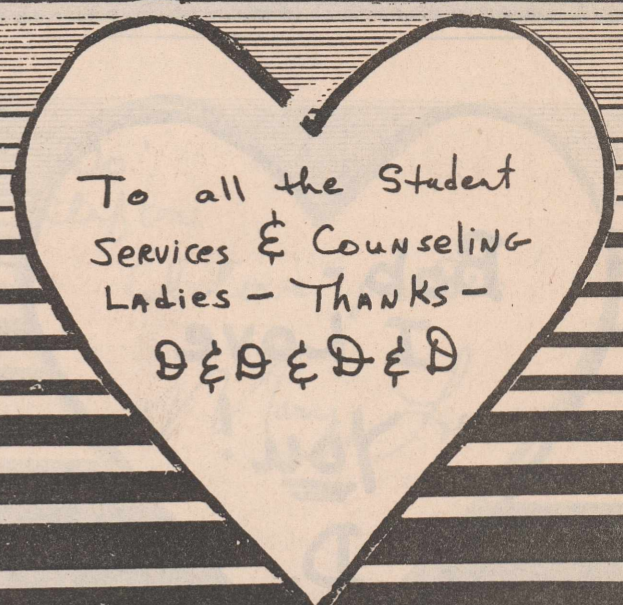
TWEEBS TWEEB

Conceited but have no reason to be according to others. They know all about one subject but that's all they know about (usually cars or stereos, rodeo or farms).

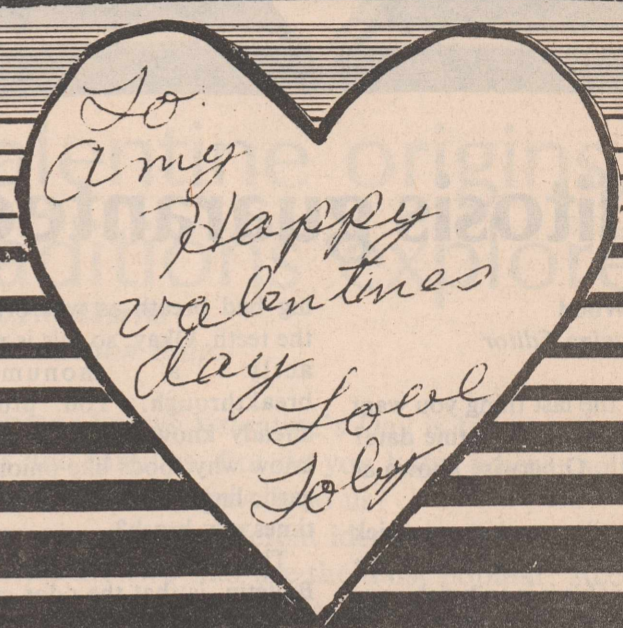


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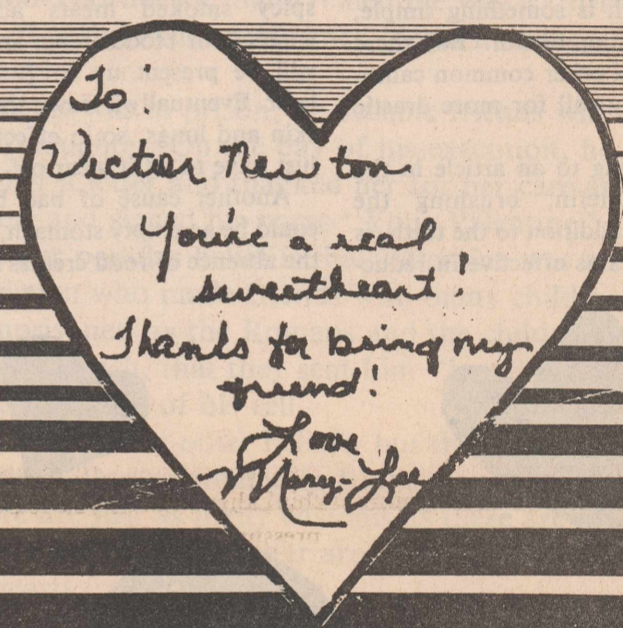
Barbies with high-paying jobs which they got with their looks. Know they are good looking and act accordingly. Usually work as anchorwomen.



