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Class drop date - Wasted time prompts change

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

Wasted time was one of the factors that prompted the change of the official drop date. The usual date of a week before dead week is being changed to March 27 this semester.

According to Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling, the faculty pushed to get the date changed. "The faculty spends a lot of unnecessary time helping students get caught up when they (the students) don't show up for class," she said.

"The change in the drop date has been brought up in the past but action was not taken because it wasn't seen as a problem," said Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services.

Dr. Mary Hood noted there were also some faculty members that felt some students will keep going to class as much as they can before they drop. When they retake the class, at least they will know something about it.

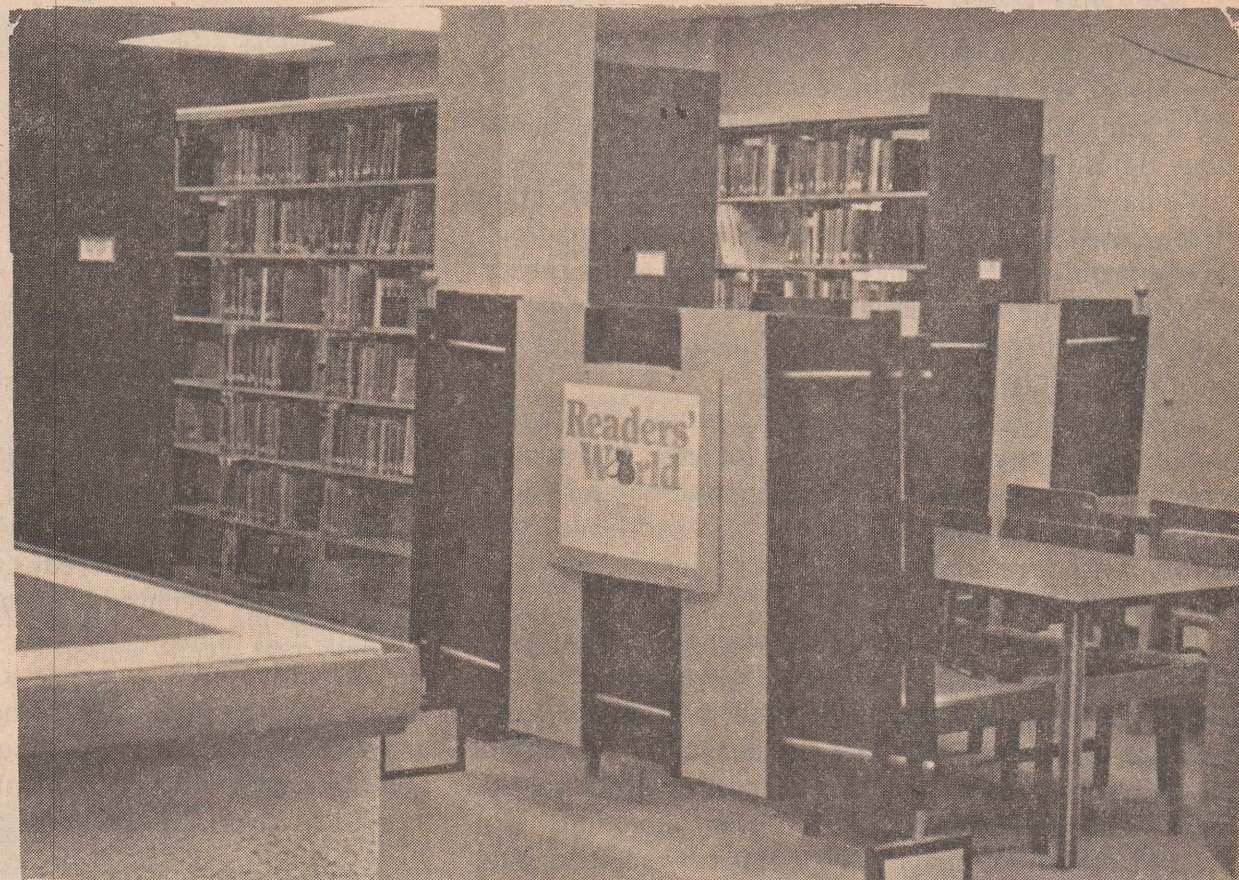
According to Richard Lancaster, English instructor, the change might help encourage students to be more serious about

their studies earlier in the semester. "It may help the teaching/learning process," he added.

Mary Hood believes students need to accept the responsibility and make decisions about their commitment to their studies.

Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, said they are going to watch for three semesters to see if this will help or hurt the students.

"If the change in drop date seems to help, we will leave it, if not, we will go back to the way it was," Hood noted. "We want to do what is best for the students."



Look at all these books

A glance at the WTC Learning Resource Center gives a hint of the information available to students.

Photo by Chet Campbell

Students neglecting valuable resources

By Chester Campbell
WT Reporter

"Of all the inanimate objects, of all of men's creations, books are the nearest to us, for they contain our very thoughts, our ambitions, our persistent leaning toward error. But most of all they resemble us in their precarious hold on life."

These words, written at the turn of the century by Joseph Conrad, are more correct now than when he wrote them. Many people feel that humanity is losing its hold on life, and just so books are losing their hold in our lives.

Our generation is losing touch with books and the wealth of information they hold. Libraries were set up to give the general public access to information that is now being neglected.

According to Janet Halbert, professor of English, students find it so much easier to watch a movie or listen to a cassette recording than to read. Halbert said students coming out of high school today are more visually oriented than students from just a few years ago.

Movies and cassettes have replaced the written word as the prime source of information used by students. In one of Halbert's classes that dealt with both books and movies, the class read "The Great Gatsby" then watched the movie.

"Before we started, the majority of the class agreed that they would rather watch the movie than read the book. However, after doing both, the majority agreed that they enjoyed reading the book more than watching the movie," Halbert said.

The WTC Library holds 39,680 volumes of pure infor-

mation for the students use. In the month of February, 2,274 people entered the library and used its resources. However, only 740 books were checked out.

These figures may indicate that the library is not being used to its full potential. Two possible reasons for this limited use of the LRC are that students do not like to read and that they are intimidated by the library.

First, students just don't go into the library. Those that do are too afraid of asking for help. Second, according to the associate director of library and media services, Kathy Stevens, the library is run on the Library of Congress system and not the Dewey Decimal system. The system is easier to use to find several books on one subject than the Dewey system. Many students, though, do not know how to use it.

Students who do not learn to use the LC system here will be completely lost when using a university library, stresses Stevens.

There is a course at WTC that teaches how to use the LC system and Stevens believes it would help students. "All freshmen should be required to take this course to learn the system and to be able to enter a library without being afraid. Unfortunately, the course hasn't been offered this year due to lack of interest," Stevens said.

