

Electronics program faces termination; decision pending

By Tom Long
WT Editor
Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

Many of the students enrolled in the electronics program at Western Texas College are concerned about the possible termination of that program.

According to Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, the decision has been made to recommend to the Board of Trustees that no new freshmen students be admitted to the electronics program at WTC.

At this time, McQueen is looking closely at student records to see if it will be feasible to offer classes which will enable current students to complete their degree plans. The decision regarding the recommendation on this portion of the electronics program has not yet been made. She also stated that the school will try to be as fair to the students as possible.

According to an article in the "Abilene Reporter News", WTC President, Dr. Harry Krenek, said that the program has lost money for several years.

During the 1986-87 school year, the program has lost over \$13,000. This figure is down from a loss of \$19,000 in 1985-86 and \$22,000 in 1984-85.

In the 1983-84 year, eight students graduated from the program. In 1984-85, only two students graduated, and in 1985-86, there was only two. It is expected that there will be one graduating student this year.

At the beginning of the fall 1986 session, before the last day to drop, the enrolled students met with Instructor Bill Sutton, Division

Chairperson Mike Otto and McQueen. At that time, there were only four students enrolled in the program. These four students were informed of the possibility of the department closing, and signed statements to that effect. Three other students, who enrolled before the tenth class day but after the meeting, say that they were never informed of the possibility of the department being closed. There are no signed statements by these students.

The students involved in the electronics program feel that they have an investment in the school and should be allowed to graduate. They have stated that most of the students can not afford to move and have counted on WTC to enable them to further their education.

A group of five electronics students attended the March meeting of the Board of Trustees and were assured by the board that the decision would be taken care of. McQueen stated that her office has a dual responsibility, to the students and to the taxpayer. This was not a quick decision, but one that was arrived at after observing the departmental figures over a period of several years. When Sutton joined the staff in 1985, he came with the understanding that the department could possibly close if losses continued.

If the Board of Trustees follows the recommendation to close the program, it does not rule out the possibility that the program could re-open at a later date. The program will not be removed from the approval list at this time. The approval list is the list of programs that WTC is authorized to offer.

McQueen said that to the best of her knowledge, no scholarships or student funding will be affected by this move.

It is expected that the recommendation to terminate will be made at the April or May meeting of the Board of Trustees.



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'Landscaping with native plants'...

Texas wildflowers highlighted

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

Western Texas College's observance of the Texas Wildflower program, which began on March 30, will run through April 12. The theme of this year's program is "Landscaping with Native Plants."

This year, the Scurry County Museum is sponsoring art and creative writing competitions for area elementary schools. They are also sponsoring a photo competition. The two photo categories are landscape and general.

The landscape category will include photography of homes or public buildings landscaped with native plants or wildflowers. The general category will include Texas wildflowers and plants in any setting.

The competition will be divided into three groups: Group I, senior high school students; Group II, WTC students; Group III, non-students 18 or older (non-professional). Competitors may enter three photos in each category.

First prize for the photo con-

test will be \$20. Second prize will be \$15. There is an entry fee of \$3 for non-students and \$1 for students.

On April 6, the museum will open its wildflower exhibit. Exhibitions will include the work of the elementary school children and displays of live specimens. This year, in addition to the wildflower exhibit, there will also be a cactus exhibit.

Shirley Leftwich of the Scurry County Museum would like to encourage student participation in the photo contest. A darkroom is available at the museum. Students are welcome to use the darkroom between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., if they provide their own chemicals and clean up the room when they are finished.

According to Britt Canada, WTC assistant professor and head of the wildflower committee, Texas has approximately 4,000 native wildflowers. About 30 of these are native to the WTC campus, and may be seen on the wildflower path on the south side of the campus. Guided tours will be given starting at 10 a.m., April 10.

Last year's path included

bluebonnet, wild honeysuckle, huisache daisy, stork's bill, cut-leaf daisy, rock daisy, and Arkansas lazy daisy. Of these only the bluebonnet is not native to the WTC campus.

The speakers at the Wildflower Symposium on April 11 will be Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post and Burr Williams of Midland.

Kirkpatrick will present a slide show of native plants. She has been photographing wildflowers since 1963 and has presented wildflower exhibits to various area groups. Last year, she conducted a wildflower symposium at Texas Tech.

Williams is the owner of "Gone Native", a nursery in Midland. He will speak on the subject of landscaping with native plants.

On April 12 at 2 p.m., a tour will be conducted of homes that feature native landscaping.

Local groups participating in the events are Western Texas College, Scurry County Museum, the Garden Club, the Soil Conservation District, Golf Course and Landscape Technology, The Native Plant Society of Texas, and area public schools.



Survivors of the late freeze

Instructor and director of the golf/landscaping department James Eby shows off some of the plants his students grow in the college's greenhouse. Eby is serving on a panel discussion during Wildflower Day activities.

-Photo by Billy Summerlin

Psi Zeta candidate...

Milburn vies for presidency

By Sandy Ross
WT Page Editor

Jeff Milburn of Brownfield is looking forward to Phi Theta Kappa national convention this year, since he is running for national president.

Milburn made the decision to run for several reasons. He said he likes to meet people, and being president will give him an opportunity to travel around the United States.

He loves the challenge involved in the campaign and feels

that the experience will be worth the hard work.

Milburn hopes that his election would bring Psi Zeta into the forefront and form close ties with other chapters.

He will be assisted in his campaign by other members of Psi Zeta. This is not Psi Zeta's first experience in a national campaign. Danny Hunter of Western Texas College was national president in 1984-85.

Milburn feels that by not participating in school events, people miss out on making friends and

knowing "people you can count on."

He said he is running on his own merits and will give it his best. He added that he feels his experience in drama will help. He is a drama major.

According to PTK sponsor, Dr. Mary Hood, "Jeff's strong point is his one-on-one friendliness. If he can get this across, he has a good chance of winning."