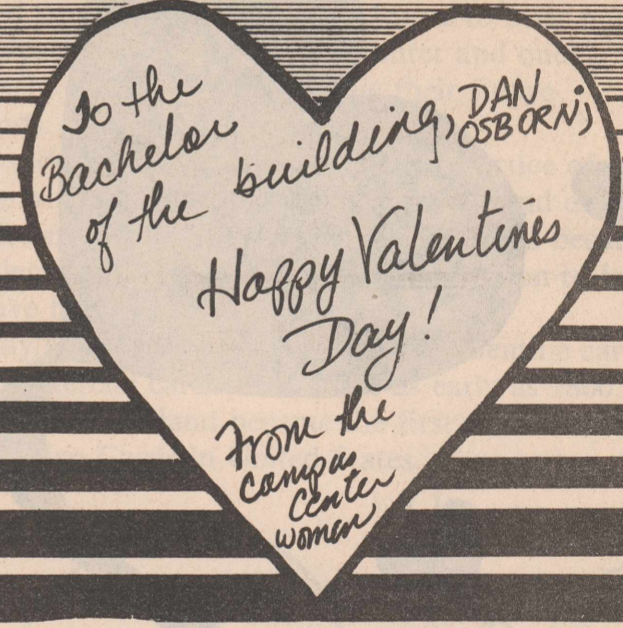
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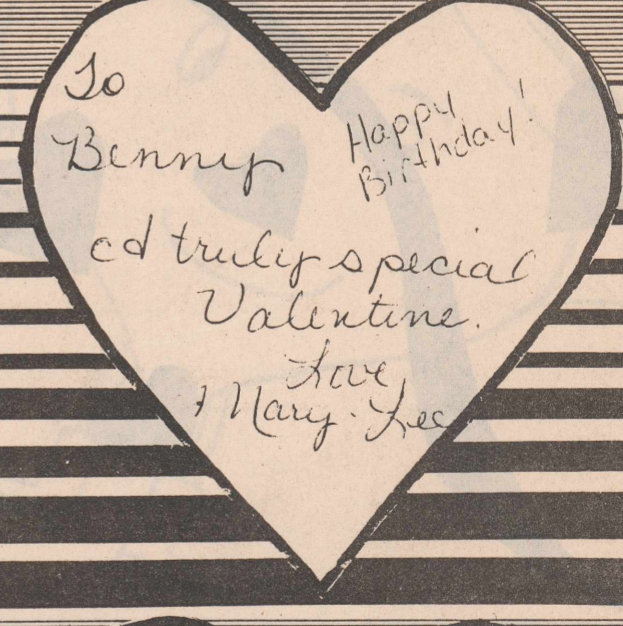
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Happy Valentines Day
Love
Jody



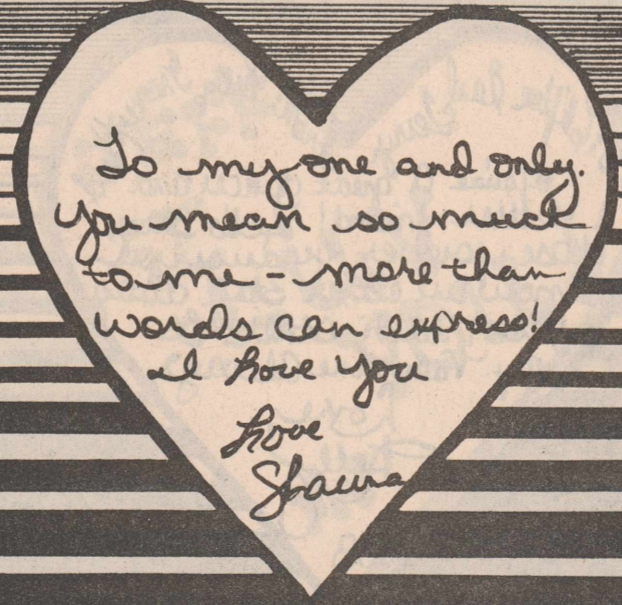
To Victor Newton
You're a real sweetheart!
Thanks for being my friend!
Love
Mary Lee