Library personnel believe that no student should leave the library empty-handed. If you need help ask either the two full-time librarians or the two technical assistants. They will point you in the right direction, but they will not do your research for you. Stevens said, "There is no shame in not knowing as a freshman how to use the library, but no one should leave this school without learning how. Please, do not be afraid to ask."

"Home Brew" Band

Buck's music talent amazes co-workers

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Co-editor

By day— auto mechanics instructor; By night— super musician.

Lonnie Buck, automotive mechanics instructor, recently surprised many WTC staffers with his musical talents.

Buck and his band "Home Brew" played at a reception honoring Occupational Technology secretary Melinda Barnes who was married March 6 in Snyder.

According to Jerry Dennis, diesel mechanics instructor and occupational technology department chairman, "no one was really aware of Buck's musical talent."

"I had heard him talk about his band," Dennis said. "You hear people talking about playing, but you don't really think about it until you actually hear them. They sure impressed me."

Buck got involved with music 33 years ago at the age of six. He has been with different bands over the years. The name of the group has changed many times, but the group "Home Brew" has been playing together for three years.

All of the other members of the group are from San Angelo. There are five members including Buck and his brother, Jess.

Buck plays many instruments including guitar, fiddle and keyboard. He says the band primarily plays country and western music.

"We are a dance band, not a show band. We've played a lot of places like the riverwalk in San Antonio, Midland and other places around Texas," Buck said.

According to Buck, the band is not really serious. They perform to have a good time.

"It has to be a weekend work, because all of the members of the group have jobs," Buck said.

Phi Theta Kappa

Convention sparks feud

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

"The Family Feud", a feud between the Flintstones and the Jetsons was the topic for the honors skit performed by the Phi Theta Kappa members.

The group traveled to Fort Worth for the annual state convention Feb. 26-March 1.

The skit was performed by Jeff Milburn, Brownfield; Richard Burney, Snyder; Bobby Mendez, Lubbock; Clayton Sorrells, Snyder; Kevin Boyd, Snyder; Shauna Gibson, Vernon; Emily Thornhill, Haskell; Darla Griffis, Wernert; Kima McLarty, Stephanie Weaver and Stacey Hillis all of Snyder. PTK alumni John Pavlik helped out also.

They went to the Omni Theater to see the 3D film "The Dream is Alive". "It was extremely impressive", said Dr. Mary Hood,

PTK sponsor.

During the awards banquet, Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, was named to the Texas Advisors Hall of Honor.

Country music singer Rudy Gatlin was there. "It was a surprise to us," Hood said. Gatlin was inducted into the Texas Alumni Hall of Honor. Afterward, he two-stepped with the girls. "I got a hug," Hood said.

Speakers for the convention were Charles Burnside, executive director of Texas Junior College Teacher Association, and TCU Coach Jim Wacker.

Milburn announced his candidacy for National President. "He is the only member from Texas running so far," Hood said. "If he wins, he will preside over 800 chapters across the United States," she added.

PTK will travel to Dallas April 2-4 for the National Convention.



Honor students

Clayton Sorrells offered Darla Griffis a chair in the honor skit performed in Fort Worth by local Phi Theta Kappa members. Staff photo



Academy Award performance

Psi Zeta members ham it up with the help of some strange looking props. Staff photo

Editorial

Sexual issues debate continues

Teen pregnancy, abortion, AIDS, "safe" sex, the morality of sex education in schools...what can we say about these subjects that has not already been debated many times in many forums?

We have processed facts, statistics and rhetoric about these related subjects over and over. We have made decisions on what we believe about some, while others provide continuous personal dilemma. How can we move forward from these issues instead of rocking back and forth in stagnant conflict?

These sexual issues and increasing promiscuity will continue to change as our society changes. And society is definitely in the midst of change; some say a sexual revolution of attitudes and acts. Is this another cycle of history, with an updated twist, or is it instead an irrevocable development?

This 'revolution' is widespread and is affecting us physically and emotionally. The fact that our sexuality and issues concerned has all become so public is evidence of our new attitudes. Realistically, we can not return to our former social innocence; not with such issues being presented to us from every direction.

How will we set new rules for this new society? One way is to become as educated as possible on these issues so that we can then make educated decisions about where to set the limits of moral acceptability. Personal values and religious beliefs will still be the major influence, but this influence must be based on facts.

There have always been these kinds of issues to reckon with. Society gasped when women began wearing jeans or even slacks. Before that, women had to cover

their ankles and men wore shirted, knee length swim-suits.

Were these changes the beginning of our progression...or digression? Whichever the case, we believe it is our responsibility to be aware of the issues and one way to do this is to teach sex education in schools.

Teaching sex education will not glamorize sex to junior high and high school students. Presenting facts should instead do the opposite. Where the media has uplifted sexual promiscuity, teaching realistic facts would downplay this romanticized image.

Once the mystery is gone, curiosity will not be as attractive. Do those in opposition to teaching sex education in schools plan to educate outside school? Many who oppose teaching it in school are not prepared to relate it at home.

Teaching basic concepts to elementary students is also necessary because even in these grades they are learning about sex 'on the streets', so we should begin to formulate their attitudes in healthy ways to counteract this kind of acquired knowledge.

Teaching sex education in schools will not lessen parents' and churches' moral influence; instead it will challenge them to become more educated themselves to avoid being outdated.

All of the issues concerning sexual promiscuity are relative to our own perceptions and acceptance levels. We can only wonder if someday our controversial society will be as easily accepted as we accept these past societal changes.

Letters to the Editor are welcome!



Long Talk

By Tom Long

Spring trip memorable

While most of the students went home and worked on put-off homework, (as I know you did) I went to Albuquerque, N.M., to meet my girlfriend's grandparents. It was a trip I will never forget.

The trip started about 6:30 Saturday morning. As the trip progressed I realized that I needed a crash helmet. I don't mean to say that her mother can't drive, but I thought I had a concussion from being tossed around from the chug holes she hit unintentionally.

I was also reminded (too often) by my girlfriend of how many miles it was until we reached Granny's house. My stomach knotted up Saturday and did not untie until the day we left. It's not because the people were not nice, but I have never had as many looks and questions as I did in those few days.

Throughout my stay I was reminded of my Texas heritage and big feet. I just reminded them of who won the Miss America pageant three years in a row.

As for my feet, I said they are my foundation. Her aunt told me, "if the world floods, you can use one of your shoes for a boat."

My reputation of being a pig followed me to their dinner table. They were amazed when I declined seconds.

They just did not understand how nervous you get when eating at a stranger's house. You always do your best not to spill anything or eat like a horse.

The family laughed at me when I told them someone in the mall made me eat a double scoop of chocolate ice cream. Towards the end of the visit, I began to get my appetite back as my stomach unknotted.

They tried to get me to eat some green chiles. I may be from Texas, but I am not that stupid.