Psi Zeta will leave for Dallas to attend the national convention on Thursday, April 2.

Wildflower Day Activities

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| April 3 | Photo entries due. |
| April 6 | Museum opens. Identified wildflowers and cactus will be displayed. |
| April 10 | 7:00 p.m. - Reception for teachers with 100 percent art/creative writing participation. Photo awards will be presented. |
| April 11 | 10:00 a.m. - Wildflower path guided tours
- GLT greenhouse tours
- Museum open |
| | 11:00 a.m. - Native Plant Society of Texas
- Panhandle Region Meeting |
| | 1:00 p.m. - Wildflower Symposium
- Opening Remarks - Britt Canada, John Carpenter |
| | 1:15 p.m. - Zoe Kirkpatrick |
| | 2:15 p.m. - GLT Student Project Report |
| | 2:30 p.m. - Break |
| | 2:45 p.m. - Burr Williams - Landscaping with Natives |
| | 3:45 p.m. - GLT Student Project Report |
| | 4:00 p.m. - Panel discussion - Burr Williams, James Eby, Ricky Linex, Zoe Kirkpatrick |
| April 12 | 2:00 p.m. - Tour of homes that use native plants in landscaping |

No, this is not an April fool's joke.

Issue 10 of *The Western Texan* is being released one day early, in order that the staff may attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association competition in San Marcos. We sincerely hope this causes no inconvenience.

Editorial

Funding inconsistencies need uniformity

College sports are expensive entertainment—especially for schools like Texas A & M, University of Texas and Southern Methodist University. Football and basketball in particular generate thousands of dollars in revenue for the schools and provide just as much in scholarships to athletes.

But here at WTC, where the figures in dollars decrease sharply in comparison, we do not have to deal with scandalous issues such as payoffs and special favors for athletes.

Our sports teams may bring more pride and recognition than money. Many of the people who attend the games are students, and they don't have to pay to get in if they have student I.D.'s (although they did pay for the I.D.'s.)

Even on our small scale, however, there are inconsistencies between administrators on how to interpret the student travel guidelines at WTC. In some instances, basketball athletes get more money for meals and other competition-related expenses than other groups on campus who also attend competitions.

Some believe that this practice is not discriminatory because these other extracurricular activities are done more on a voluntary or individual basis, whereas athletes are required to attend games.

But these contests should be regarded as more than just voluntary extracurricular activities; they give students a chance to engage in live competitions and forums which are designed to improve respective academic and vocational skills and compare these skills

to those levels of other schools. These contests give students experience that they could never gain in the classroom. They bring as much recognition to the school and are as conducive to respective areas of growth as sports events.

Sports teams are not expected to develop by only playing among themselves or against their own teams—how would they know their progression? Likewise, students in other departments cannot progress by being confined to the resources among themselves.

Those students who cannot afford to make up the difference between what the school pays and what meals or other expenses not funded, are denied the opportunity to learn from these competitions.

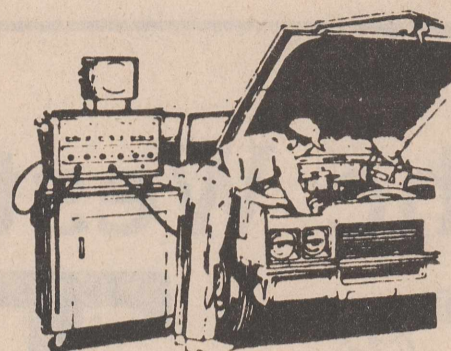
One possible consideration to this inconsistency is for administrators to sit down and come to some decision so that all groups can be treated fairly instead of paying all of one department's expenses and minimal expenses for another department. Equal guidelines should be set so that, if possible, each individual department can find ways of raising funds for these trips.

Special provisions could be made for advanced level competitions or play-off games which require long-distance travel. For long distance competitions in general, other departments should not be expected to limit the number of students attending any more than a sports team is expected to take only a few players.

Since WTC does have more limited funds as compared to large colleges, it is important that those funds be spread and shared by all departments fairly.

Our Thanks

The staff of *The Western Texan* would like to thank Bettie McQueen, Terry Miller and Rex Hopkins for their efforts on our behalf. When the van broke down on our return from competition in Odessa, they acted quickly in getting us back to Snyder. You don't know how good Snyder looks at 2 a.m.



Coffee Break

By Sandy Ross

Aspirin essential on trips with teenagers

Not being one to learn from my mistakes, I went to journalism competition again this year.

Actually, it isn't going that is a mistake, it's the company I keep. A whole year has lapsed since the last competition, and I had forgotten how tiring it is to keep up with a group of teenagers. The "kids" had the gall to suggest that my memory lapse was due to creeping senility!

However, my memory lapse must not have been complete, because this year I was prepared. I took along a large, economy-size bottle of aspirin. But contrary to the rumors, that other suspicious looking container really was cologne.

This year I had the good sense to not even attempt to keep up with everyone else. Between the meetings and workshops, while

the younger students went to the pool and expended energy enough to light up the whole city of Odessa, I hid out in the room and caught up on my much needed sleep.

Actually, I was in fairly decent shape until our van broke down on the return trip. How would you like to be stranded at 2 a.m. with six "young'uns" in Stanton?

When they found out that Stanton has no Domino's all-night delivery, they begin to get dangerously antisocial.

A few days have passed, and I am about to begin feeling human again. In fact, I may actually be recovered enough to attend this week's competition in San Marcos. After all, once a person has gone completely around the bend, they have nothing else to lose.

Our Turn

By Clay Jacobs and Mark Rauterkus



Students remember first date problems

Dating...that great American pastime! A word that puts terror into the hearts and minds of every student (and parent) in the world.

Most people remember their first date...do you? What did you do? Go to a movie, go out and eat, and drive up and down the street waving at people and listening to the radio.

Do you want to know how we knew that? Simple! That's what 90 percent of Americans do on their first date.