To the Bachelor of the building, DAN OSBORN!
Happy Valentines Day!
From the Campus Center women



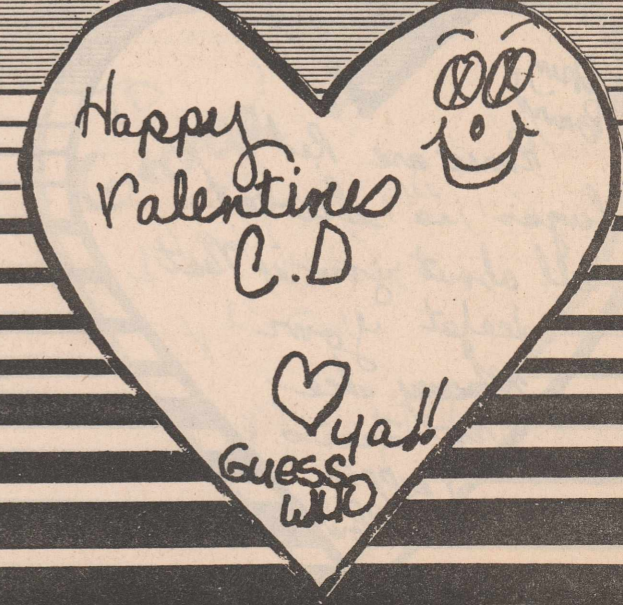
To Benny Happy Birthday!
ed truly special Valentine.
Love
Mary Lee



To my one and only,
you mean so much to me - more than words can express!
I love you
Love
Shauna



Happy Valentines
Kylie Cain



Happy Valentines
C.D
yall Guess who



happy valentines
JEFF
I love you!!
Melissa

Player shortage ends Dusters' season

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

WTC women's basketball coach Kelly Chadwick and his Lady Dusters are focusing on different goals for the rest of the semester after the scheduled games have been cancelled for the season.

The decision to terminate the conference schedule came after the number of team members eligible to play dropped to five. Coach Chadwick said there were a number of reasons why the team lost so many members. "This was probably the worst case scenario you could ever get into as far as an athletic program is concerned...You don't expect it to happen. Everything came together at once," said Chadwick.

Originally, the Dusters' roster included 12 girls, then three did not return to WTC this semester. After four girls dropped below the 2.0 grade point requirement for athletes, the Dusters began this semester short-handedly. Although two more players joined the team, a disciplinary problem reduced the number of eligible players to five, one of which was a walk-on player.

At this time, the team met with coaching staff, Gay Hickman, business manager, and Dr. Harry Krenek to discuss the possibility of discontinuing the schedule. "We were all pretty upset. It was pretty disappointing because that's what we'd worked for, (the regional tournament), not just what we've played so far. Like everything we had worked for was dumped down the drain," said Nancy Bals, sophomore from Lubbock.

The deciding factor was that with only five players, one being a walk-on, the girls would get tired and become more prone to injuries. "What I was concerned about was getting a girl hurt. When you are exhausted physically is when you get hurt," said Chadwick.

Both Chadwick and the girls also know from experience that

other teams might take advantage of their small number of players and no substitutes. "The season is getting tougher as far as conference games. The teams are going to start ganging up on us," said Bals. Coach Chadwick added, "Some coaches, if they're behind eight points might say 'well, let's get this kid to foul out, and then we can win'."

Now that the season has ended, the girls have had time to reflect on the different causes and effects leading to the decision.

Some girls on the team speculated that the reason an unusually large number of players did not maintain passing grades was that 'as freshmen, they didn't really realize how much they did have to study'. The girls also said that some of the ones who failed had not expected to because their teachers had not warned them.