By going on this trip, I learned two important things. One is that grandmas are universally the same. They are nice, sweet and always tell you to make yourself at home whether they know you or not.

The other is that I'm thankful I do not have any sisters. Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with girls. At one time I thought talk in the locker room was bad but this trip proved that girls are much more explicit. Some of the subjects they talked about made me turn three shades of red.

I listened to my girlfriend's sisters' music and voices all the way up there and back. They did not appreciate my Dolly Parton tape. All they wanted to listen to was the Beastie Boys or as I referred to it, noise pollution.

I decided to nickname them Lucy and Ethel because they're always getting into something mischievous. I thought these nicknames were better than Heway and Dewey.

If you want to make your girlfriend's mother upset ask her, "Was it you or the dog snoring during the night?" (to save my backside, it was the dog that snored) She told me she would get me back.



Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

Abusive behavior has warning signs

Recently, a female student at Abilene Christian University was shot by her estranged husband. Closer to home, both WTC and Snyder High School have had recent incidents of violence against female students by boyfriends.

There are warning signals that young women should be aware of, according to Deanie Mills of the Noah Project, a service for abused women.

If you have experienced several of these, it's time to re-evaluate your relationship.

The most common symptom of a potentially abusive boyfriend is extreme possessiveness and jealousy. They do not like to double date or go to parties. They may accuse you of flirting and

may even be jealous of your relationship with female friends and family.

Often playful wrestling may become too rough, and when the girl complains, he laughs it off.

Abuse may begin with slaps or shoving. He may be profusely apologetic and swear that it will never happen again. The chances are that it will.

If your male friend has ever before struck a girlfriend or threatened violence, this is also a warning signal.

Watch how he behaves when he is angry. If he reacts violently in situations that don't seem to warrant it; this is something to think about.

abusive adults. These people have never learned the appropriate way to react to stress.

Physical abuse is often preceded by emotional abuse. He may belittle your accomplishments; for example, making fun of you if you make good grades or receive an award.

Alcohol or drug abuse is often a contributing factor. They often use the excuse of being drunk or stoned.

Abusive men do not wear signs around their neck to warn you. Quite often they are charming, handsome, or maybe even the "big man on campus". The man is often able to convince the woman that she is responsible for

Quite often, women become convinced that their friend can change; that marriage will solve the problem.

Abusive boyfriends make abusive husbands. If you are in this situation, run, don't walk to the nearest exit. If you are frightened, seek help.

In Snyder, the Noah Project offers counseling and protection for abused women. The telephone number is 573-1822.

Don't be embarrassed or afraid to seek help from a friend or a counselor. Threats are only effective when you are alone. If you feel any uneasiness or fear of your boyfriend, get out of the relationship now, before you become a statistic.



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Dirty work

Kevin Stiz and Ed Salinas are busy at work laying contour lines for the park projected to be completed in three to five years. —Photo by Billy Summerlin



Park-to-be

Landscape technology students are using this site located east of the WTC apartments to gain practical experience in their field. They are building a park, using plants native to this area. Photo by Billy Summerlin

Landscape project underway

By Staci Wood
WT Reporter

The landscape technology department of Western Texas College is currently in the planning stages for a new park to be constructed south of the greenhouse and landscape technology buildings.

The park, nicknamed by landscape students as "Lake Eby" after golf and landscape technology instructor James Eby, is a long-term learning oppor-

tunity. It is projected to be completed in three to five years.

The project will serve a dual purpose, says Eby. "The main goal of the project is to teach the students and give them experience," he said. "Beautification of the campus is a secondary benefit."

Completion date of the park will depend on how the work can be incorporated into class lesson plans and when these classes can be offered. There are no formal plans yet.

Currently, students are surveying the land, pruning trees, and mapping topography of the site. Cost estimates will be formed later this year. Plans and costs will then be submitted to the board of trustees for their approval.

The idea for the park originated with the board and Eby. Eby says the park is planned to be similar to the Japanese gardens in Fort Worth, with the exception that the plants will be native to this area.

Judging team ends season

High school contest slated

By Christy Bullock
WT Reporter

The WTC livestock judging team, who recently competed in Houston and Sweetwater, will assist with the High School Agriculture Judging contest Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Judging gets underway at 8:30 a.m. and awards will be given from 1-1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater on campus.

There will be 40 different high schools competing from as far as Arlington. "We hope to have from 250 to 300 high school students competing," Jim Judah,

agriculture instructor and judging coach, said.

The contest is coordinated by the agriculture department which includes instructors Judah and Bob Doty, golf and landscape technology students and other volunteers. Phi Theta Kappa will be helping with the tabulation.

The livestock judging team competed at the Houston Livestock Show March 4-7. The team placed second in sheep judging; sixth in horses; ninth in hogs and place sixth overall.

"This was their best performance this year," Judah said.

Tim Long of Aspermont, placed fifth in reasons and 11th high

individual in the contest. Phil Carter of Ira placed 13th high individual, and Kyle Cain of Frankston was 16th high individual. Black Hawk of Iowa won first place in the overall contest.

The team placed high enough in the Houston contest to qualify for competition in the National Western contest at Denver in 1988.

In February the team placed third in the National Hampshire Classic in Sweetwater. Leann Beauchamp of Anson won second in the women's division. Barry Ezra of Ira placed ninth in the men's division.

Campus Briefs

Comedy show

Brian Huskey presented his one-man show in the student center March 3. His show included singing and comedy. His comedy included such subjects as pets, parents, politics and the economy.

Huskey's stop in Snyder was the last leg of a tour covering Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Entries due

Amateur photographers in Scurry County are invited to enter a photography competition and exhibition sponsored by the Scurry County Museum, in conjunction with the 1987 wildflower observance.

Entries are due on or before April 1. They are to be taken to the museum matted or framed and ready for hanging.

For additional information, call the museum at 573-6107.

Course offered

A course in advance lifesaving will be offered to anyone 15 years of age or older and who is in sound physical condition.

Mike Harrison, physical education instructor, is the instructor for the course.

The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday from 6-8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5:00 p.m. The class begins on March 17 and will continue until April 2.

To enroll or for more information call community services at 573-8511, ext. 240.

Staff leaves

The staff of *The Western Texan* leaves today to attend the Rocky Mountain Press Convention in Odessa.

College journalists in the RMCPA membership will participate in workshops and live competition. Awards in the canned competition will also be presented.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, is accompanying the group.

Dates near

The last day to drop classes is March 27. Students needing to drop a class should go to the counseling center. This is also the last day to put in applications for graduation at the registrar's office.

Your Turn

What do you think of a minimum security prison being built in Snyder?

By Mark Rauterkus
and Clay Jacobs



"As long as the security is good it wouldn't bother me."

Greg Wofford
Hawley, TX



"Well, to tell the truth, I'd like it because it would bring in much needed income for Snyder. Maybe then there will be something to do here."