Now, isn't that a boring way to get to know someone? You spend

an hour and a half in a theater where you don't talk to each other at all. Then when you go to eat and it comes time to order, the normal conversation always seems to be:

Guy: What are you going to order?

Girl: I don't know, what are you going to order?

Guy: I don't know (I hope she won't think I have bad taste. What if I order something she doesn't like)?

Waitress: What can I get for you?

Guy: Go ahead!
Girl: I want a steak.
Guy: Me too!
Girl: And tea.
Guy: Sounds good.

Then, after that is over, you sit and stare at each other (without talking) while eating.

Now, doesn't that sound like fun? (Maybe, if you like a very quiet evening.)

May we make a couple of suggestions to make a first date more exciting? You could find better things to do, such as a walk in the

park to get to know each other.

You could try the old favorite...running out of gas. This lets you get to know your date better, and also gives you an excuse for staying out later.

You could try going to pick up your date, skip the date, get your good-night kiss (or handshake, as the case may be), and leave. This is effective for saving you from an uncomfortable first date. It also saves money.

If your first date is uncomfortable or embarrassing, you probably won't have to worry about a second date.

Long Talk

By Tom Long



Hot tub generates creativity

Two weeks ago, we traveled to Odessa to compete in a journalism competition. We will travel again to another convention today. My only request is that we don't get stranded in Stanton with a broken down van.

The trip began as a very fun experience. We met several people from different states. During our stay we had the chance to attend very educational workshops.

In the canned contest, we held our own with the best of them. Who says a middle-aged woman can't beat a bunch of young students? I guess since she's older, she has more experience.

When we began to sign up for

live contest I tried my hand at advertising. Lucy Herrera (our adviser) couldn't believe that sitting in the hotel hot tub generated my brain to think. I didn't even say anything about her flashing neon sandals.

Throughout the weekend, there were several meals provided. I began a lasting relationship with a tomato I saw those three days. I honestly think they served us the same salad three days in a row.

The waitresses seemed to lack one thing. They could not pour tea or coffee. One waitress completely saturated my hot roll (actually it was ice cold). Another

waitress had the gall to want to charge me a dollar for a glass of milk. They apparently do know what the farm situation is. I guess you could always resort to kidnapping a milk cow and put your fingers to work.

All during the final banquet for the live contests we had our acceptance speeches ready but never had the opportunity to use them. Actually, we didn't want to make colleges like Brigham Young University, New Mexico State University and The University of Texas at Arlington look bad.

The one thing that really made the trip unforgettable is when the

van broke down in Stanton. Now I know what the judging team felt like to be stranded. To make things even worse, Sandy so kindly reminded us of the raping and shooting incident which occurred recently.

I guess this is another one of Murphy's Laws. When the journalism department finally gets to take a trip, the van breaks down.

As we get ready to leave for San Marcos, one dilemma crosses my mind. If we get the same van, I think we ought to ask if we can fly (with our luck we would be hijacked to Iran or even Libya). I guess this is one way of phasing out the journalism department.

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On the air

Freshmen Marvin Morrell of Snyder and Clay Jacobs of New Home look on as Sophomore Tom Long of Aspermont reads over a news story in their broadcasting lab. Photo by Chet Campbell

Broadcast lab to air program

By Suzette Harris
WT Associate Editor

The WTC Reporter was the name chosen by the students in broadcast lab for a 30 minute news program. Tentative air date is April 11 at 11 a.m. on KSNY.

The purpose of this program is to give the students in the lab

hands on experience. According to Bob Clifton, KSNY program director, it would give the station what is happening on campus that they would not hear about.

"The concept evolves around the students," Clifton said.

Clifton mentioned they use to do a similar program with Snyder High School in the mid 60's.

"Lucy and I kicked the idea around for two years," he added.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, said the program wasn't put together earlier due to low enrollment.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is a student broadcast. They are putting it together and editing it," Clifton said.

Goodbye Dewey!

Colleges switch classification system

By Chet Campbell
WT Reporter

In grade school most students were instructed in using the Dewey Decimal system to find books in a library. Unfortunately, that will not help a person today in many college and university libraries. They are all switching to the Library of Congress classification system which is easier to use and maintain.

The LC system uses 22 letters out of the alphabet to title different subject areas. Then each of the subject areas are divided into specific groups.

Associate director of library and media services Kathy Stephens said "For example, if a

book is in the NK section it falls under decorative or applied arts. The N meaning the fine arts and K is the decorative arts."

"For the students' use, there are signs with the lists of subject headings hung in several places in the library," Stephens added.

Even then the second division is followed by a string of numbers which mark even more specific material. For example, NK 3785 is applied fine arts books on ceramics and porcelain.

The great thing about the LC system is that all books on one subject, no matter who wrote them or in what form, are kept in one area, whereas, with the Dewey system books are divided by how they are written, Stephens

said.

Other than the general collection, the WTC library has a large reference section, an oversized book section marked OS, and a reserved section behind the circulation desk marked RES. Stephens noted these three divisions add up to about 40,000 titles not including multiple copies.

The WTC library also has a collection of 200 magazine subscriptions and 3000 reels of microfilm. For students doing research papers, the collections are very easy to use. "We also carry ten area newspapers for students who want to keep up with events at home," Stephens said.

PTK serves

Phi Theta Kappa members served at the Chamber of Commerce banquet March 31. They will also serve at the Senior Citizens' banquet, April 9.

April events

Student Activities would like to remind students of the following events: ping-pong tournament-April 6, Easter egg hunt-April 14, chili cook-off and Western Days-April 15.

Course offered

A defensive driving course is being offered April 7 and 9 from 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$22 and to reserve a place, call 573-8511, ext. 240.

BSU tourney

Every Thursday at 9:30 p.m. the BSU is sponsoring tournaments in pool, ping-pong and futsal. The winners from each game will all compete in the grand finals May 7.

The grand champions will win a steak dinner at The Shack. Don't miss out!