The question of athletes' academic responsibility provides an ongoing conflict between teachers, coaches, and students in many schools, and the circle is no less complicated here. Coach Chadwick says that he cannot monitor students' grades because 'there are just not enough hours in the day.' He maintains that without any assistants in the department, it is hard to check grades in addition to his other duties. "The most I've ever lost to grades is two. We try to monitor that, but I would say we don't do a good job. In fact, I think most of the kids thought they were making the grades. I was surprised they didn't. I was not aware of it," said Chadwick. "As far as going to teachers, I think they feel like you're putting pressure on them to give a kid a grade, so I don't do much of that," he added.

Most of the girls now realize that checking their own grades is important. "If we had had one more person who had made their grades, we would have still been able to play," said Julie Roewe, freshman from Haskell. "They realize that they've let the team down and the community."

"You can already tell a difference in the amount of time they study," added Bals.

When asked about the relationship between Coach Chadwick and the team, one girl commented, "he's a tough coach, and some of his methods are, well...like if you do something good, he doesn't say it was good, he says 'why didn't you do it better'." But most of the girls agree that he knows how much they can stand physically. "We have a good relationship with him. You know, he makes us mad sometimes, because of how tough he is. But I think we all realize he cares about us. He's tough on us but we know in the long run it will pay off," said Bals.

Long range goals are what the team is focusing on now. As the players, both eligible and not eligible, continue daily workouts, they are preparing for next year, and all the freshmen interviewed said they plan to return. "We're going to practice everyday during the week at least, just working on fundamentals and weights and getting stronger. We'll work on the fundamentals they can use next year," said Bals.

Despite the disappointments and problems, both the Lady Dusters and their coach say good things will come out of this.

Coach Chadwick will now have more time to focus on recruiting for next year. "This will give me an opportunity to do some hard recruiting. In the past I couldn't get away for more than a day at a time. Now I will be able to get out and go see players better. That's the only good thing I can think of about this," said Chadwick.

The girls are also optimistic about next year. "I think, speaking for the rest of the freshmen, we'll come back next year and have these problems in mind and we'll be able to show the freshmen just what's going to happen if you don't study; and to keep out of trouble. The season has ended bad, but we've learned a lot out of it and I think it will help our team be stronger next year," said Roewe.



WTC Westerners Conference Record

Dec. 10	Howard College, 81	WTC, 77
Jan. 11	NMJC, 115	WTC, 96
Jan. 14	Odessa, 77	WTC, 68
Jan. 16	Frank Phillips, 86	WTC, 101
Jan. 18	Midland, 99	WTC, 85
Jan. 21	NMMI, 63	WTC, 69
Jan. 25	Clarendon, 99	WTC, 95
Jan. 28	South Plains, 91	WTC, 95
Feb. 4	Frank Phillips, 60	WTC, 56
Feb. 8	Howard College, 83	WTC, 89

Nancy Bals

Prospects uncertain for Duster veteran

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

The future for Duster Nancy Bals, sophomore, is not yet certain. A decision by Western Texas College to pull out of conference play will deny Bals exposure to recruiters from four-year colleges.

Conference play was cancelled because a shortage of players made it impossible to continue the season.

Under National Collegiate Athletic Association rules,

schools cannot begin recruiting until after Feb. 8 and most recruiters concentrate on the regional tournaments to select talent.

Bals is still optimistic. "Coach (Kelly Chadwick) has a good reputation and knows a lot of people. Just about anywhere he goes and tells them I can play. I should be able to get a scholarship. It probably just won't be as big a school as I wanted, since I didn't get a chance to prove myself (at regionals). I'll maybe have to settle for less," Bals said.

Westerners fall to Frank Phillips

By Howard Bigham
WT Page Editor

Westerners met the Plainsmen for the second time this season. This time in conference play, losing 56-60.

The Westerners had one injury during play, Melvin Thompson sprained an ankle and could not finish the night.

Darrel Nelson was out also following a tooth extraction earlier in the day.

"Having Nelson out and then losing Thompson hurt us," said Coach Tony Mauldin.

"As a whole the team was averaging 37 percent of their shots from the field, last night. It's hard to win anytime a team shoots that poorly", said Mauldin.

Westerners scoring against the Plainsmen were: Bobby Spear,

Snook- 18 points; Melvin Thompson, Dallas- 12 points; Derrick Greene, Austin - 7 points; Gerald Wells, El Paso- 6 points; Chris Cannon, Hale Center- 6 points; Malcolm Waters, Stratford, Conn.- 5 points; Keith Hawkins, Morton-2 points.