Jerry Don Foster
Buffalo Gap, TX



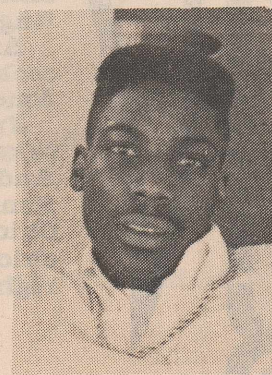
"I suppose it would provide jobs around here really don't care."

Mary Rodrig
Hav



"I think it would be good for the economy of Snyder. It would give people much needed jobs. I think it would be a very good thing."

Lynda Cook
Snyder, TX



"I feel I would have more rights in a prison than I do here. I think the prison should have our rules."

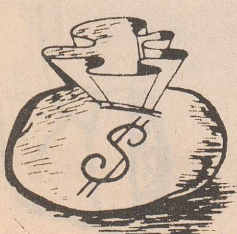
John Lewis
Lubbock, TX



"Maybe if a prison was put in Snyder it would create the need for more activities because it would provide more jobs and more families would move to Snyder."

Andrea Smith
Sweetwater, TX

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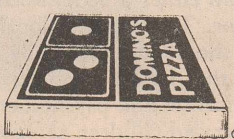


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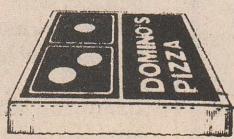


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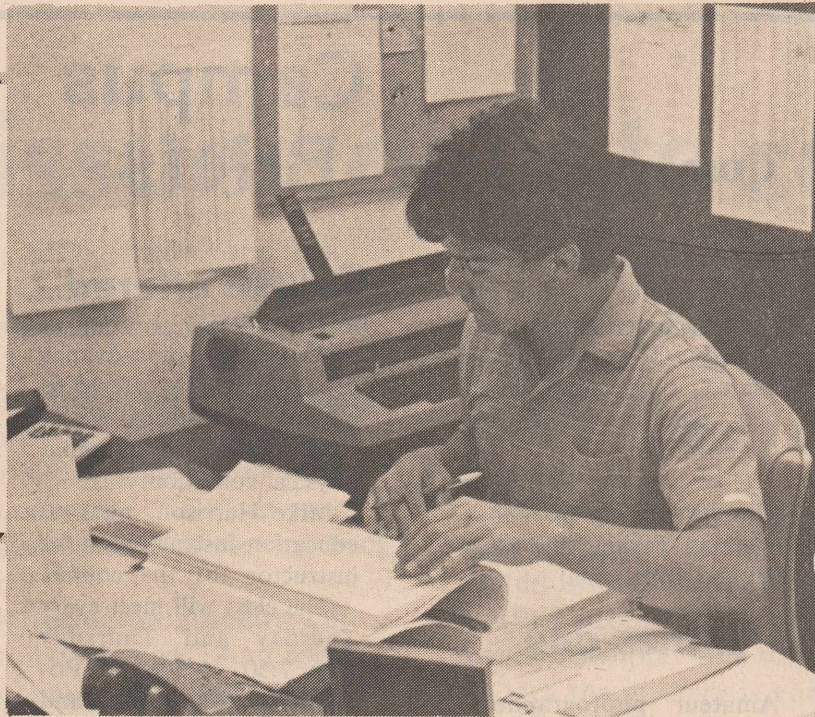


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Hard at work

Bobby Mendez enjoys meeting other students in his capacity as a work-study student.

Photo
By
Clay Jacobs



Student services/financial aid involved in student support

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

When most students talk about administration, the offices that come to mind are student services and financial aid. These two offices are involved in almost every aspect of student life outside of the classroom.

Dr. Jim Tully, head of financial aid, has been in education for 38 years. He will be retiring in April, 1988. He is assisted by his secretary, Jo Ann Broker. She has been in this position for approximately five years.

About 70 percent of the students at WTC receive financial aid of some type. The recent oil slump has caused some decreases in designated scholarships and

money from foundations.

Fortunately, proposed House Bill 1, which cuts funding to junior colleges, will have very little effect on financial aid. Most financial aid comes from federal grants and local funding.

Tully said that the part of his job he enjoys most is the students.

Currently, Tully is running for a position on the Snyder City Council.

Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services, when asked what he considered the most important aspect of his department, said, "There is no one task that is more important."

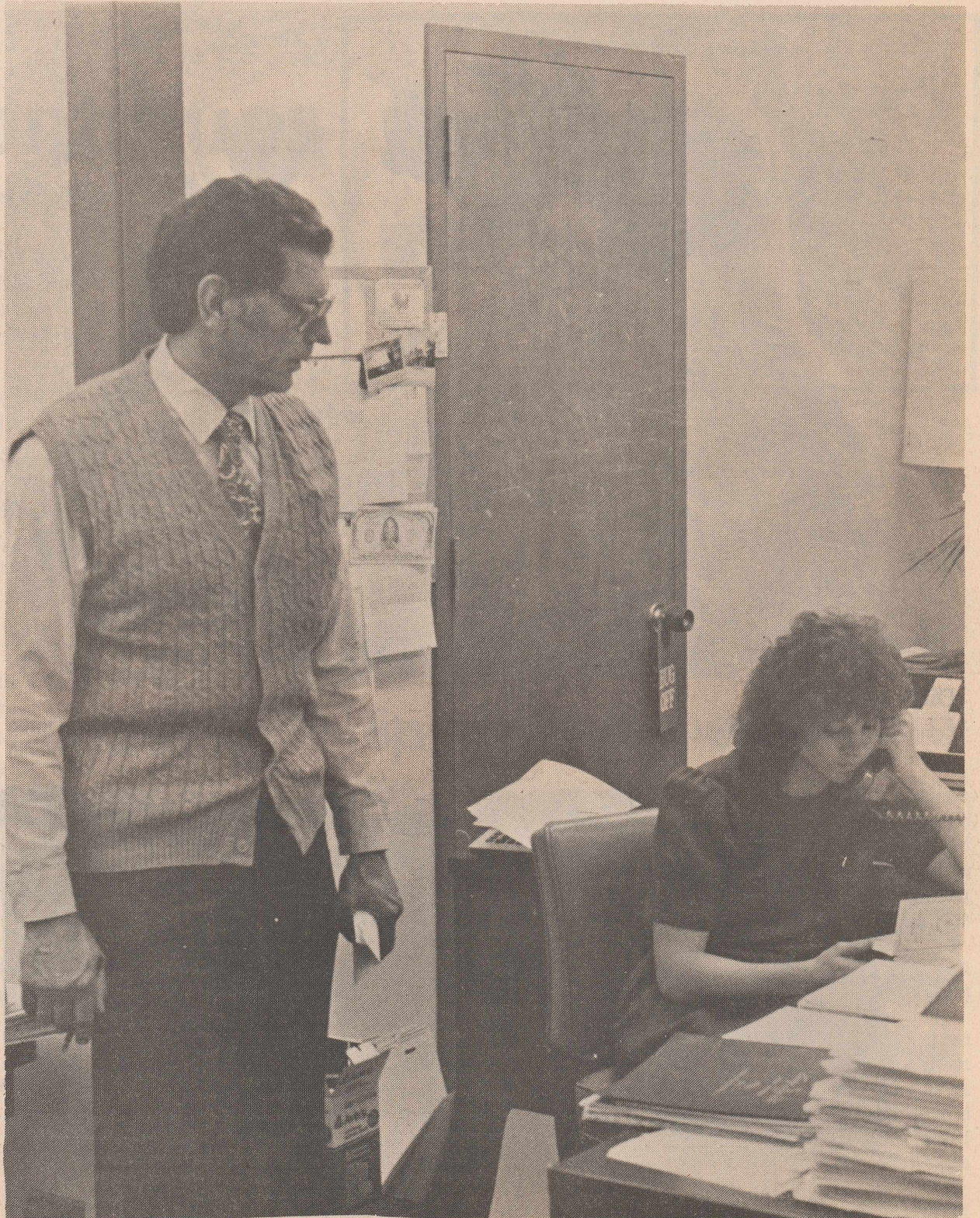
Hood is assisted by his secretary, Dianna Bohannon. She began work last semester