Campus Briefs

Softball practice

The practice schedule for the BSU softball tournament is every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. A few more women players are needed for the coed team.

Bible studies

The BSU is hosting bible studies in four time slots each week. According to Mike Young, BSU director, each study is casual and is an open time for questions and discussions.

Slide program

As part of WTC's Wildflower Day activities, Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post will present a slide program showing Texas wildflowers on the Kirkpatrick ranch located this side of Post.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater on campus. There will also be a speaker discussing "Native Plants in Landscaping."

Loan information

Those students applying for the ALAS (Auxiliary Loan to Assist Students) do not need to apply until after July 1.

According to Jim Tully, financial aid director, the interest rates will be from 9 to 12 percent. At present, rates are 12 percent. Waiting until the summer could mean a 3 percent savings to the students.

Play opens

The drama production of the "Little Shop of Horrors" opens April 10-11 and 13-14 in the Fine Arts Theater. Phi Kappa members will be ushers during the play.

Fun day

The BSU is sponsoring a day of softball, frisbee and hiking at the Abilene State Park April 11.

Transportation to and from the park will be provided. Cost will be about \$5 for the day. Contact Michael Young in the BSU.



Who'll be queen?

Five contestants are vying for the honor of being crowned 1987 rodeo queen. They include Jo Ditt Danley of Las Cruces, NM, Tracey Marvin of Snyder, DeAnn Marr of Weatherford, Terri Dever of Snyder and Ana Marie Blagg of Ira.

-Photo by Tom Long

Your Turn

By Chet Campbell
and
Mark Rauterkus



"When one asks a question like 'How do I use the microfilm?' or 'How can I tell if this is a periodical or a magazine reference?' you get treated like you should have learned that in high school. Well, I have news for you, some of us didn't. If the workstudy daytime help was as cooperative as the nighttime help people, I might come around the library more often."

Jeana Fox
Snyder, TX



"I do not use my spare time for reading although I do use the LRC for research regarding required work. Different people have different ways of spending their time which does not always include reading, other than newspapers."

Heath Blasingame
Colorado City, TX

What would make the LRC easier to use?
Why do you think WTC students don't use the library more?

"The library is not hard to use. They just need to come in and find out how to use it. I don't think students have been required to read to the point that they like to read."

Kathy Stephens, Associate Director of Library and Media Services
Snyder, TX



"I believe that WTC students do not use the library to its potential because their school work takes up the majority of their time. It would be beneficial to students with a busy day and night schedule and those who study at night if the LRC would stay open later."

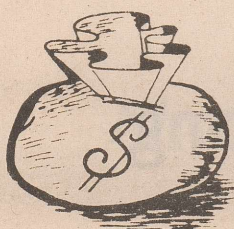
Damaris Carrasco
Big Lake, TX



"People just don't make an effort to use the library. Moreover, the LRC is the 'best' library I could find in Snyder. They feel that going to the library other than required work is wasting time. They would rather spend it on something more 'productive' (in their own terms)."

Ming Choy Lee
Singapore

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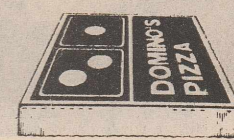


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WTC reflects on past and aims to the future

As WTC approaches the twenty-first century, many wonder what the future has in store. To examine the future, we must look back on how the college has grown since its beginning.

Very few colleges are fortunate to have some of the original board members. Original board members are Bob Hargrove, Jr., Bill Wilson, Edwin Parks and R.C. Patton.

Three of the members (Parks was not present at the interview due to family illness) agreed that they have been very pleased with the growth of the college.

Wilson said, "There were 92 percent of Scurry County residents in favor of the college so we knew the potential was there."

Hargrove stated, "The board has overseen a job well-done and has no regrets on any decision that has come from the board." He also added that they work well as a team and that has a lot to do with the college's success.

These three members gave much of the credit to the first president of WTC, Dr. Robert Clinton, in choosing the first faculty members. Today, there are 17 original faculty members still here.

Mavis Brumbelow, administrative secretary, was the first person hired at WTC. She recalls her first day at work. "I

walked into the basement of the Snyder Savings and Loan where I had a borrowed desk and file cabinet." She also recalls moving to the old Chevron building (presently Snyder National Bank) with her files in the back of her car and a city dump truck carrying the rest of her office equipment.