Four players did all the scoring for the Frank Phillips Plainsmen. Those four were: Carlos Harris, Chicago, Illinois-32 points; Lowell Myrie, Kingston, Jamaica- 20 points; Leonard Whyte, New York- 6 points; Donald Dixon, Kingston, Jamaica- 2 points.

The Plainsmen lost to the Westerners earlier in the season 101-86.. The Plainsmen had only one sophomore on the court and three players gaining experience here from Jamaica.

The Plainsmen caught on and

began avoiding "press" and "trap" situations. Eventually getting the upper hand long enough for the clock to run out.

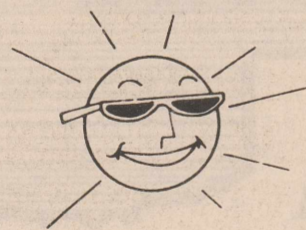
"After winning over Frank Phillips by 15 points on their court, and then having them down by 12 at one time in this game, to have them recover and win...that made this a tough loss," said Mauldin. He added, "...with Nelson unable to start and then losing Thompson in the first half, it was hard to stay on top with injuries to key players."

The Westerners have played 11 conference games and have a record of 3-6.

In recent action, the Westerners lost to FPC 56-91 and won the game against Howard College 89-83 Feb. 8.

The Westerners will host NMJC tonight at 8 at Scurry County coliseum.

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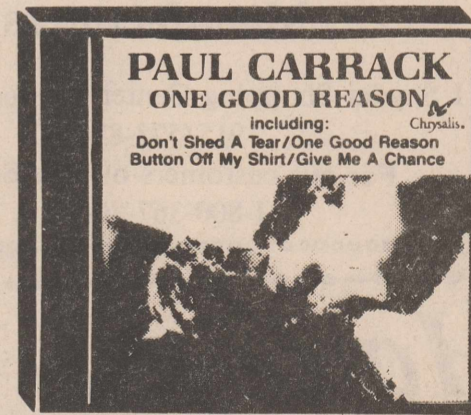


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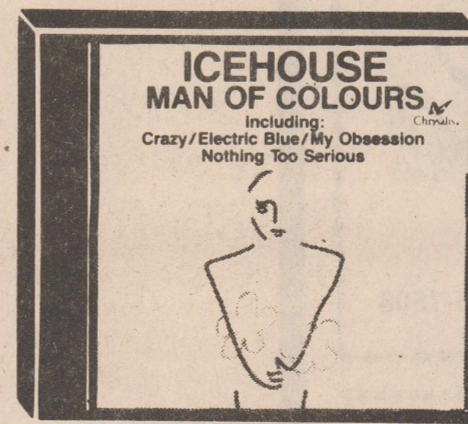
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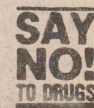
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Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

By Howard Bigham
WT Page Editor

Phi Theta Kappa recently held their annual Spring induction Feb. 7.

The Spring inductees are Daniel Aguilar, Jr., Sweetwater; LaTricia D'Ann Allen, Roby; John Steven Ballard, Lubbock; Shawn Goemmer, La Veta, Colo.; Melanie Graf, Vernon; Kelly Head, Sweetwater; Mary Lee Hicks, Roby; Dianne Marie Jones, Colorado City; Jim Blaine Kenny, Pecos; Bobby Moody, Roswell, NM and David Myers of Colorado City.

Other inductees are Betsy Nanny, Haskell; Anna Nobles, Colorado City; Michelle Pena,

Hamilin; Amanda Reves, Sweetwater; Gary Shoen, Hamilton; Sheila Simmons, Sweetwater; Melinda Thomas, Sweetwater; Buddy Watson, McCauley; Melissa Wilson, Hawley and Kathy Witt of Sweetwater.