Hood said that over the years, students have changed along with national trends, which has in turn changed the role of student services.

Due to national awareness of the needs of the financially and culturally deprived students, more programs have been developed to help these students and keep them in school.

Student Darla Griffis, who is a work-study student employed in student services feels that her job has helped her because she has "learned a lot about colleges in general."

Work-study student Bobby Mendez said, "I am learning to work the computers and printers. I enjoy talking with people who come in."



May I help you?

Dianna Bohannon talks on the telephone while Dr. Tully looks on.

Photo by Clay Jacobs

Teen suicide reaches epidemic proportions

By Tom Long
WT Editor

Across the nation, teen suicide has become an epidemic. In the October issue of "Archives of General Psychiatry", it was noted that depression, alcoholism and drug abuse have long been considered factors of suicide.

Dr. Mary Hood, WTC counselor, says that young people who consider suicide exhibit a lack of hope and see "no light at the end of the tunnel."

According to Hood, students often feel that the problem only happens to them, when in fact, it has happened to everyone.

Suicide is a type of cry for

help. Most often they have given up and have no where else to turn. Many suicides are not discovered because of careful plotting, according to Hood.

Often suicide victims run off the road or make it appear to be an accident. Some suicide victims just want the attention and never intended to kill themselves.

Hood said that there are many changes that can be noticed for someone considering suicide. The most important thing to remember is that if they are talking about it, they are thinking about it.

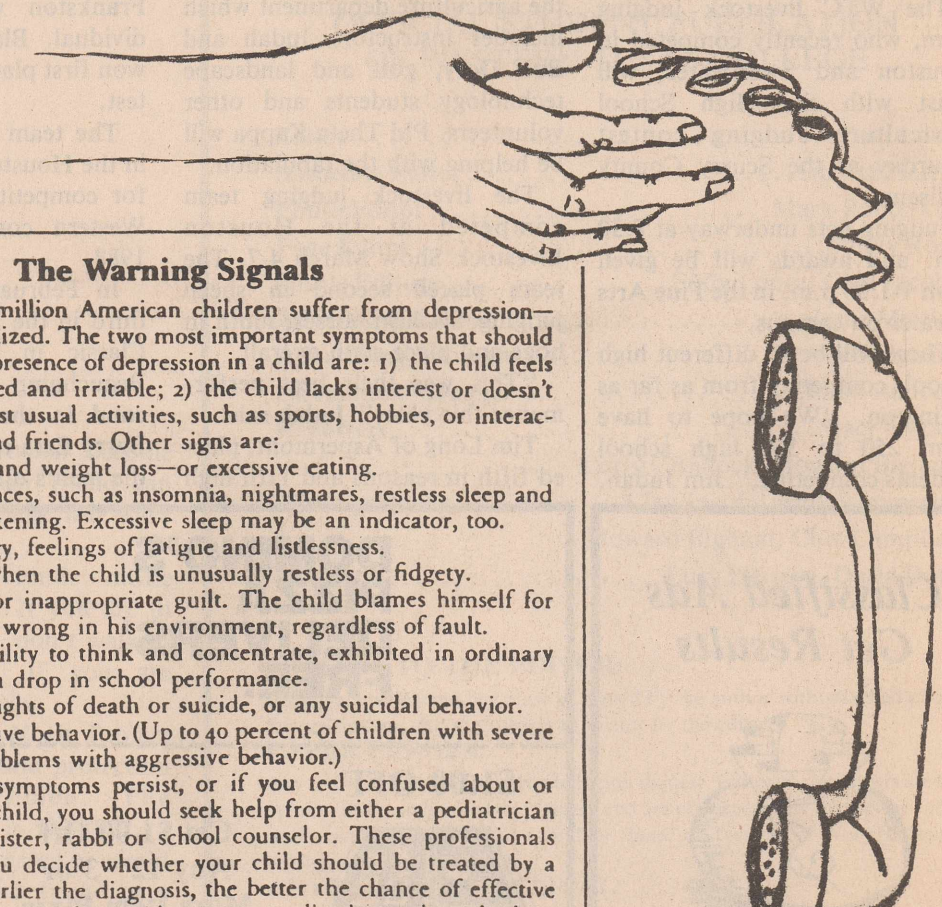
Newspapers and television news have shown that group teen suicide has been increasing.

Hood said that in small communities suicide has a great effect.

Young people compare themselves to the victims and tell themselves that if that person can't cope, they can't either.

Hood also said that college students are under a great deal of pressure. She said that there is a constant pull between parents and peers. Hood said, "Students should keep a happy medium between work and play."

The most important thing to remember about suicide is to look for the signs. Hood said, "Most often, victims give signs of needing help and people don't notice them."



The Warning Signals

AS MANY AS six million American children suffer from depression—much of it unrecognized. The two most important symptoms that should alert parents to the presence of depression in a child are: 1) the child feels sad, hopeless, worried and irritable; 2) the child lacks interest or doesn't take pleasure in most usual activities, such as sports, hobbies, or interactions with family and friends. Other signs are:

- Poor appetite, and weight loss—or excessive eating.
- Sleep disturbances, such as insomnia, nightmares, restless sleep and early-morning awakening. Excessive sleep may be an indicator, too.
- A loss of energy, feelings of fatigue and listlessness.
- Agitation, as when the child is unusually restless or fidgety.
- Self-reproach or inappropriate guilt. The child blames himself for everything that goes wrong in his environment, regardless of fault.
- Diminished ability to think and concentrate, exhibited in ordinary conversation or by a drop in school performance.
- Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide, or any suicidal behavior.
- Overly aggressive behavior. (Up to 40 percent of children with severe depression have problems with aggressive behavior.)