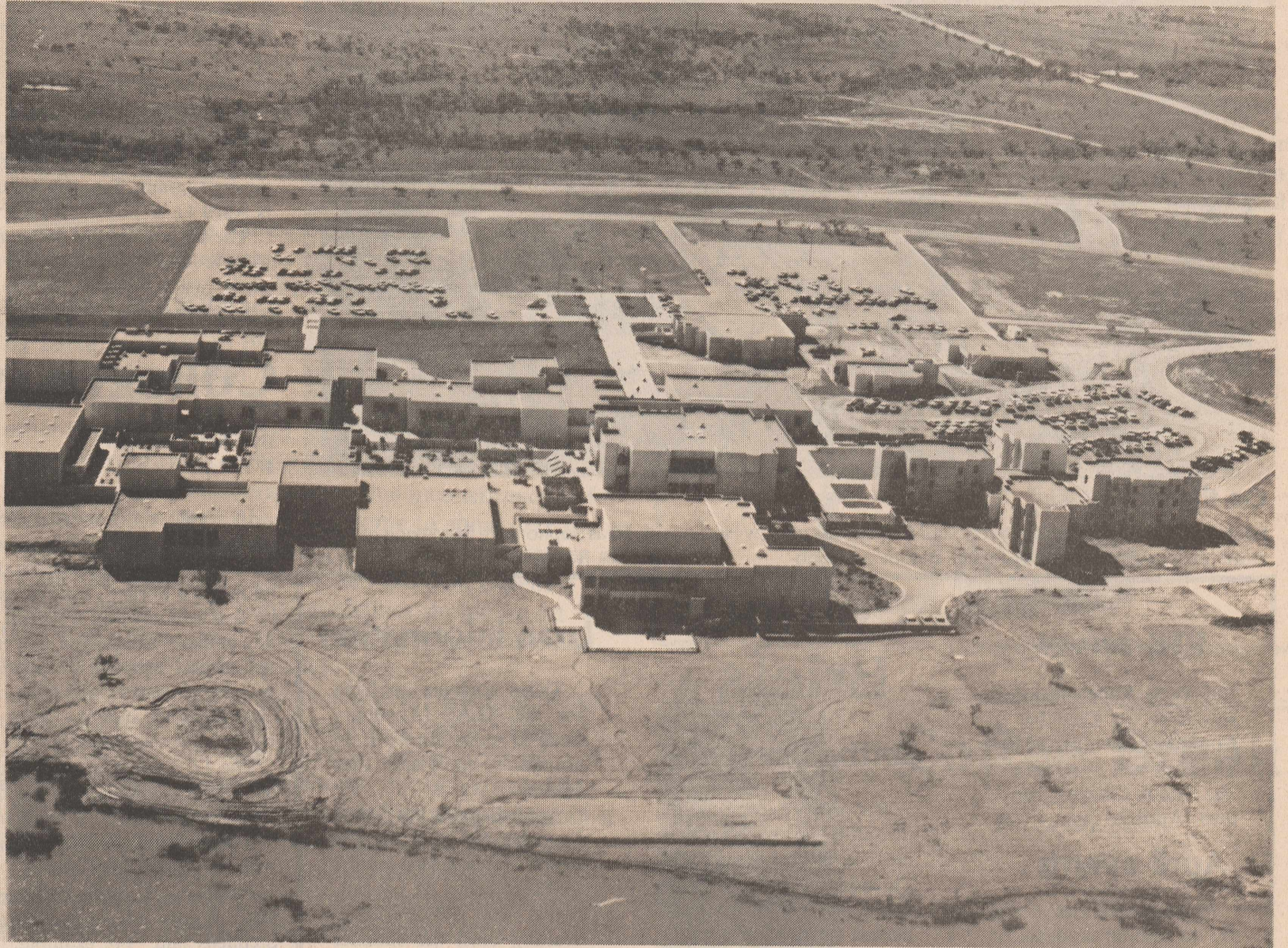
Brumbelow feels that students should be proud to attend WTC. She says, "WTC has an outstanding faculty, who is dedicated to the student."

Brumbelow notes the first board meeting she attended. She remembers thinking "with men like this on the board the college could only succeed."

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC President, notes some goals for the college and the future. "To improve the quality of education and to create a total learning environment."

Krenek is concerned with the economic situation but feels confident that WTC will survive because the men on the board set a good foundation for the college. "We have a strong enrollment and our extension centers are doing well," said Krenek.

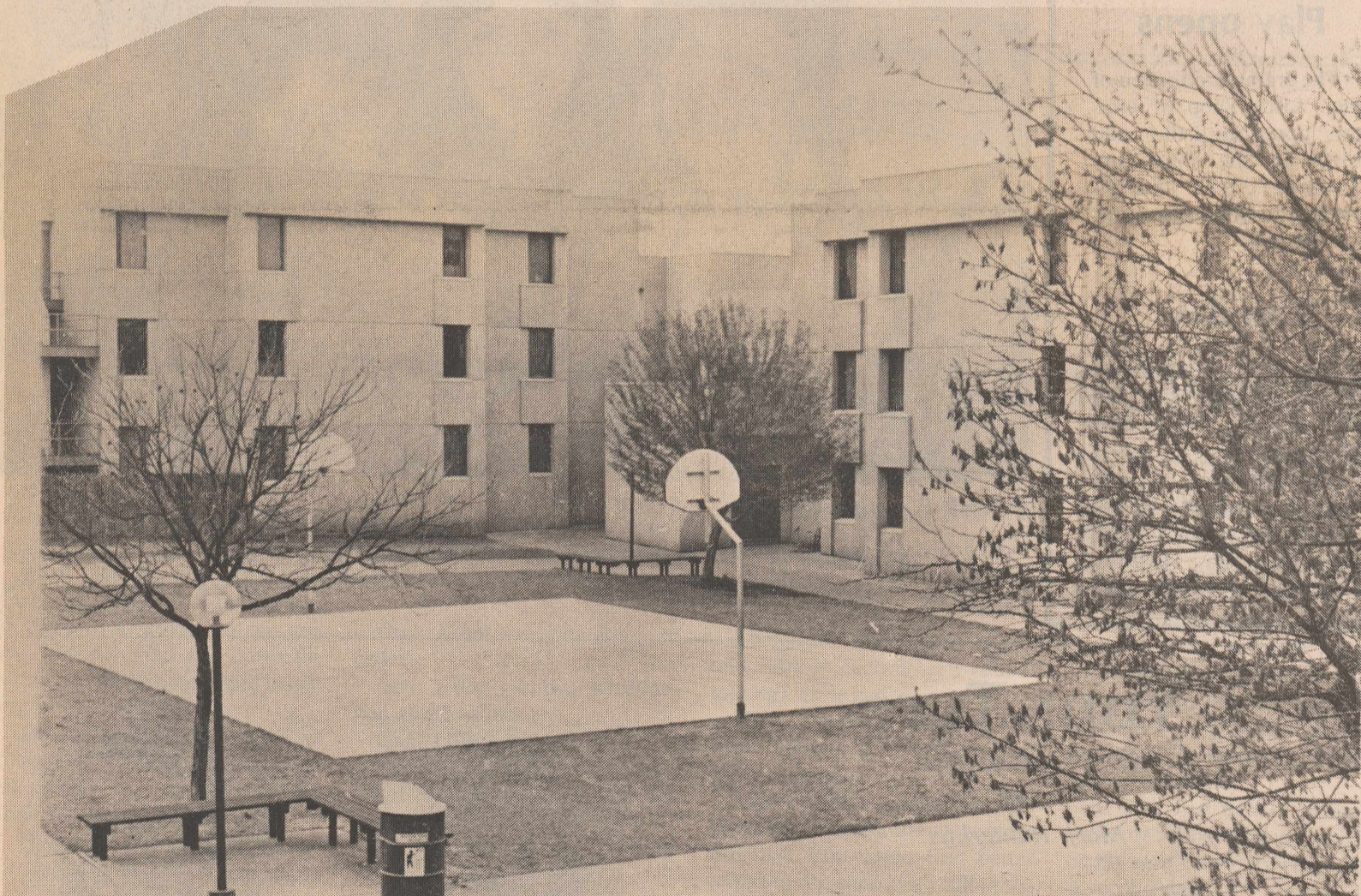
Krenek states that WTC can survive because it has good faculty members who are dedicated to the student and must no longer depend on the oil but depend on what WTC can offer the student.