Snyder inductees are Allison Adams, Jignesh Bhakta, Howard Bigham, Linda Burns, C. Barry Burns, Donna L. Clawson, Candace Kayleen Dunn, Jayme Gregory, Stacie Annalee Hart, Brandy Hickman, David Holley, Jettie Kilmer Jacks, Sheila Martin, Debra Ann McCoy, Cecilia Ann Meek, Marvin G. Morrell, Tonia Lee Robinson, Linda Schwarz and Tammy Lynn Williamson.

Greta Taylor of Snyder and

Deanne Hood of Snyder accompanied Drs. Duane and Mary Hood to Ruidoso, NM for a District 4 workshop. The workshop was held to find some means to increase participation at district, state and national PTK events.

At the workshop, they heard Jim Force from NMMI speak about the Do's and Don'ts of Leadership. "It was a really good program, we thought," Dr. Mary Hood said.

Other PTK chapters represented at the workshop were Midland College and Odessa College.

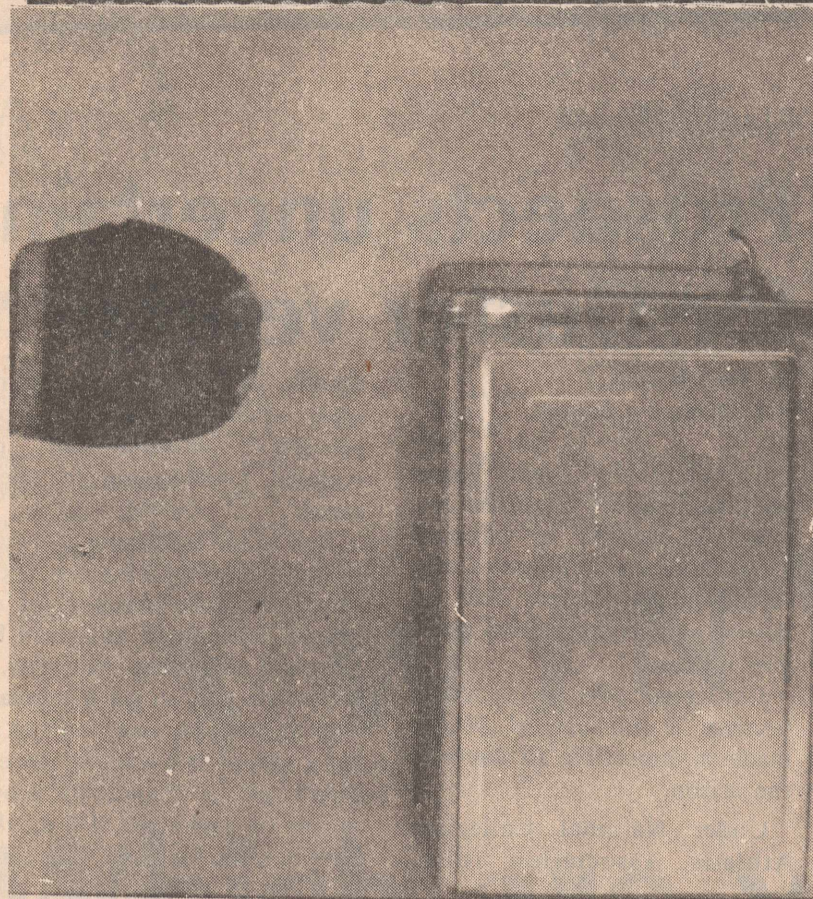
"When we set up this weekend, we were trying to revitalize the interest of the chapters in our

district to participate in district, state and national PTK activities," said Dr. Mary Hood.

"Some of the chapters in our district don't attend state activities, a few seldom attend national events. They're just there being isolated little chapters," Dr. Hood said.

The members attending the meeting stayed at The Bunkhouse.

PTK will be traveling to Tyler Feb. 18-21 to a convention. They will be attending seminars at the UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College campuses. Speakers will be Admiral Bobby Inmin, Federal Judge William Wayne Justice, Sara Weddington, Representative Ralph Hall.



Dorm damage

This hole in the wall depicts recent damage done to the dorms. (Photo by Bill Summerlin)

Fines collected

Vandals damage dorms

By Melinda Thomas
WT Page Editor

In the past two weeks since school has begun, the dorms have collected \$500 in fines Vicki Harrison, dorm director, noted.