If any of these symptoms persist, or if you feel confused about or helpless with your child, you should seek help from either a pediatrician or your priest, minister, rabbi or school counselor. These professionals usually can help you decide whether your child should be treated by a psychiatrist. The earlier the diagnosis, the better the chance of effective treatment, which may involve antidepressant medication and psychotherapy. Given timely and appropriate help, most depressed children can live a normal and productive life.

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NEW MANAGEMENT

West Texas Fairy Tale

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Co-editor

The Western Texas College Lady Dusters wrapped up their twelfth straight victory against Odessa College March 5 to win the Region V tournament.

Wendy Milner of Columbus, Ohio, and Brenda Welch of Jennings, La., both scored 24 points to lead the Dusters to a 79-74 victory. Welch, who was voted tournament MVP, scored 12 of her 24 points in the last nine minutes.

Another deciding factor in the victory came early in the second half when two of Odessa's key

players got into trouble with fouls.

Kayla Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. sewed up the game with 37 seconds remaining when she hit two free-throws to widen the Duster's lead.

Other scoring for the Dusters included Lisa Thompson of Lufkin, 19 points, Gigi Robinson of Snyder with eight, and Kayla Thompson with four.

This victory means the first trip to the national tournament for the Dusters in the history of the school.

The tournament will be played March 16-21 in Senatobia, Ms.



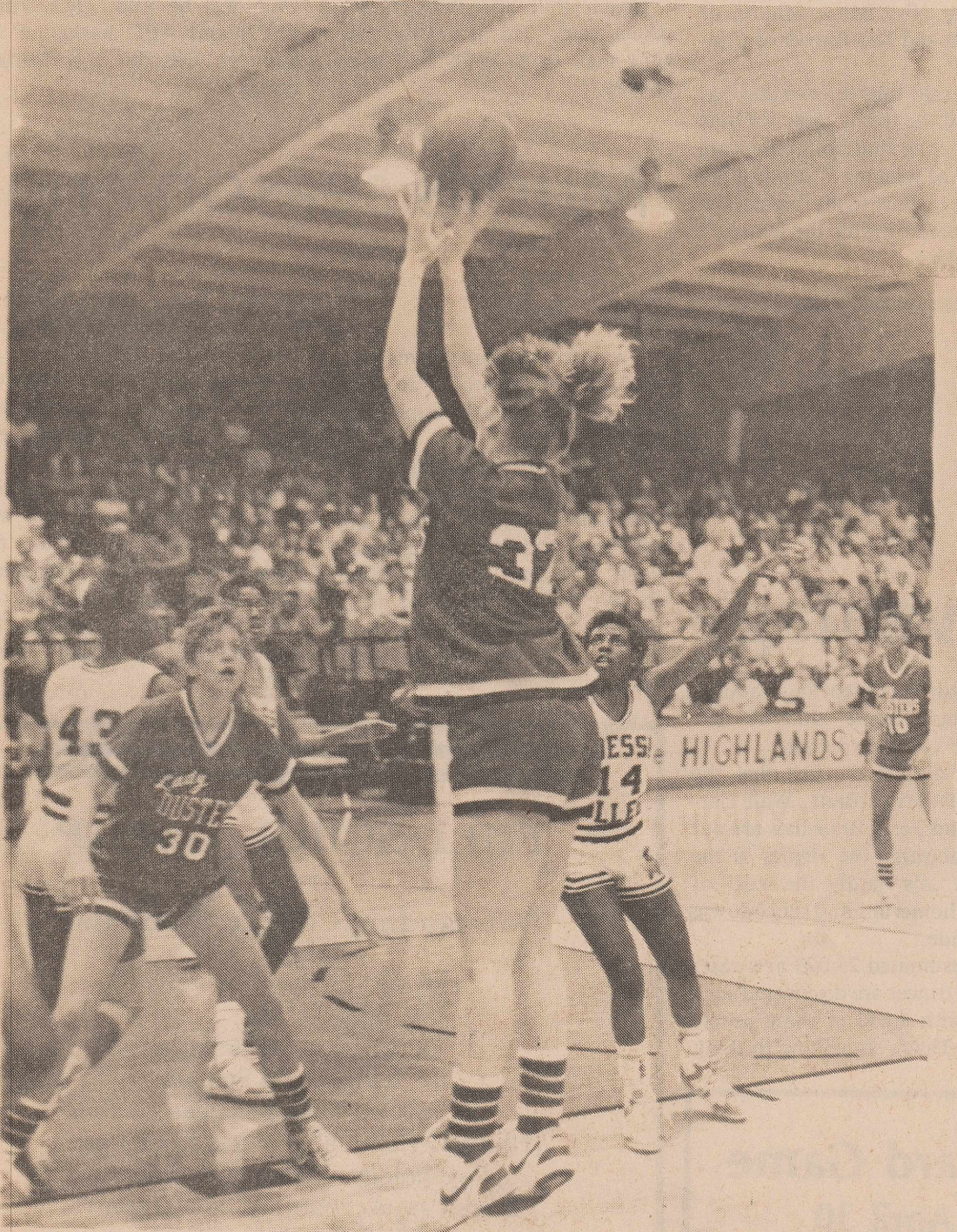
Togetherness

Those last minutes in the locker room before the game reinforce the "sisterhood" that has brought the Dusters to this tournament. The team is joined by Trainer Matt Cross for a few minutes of peace and quiet before they go onto the court.