Harvard on the hill

Western Texas College, sometime after 1975. All of the major buildings are complete except the golf course and apartments. 1986 saw the ad-

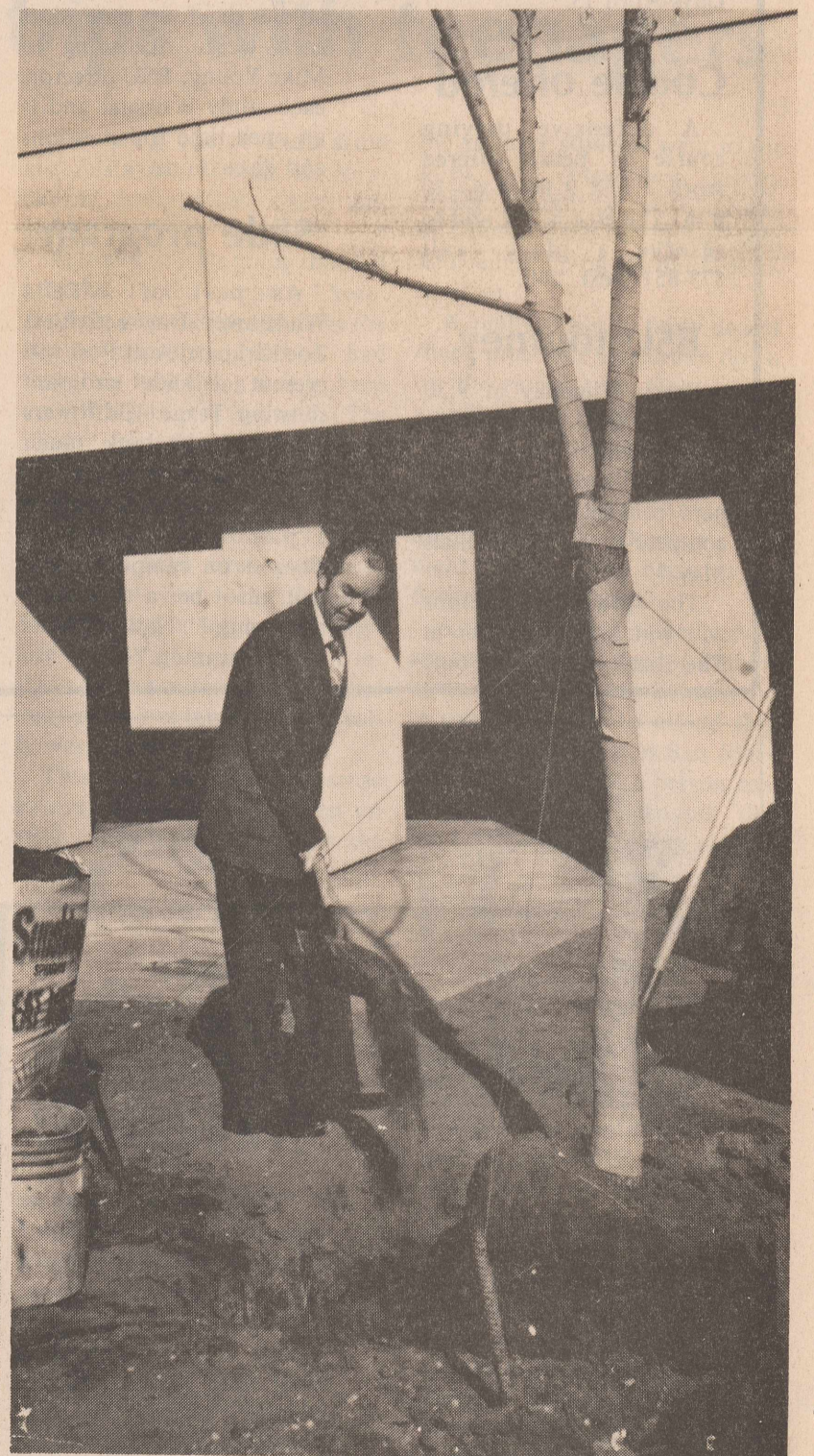
dition of a golf landscape technology building and greenhouse to the east side of the campus.
Staff Photo



Is this the Holiday Inn?

The dormitory from the south side shows the recently added basketball court. Housing up to 192 men and women, the dorm rooms are built in

modules or living units for sixteen students each. Photo by Tom Long



Dream in the making

Dr. Robert Clinton, first president at Western Texas College, breaks ground in front of the entrance.
Staff Photo



Leaders of WTC

The current Board of Trustees of the college are (Left to Right) R.C. Patton, Roy Baze, Howard Sterling, Bill Wilson, Jr., Bob Hargrove, Jr. and

John Gayle. (not pictured - Edwin Parks)

-Photo by Tom Long

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Hostage crisis and coverage...

Journalists' compete in live, canned contest

By Christy Bullock
WT Reporter

A simulated hostage crisis was the scene in Odessa for the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association Convention, a seven-state journalism competition held March 19-21.