"The fines that have been paid this semester have been by the actual perpetrators," Harrison said.

"I don't understand why the damage is done here."

Damage to the dorms last semester totaled \$2250 according to Harrison. The most damage occurred to both the furniture in the individual hall lobbies and the main lobby, where paint was chipped off chairs and couches.

On the boys' floors, there were holes in the walls and couches.

Carpets were ruined and two doors, broken chairs and windows were replaced. The floors with the most damage were E3rd, S2nd and N1st.

The students paid fines for respective damages and everyone in the dorm was fined \$2 for the main lobby damage whether they had been down there or not. According to Harrison, the fines go into an account to be used for TV's and parties.

This semester the dorms contain 163 students down from 195 at the beginning of the fall semester. Other than the number of students, there have been no changes in dorm policies.

"A lot of people got fined whether they did the damage or not," said Harrison.

Briefs

Job listing

The 1988 Summer Employment Directory of the United States, which lists over 50,000 jobs available to college students, is available in the LRC.

If you would like to know more about this book, please go by the LRC.

BSU tonight

Pacesetter will meet tonight for food, games and devotion. Also the lunchcounter is every Wednesday from 11:30-12:45 \$1 donation optional.

New exhibit

The Scurry County Museum will host a duck stamp exhibit Feb. 14 from 1-4 p.m. The exhibit will be held for a month.

Trailhands announced

Trailhand winners will be announced during the WTC vs. NMJC game tonight. Master of ceremonies will be Jeff Milburn of Brownfield. Presenting the flowers to the winners will be Valerie Wilson Drum, a former Miss Trailhand.

This will be the 15th year that WTC has had the Mr. and Miss Trailhand event.

Nominees are Amy Wilson, Allison Adams, Sandy Scott, Laura Roe, Ray Brown, Marvin Morrell, Kyle Cain and Bobby Spear.

PTK is sponsoring the event.

May Grads

All May graduates need to be measured for caps and gowns on Feb. 16 in Student Activities office.

Program enrolls 37; second largest number

By Kay Carrizales
WT Reporter

The women's program is starting its sixth semester with 37 students--the second largest class since the program started.

According to Dan Osborn, counselor and instructor for the program, the purpose of the program is to assist people who have previously been prevented from receiving an education to resume it now. An average of 20 percent of the women who take the first class do go on to take more classes. Osborn said this percentage is going up due to the increased availability of financial aid.

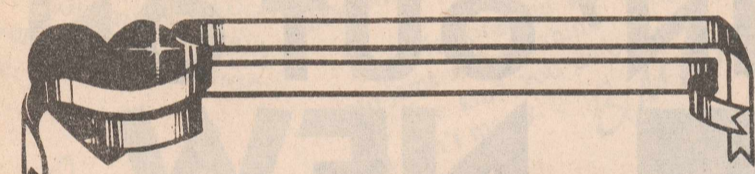
The class was initiated by the support group Image, which was started by Pat Blakely, now director of the women's program and Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, to assist women trying to adjust to returning to school. When Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC

president, found out federal aid was available for women wishing to obtain a college education, the class was formed.

Blakely defined her goals are "to instill in the women who take the class the desire to take more classes and go further in order that they may achieve the sense of personal satisfaction that learning, growing and even possible graduation from WTC can give them as it did me".

Osborn said his goals for the program are "to give the students a better way of dealing with life's problems such as child rearing and depression."

Pam French, former student of the program, said "it gave me a new outlook on life. It gave me self confidence and more patience with myself and my kids. It helped me understand myself and (the program helped me to) go on to get a GED. I am now working on a degree in general business. I feel capable of doing anything."



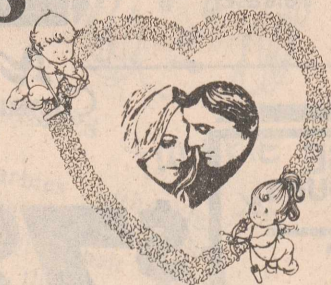
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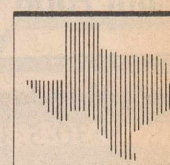
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