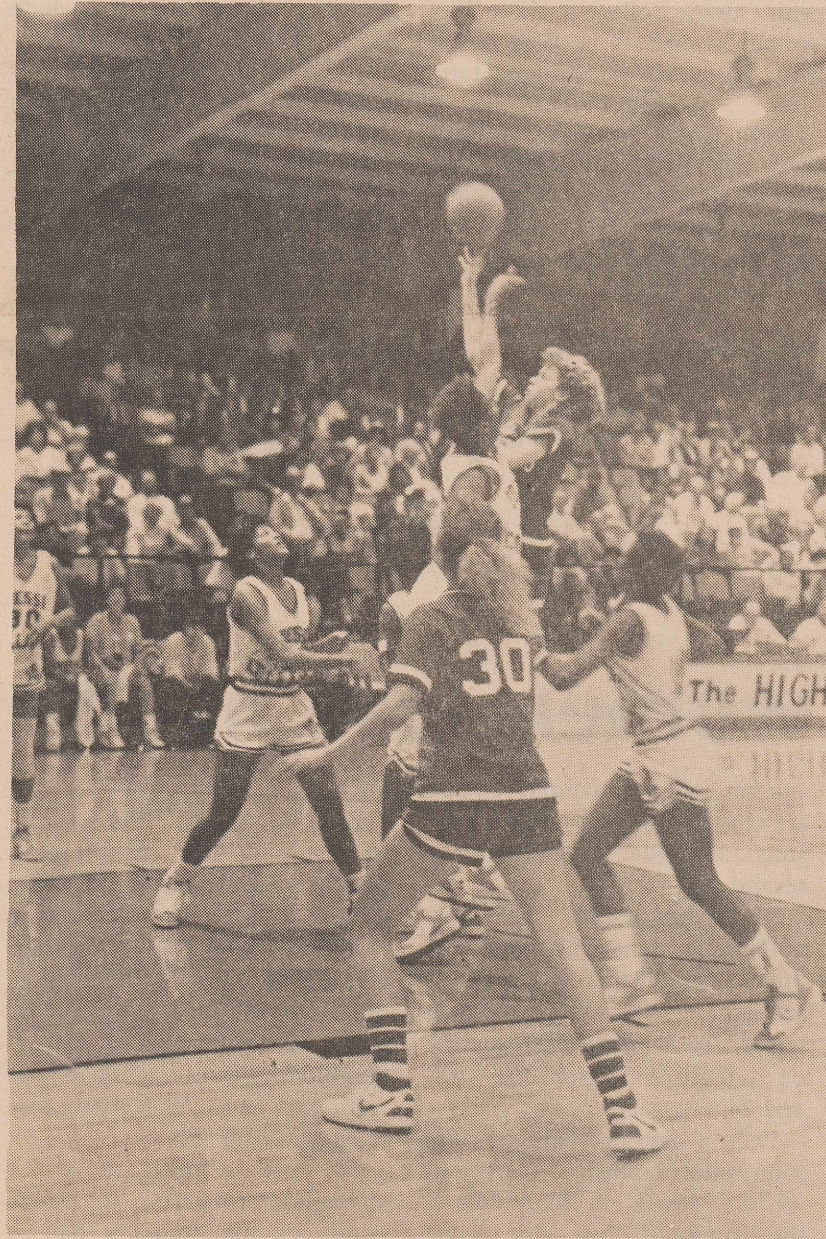
Go team!

With the support of their loyal fans, the Dusters went to compete in the regional tournament.



Dusters in action

Team spirit is exhibited through a helpful block from Gigi Robinson, which allowed Lisa Thompson to "rip" two.



They had their ups...

Brenda Welch flies through the air while Wendy Milner and Gigi Robinson look on.

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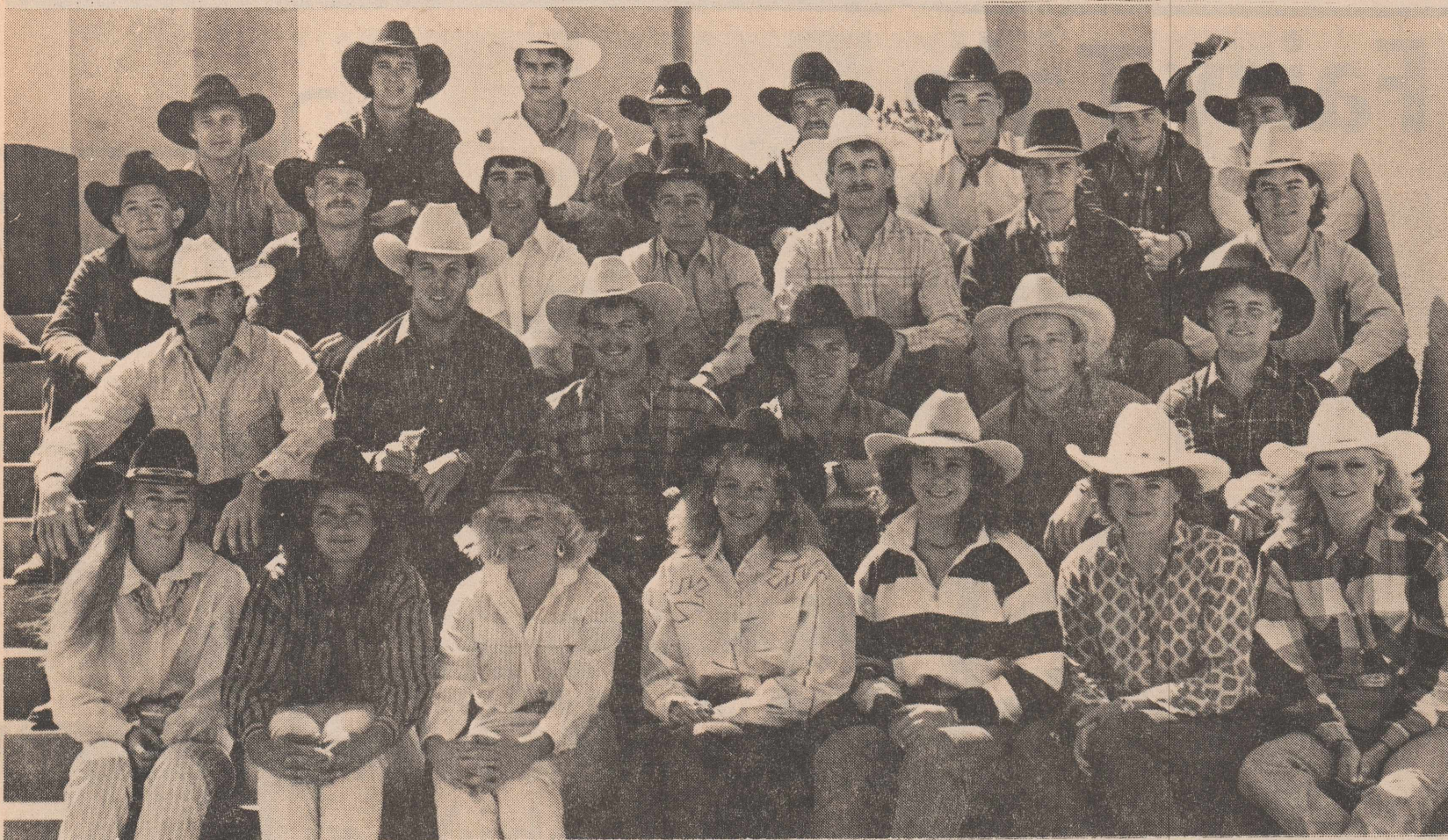
And their downs...

Wendy Milner missed a shot when she received a painful foul by an Odessa College player.



The champs!

The exhausted but jubilant Dusters share their moment of glory with Coach Kelly Chadwick.