The *Western Texan* staff participated in workshops and in live competition. Several staff members received awards in the canned competition. Sandy Ross received first place for her column, "Coffee Break".

Tom Long received honorable mention in both general/specialized column and news photography. Todd Neal received honorable mention for editorial writing.

Other awards were Richard Bixler, third place for humorous cartoon and honorable mention for illustration. Irene Mireles received third place for illustration. Suzette Harris and Shirley

Raschke both received third place for investigative reporting.

Also receiving awards were Eddy Lopez, honorable mention for sports writing and Jerry Snelling received third place in sports photography, and second and third place for feature photos.

Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor, said that she was pleased with the honors received in canned competition.

"I'm pleased we placed in a variety of categories. Overall I think we could improve the quality of the newspaper and we are currently working on upgrading the quality and quantity of photos. I am especially happy to see Sandy receive first place for her column," Herrera said.

Tom Long, WT editor, said, "We did really well. I was worried that we would not do well because there have been some major changes in the paper. Since we received many awards, it showed me that the changes made

did help."

"My dream has always been to improve the paper and to make it a good paper. I hope that I have accomplished that since I started one year ago," Long added.

In live competition, the staff competed in the following categories; Harris, Christy Bullock and Ross all of Snyder, and Staci Wood, Colorado City, news writing. Lopez, of Abernathy, and Ross, layout and design; Long, Aspermont, advertising, and Billy Summerlin, Lubbock, news and feature photography.

"They (the students) received a great experience they can use the rest of their lives. The simulated hostage crisis was as close to the real life event and was beneficial hands-on experience. It made the pressure of deadline very real," Herrera said.

This will be the last year the WT staff will be able to attend the RMCPA due to budget cuts.



Freedom for a six-pack

One of the hostages eases down the steps as he is exchanged for a Coke Classic.



Reaching out for Ma Bell

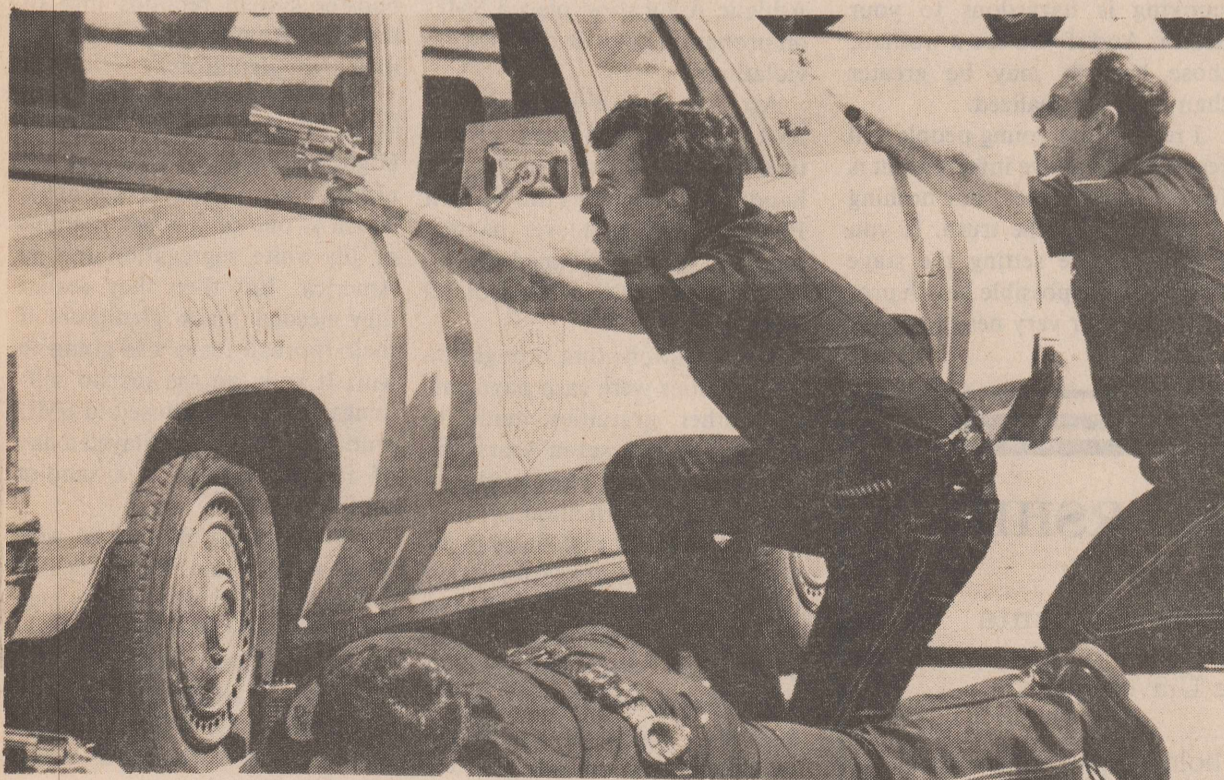
The gunman is getting anxious as he requests a telephone.



Gotcha covered

Staci Wood, Christy Bullock, and Sandy Ross cover the 'hostage situa-

tion' as it occurs. This was part of the live competition at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association in Odessa.



Take cover

Officers of the Odessa Police Department protect themselves as they exchange gunfire with the hostage takers.



The end

After rappelling down the building and entering a window, the S.W.A.T. team took down the bad guys and saved the day.

Photos by Billy Summerlin



Who's open?

Sophomore Brenda Welch tries to avoid a trap during one of the playoff games. The Dusters were defeated in the semi-finals.
—Staff photo

Dusters claim fourth

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Reporter

For the first time in the history of WTC, the Lady Dusters advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's tournament where they claimed fourth place. The tourney was held in Senatobia, Miss., March 16-21.

The Dusters lost to St. Gregory's of Oklahoma in their semi-final game and went on to play for third place honors when

they lost to Moberly College of Missouri.