Ready to go

Western Texas College's rodeo team is on its way to Odessa to compete in the Odessa College rodeo. Currently the WTC men's team ranks third, while the women rank fifth. The teams face seven consecutive

weekends of rodeo competition to decide the regional winners. The men's team is defending its national championship won in June, 1986. The women are defending their regional championship. —Staff photo

Rodeo team competes tonight

By Tom Long
WT Editor

After the first three rodeos in the fall, three WTC rodeo contestants lead the region. Keith Hudson, Paradise, leads in calf roping; Mike Carillo, Kingsville, in bareback riding and Jesse Colburn of Bainbridge Island, WA in barrel racing.

WTC men's team ranks third with Odessa College at first. The women's team is in fifth place with Eastern New Mexico State first.

Both teams hope to improve their standings tonight at the Odessa College rodeo. According to Bob Doty, rodeo coach, "The kids are anxious to compete."

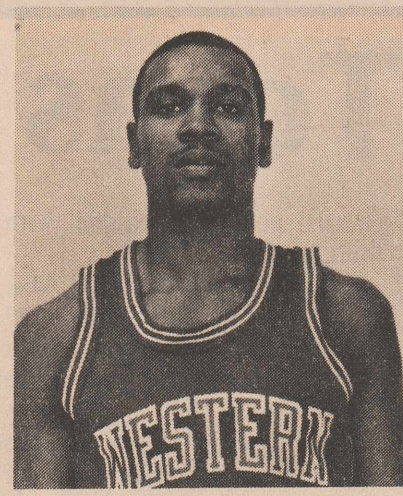
This is just one of seven rodeos

the teams plan to compete in this semester. Other rodeos include West Texas State University—March 26-29; Howard College—April 2-5; New Mexico Junior College—April 9-12; Western Texas College—April 16-19; Hardin Simmons University—April 23-26 and Tarelton University—April 30-May 3.

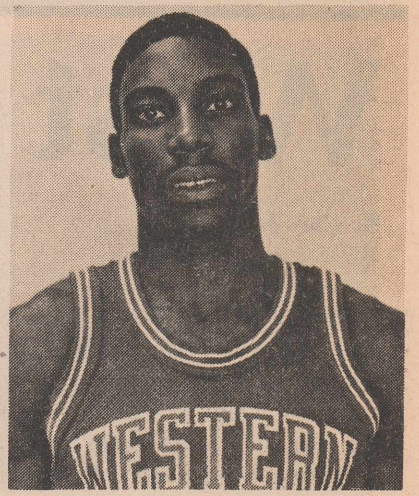
Newcomers to the rodeo team

this semester are Wes Henderson, Winston, NM; Mark Minton of Crockett and Jess Burner of Clinton.

Doty said that the weather has hindered the teams' practice time but he added that both teams are capable of winning. "It's just according to how many breaks the teams receive during the season," Doty added.



Alvin Lee



John Lewis

Lee named to Classic

Tom Long
WT Editor

Westerner Alvin Lee of Richmond VA. was named to the NJCAA All-Star Classic at Midland.

Lee led the nation and the conference in scoring with a 34.3 average.

Teammate John Lewis of Lubbock received honorable mention. Lewis averaged 18.1 points per game.

Both Lee and Lewis are sophomores and have not decided which college to attend but are under consideration from many major universities.

Coach Phil Spradling, men's coach, said, "This is not the first time men from WTC had been chosen."

For the second year the Midland Jaycees will host the NJCAA All Star Basketball Classic. This post season finale pits the top twenty junior colleges roundball champs from Texas (10) and the USA (10) against one another in a classic match up on April 11, 1987.

Sixty-five major college coaches from throughout the country scouted and recruited these twenty athletes. Fifteen players received major college scholarships from last year's game.

A special sponsor reception and dinner (by invitation only), hosted by the Mission Country Club will be held. Dick Vitale, ESPN and ABC basketball announcer will be the featured speaker.

'Murals season ends

By Tom Long
WT Editor

Two three-on-three teams went to Arlington March 17 to compete in the Schick Superhoop contest.

The women's team consisted of Mary Cooper from Abernathy, Jana Gartman from Robert Lee and Mary Rodriguez from Sweetwater. The men's team was made up by Tommy Trammel from Jayton, Timmy Chunn from Jayton and Willie Greathouse from Snyder.

The women's team made it to the semi-finals with a record of 4-1. The men's team had a 1-2 record.

According to Mike Harrison, WTC intramurals coordinator, they had a good time and hope to be able to compete again.

Intramurals five-on-five basketball came to an end with the BUD being the champs and Superhoops second. Both teams had identical records except that the BUD had beaten the Superhoops in regular season play.



Shapin' Up

By Lee Burke

American women lose health advantage

You've come a long way, baby, but you may be losing it.

Currently, the American woman is expected to outlive the American man by approximately 8 years. New predictions are that by the year 2,000, that gap will narrow considerably.

This is not that men are getting more healthy, but women are less healthy. The biggest culprit is cigarette smoking increases in the female population and has been labeled the equal opportunity tragedy.

The other major factor is depression in women. Surveys show that between 40 percent and 50 percent of women in their 30's have suffered a major episode of depression, compared with 15 percent of women in their 60's.

Major lung damage from pot smoking is emerging from the youth of the land. The comparisons are that lungs of a person

smoking pot for a couple of years are in as bad a shape as those persons smoking cigarettes for several years.

"Pot hangovers" are also potentially dangerous. Case in point: Ten experienced pilots smoked a joint and then were tested for landing performance on a flight simulator one, four and 24 hours later.

Even a day after smoking the joint, pilots landed an average of 24 feet away from the middle of the "runway". One pilot missed the runway completely. There are major implications and considerations for those smoking pot, especially when driving a motor vehicle.

The following article appeared in "Men's Health Newsletter", May 1985.

Is snuff safer than smoking? As far as your lungs are concerned, yes. Snuff is safer than smok-

ing. But regarding the teeth, tongue, mouth, esophagus, pharynx and gums, "drain cleaner could not be much more abrasive." Snuff can also increase your risk of getting cancer of the mouth by as much as 50 times, may raise your heart rate and blood pressure, damage your teeth and gums, and even cause muscular weakness.

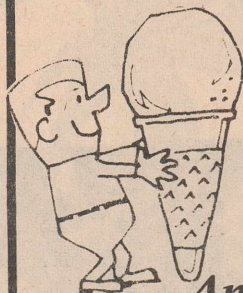
In one regular user of smokeless tobacco, (a ranch hand), doctors found a man so

thin and weakened they thought they had "some kind of new disease" on their hands.

And despite the fact that the likes of George Brett, Walt Garrison and Terry Bradshaw are out there plugging the virtues of the plug, that's hardly the stuff of which homeruns and touchdowns are made.

An estimated 25,000 new cases of oral cancer are discovered each year, with 8,650 of these people dying. That's something to think about.

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