According to Duster's Coach Kelly Chadwick, the competition at the national level was tough.

"There were some teams that shouldn't have been there. They probably would have placed about fourth in our conference. Other than those teams, competition was tough from a coaching standpoint," Chadwick said.

The Dusters finished with a 31-4 record. Coach Chadwick said he did not expect the Dusters

to go as far as they did when the season started.

"I knew we could probably win the conference when we started, but I didn't expect them to be in the nationals. We set goals for ourselves, but it took a lot of hard work to make it as far as we did. I'm proud of the girls for their dedication," he said.

Sophomore Brenda Welch of Jennings, LA was named to the All-Tournament team. Freshman Lisa Thompson of Lufkin, TX received honorable mention.

Men's rodeo team gains win

By Clay Jacobs
WT Sports Co-editor

After a disappointing outcome at the Odessa College rodeo March 19-22, the WTC men's rodeo team roped first place at the West Texas State University rodeo last weekend.

Keith Hudson of Paradise, who leads the region in calf rop-

ing, won the event. Adam Brewster of Snyder tied for first in bareback competition.

Wesley Henderson of Winston, NM, split third and fourth places in the saddle bronc average. Steve Roberts of Quinlan was sixth in the first-go round and won the short-go Sunday.

Sophomore Mike Carrillo, Kingsville, broke his collar bone

during the Odessa rodeo. According to Bob Doty, rodeo coach, "Mike was leading the region in bareback riding, but now he'll be out for a while."

The men's team placed sixth at the OC rodeo. The women's team captured third.

The college will host its rodeo April 16-19 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Adams leads putters to sixth place

By Eddy Lopez
WT Sports Editor

WTC's Clint Adams shot a 76 the first day of competition of the Texas State Junior Golf Championship in Dellago Community College at Conroe, TX. Adams lead the Westerners into a sixth place finish.

The weather was nice and cool with light wind blowing at 10 mph. During the second day of competition. The weather was too nice as Adams finished with an 82-75-233.

Other Westerners competing at the Conroe Golf tournament were

Wes Skaggs who shot a 81-73-82-236, Joel Fufts shot a 79-77-83-239, Mike Harrison shot a 79-76-88-243, and Scott Sawyer shot a 90-92-86-268.

WTC's golf team will be in conference competition this week in Hobbs, NM.



Shapin' Up

By Lee Burke

Smoking threatens females' health

This information is taken from the Mayo Health Clinic April 1987.

Evidence is mounting that cigarette smoke may pose a unique and serious threat to women.

Recent studies indicate that females who smoke cigarettes may reach menopause earlier than

nonsmokers. Possible reason: toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke may damage the hormone-producing cells in the ovaries.

These chemicals also cause the liver to speed up the chemical inactivation of the main female hormone, estradiol.

Even "passive" exposure to these toxic chemicals may be

enough to damage the ovaries. Those at extra risk include nonsmoking women who live with partners who smoke.

Women who smoke may face a greater risk of osteoporosis after menopause. Osteoporosis weakens bone structure and leads to fractures that may result in prolonged disability and death.

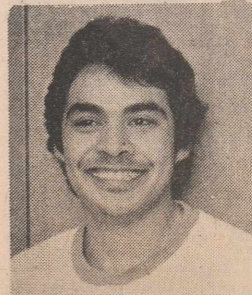
Lung cancer recently surpassed breast cancer death in women. Lung cancer is overwhelmingly tied to cigarette smoking. Recent evidence also suggests that cancer of the cervix is more common in women who smoke.

Women who smoke are less fertile and have more difficulty getting pregnant. Pregnant women who smoke have a greater

risk of spontaneous abortion, stillbirth and premature delivery. Their babies are smaller at birth and have increased risk of dying in early infancy.

People decide to smoke cigarettes for many reasons: peer pressure or the desire to appear sophisticated are common incentives. But the facts are clear: smoking is hazardous to your health. And if you are a woman, those hazards may be greater than you ever realized.

I realize that young people will feel that the above information is for the older ladies, but nothing is further than the truth. If you smoke, you're setting the stage for the above possible health problems in your very near future



Sports Talk

By Eddy Lopez

'Ineligible receivers' evoke team's probation

Some people call them black gladiators, some call them ineligible receivers, but they are known as the Southern Methodist University Mustangs.

We all know that football is king in Texas. Even at the high school level football games are treated with reverence and emotion. And at SMU winning had become an obsession.

In 1985 the National Collegiate Athletic Association placed SMU on probation because of recruiting violations.

After it was discovered that SMU had violated their probation this past winter the NCAA handed the Mustangs the "Death Penalty", the first ever handed out. The penalty banned all the '87 and part of the '88 football seasons.

The violations that brought on the penalties were cash payments and other gratuities made to players the last seven years. Investigators say payments involved more than \$1 million.

It is becoming a tradition in the Southwest Conference for teams to be placed on probation. Teams in the SWC on probation include Texas Tech, Texas Christian and SMU. Teams under investigation are the University of Texas, University of Houston, and Texas A&M.

I know this is going on at every college and university in the nation. Athletes receive scholarships to pay their way through college. When they get illegal money, it is not fair for the person who has a 3.5 GPA and can't pay his way through college.

Texas author Billy Porterfield, who taught journalism at SMU for 10 years, was quoted as saying in a news magazine that the booster system reminds him of the elite Roman Empire buying their own gladiators.

"It's a racial question," he said. "SMU is on the edge of Highland Park (a self-contained, upper-class Dallas suburb), which is one of the last bastions of lily-white segregation left in America. But then they realize they needed black gladiators if their football team was going to win. It rode on the macho self-image and ego of those old SMU graduates who never played a day of football except in a sandlot somewhere."

"Their gladiators had to win. They were willing to put tons of money into it. I know many men personally who gave more money for black players than they did their own children to go to school on but who would die of a heart attack if their daughter dated one," Porterfield said.

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