

The Western Texan

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Student groups attend conferences

GLT takes eighth spot in California

By Staci Wood
WT Managing Editor

WTC Golf-Landscape students brought back an eighth place overall finish from the Associated Land Contractors of America convention held at California's Poly-Tech State University in St. Louis Obispo, CA, last week.

The conference was both a learning experience and an opportunity for students to compete in fields they learn in classes, said James Eby, golf-landscape director. The thirteen students placed eighth overall among 18 colleges and universities competing. Twenty-four schools attended.

Individual winners were Tim Keenan, from Richmond, VA, first in cut and fill; Theron Knapp, from Hornell, New York, first in surveying and the team of Knapp, Robert Hay, from Tulia and Rusty Glanton, from Snyder, third in construction estimation.

Eby was pleased with the finish. "I think we did real well considering who we were competing against. There were some big universities there and we couldn't enter all of the events because we can't teach them here," Eby said.

The week-long trip was highlighted with other attractions during the drive to California. "We did some sight seeing on the way out. We saw the Hearst Castle in Sansimeon, the University of California Poly-Tech in Pomona, near Los Angeles and the Tournament Players golf course in Scottsdale AZ, said Eby. After an all-night return trip to Snyder, students were not available for comment.



Conference attenders

Kathryn Roberts, Corena Hill, Cathy Thompson and Lou Stidham at-

tended a child care conference recently. They are holding certificates showing they attended.

(Staff photo)

Lubbock hosts conference on child care

Members of the Image Women's group and psychology students recently attended the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Extension Home Economists child care conference in Lubbock recently.

Those attending the conference were Kathryn Roberts, Corena Hill, Cathy Thompson and Lou Stidham.

The activities scheduled included workshops, arts and crafts for children, assistance and guidance with hyperactive children.

Twenty Scurry County child care providers, parents, foster parents and interested child care attended the conference.

Best overall

Student newspaper excels in canned competition

Bridget Pallarez
WT Reporter

The Western Texan student newspaper at Western Texas College placed first for Best Overall Newspaper in Division 3 at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) canned contest, organization officials announced April 8.

The announcement was made during an awards banquet at a convention hosted by Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Kilgore College placed second in Best Overall in Division 3 and Texas Wesleyan captured third place.

The Western Texan also submitted entries in the canned contest for Texas Community Col-

lege Journalism Association (TC-CJA).

In TCCJA canned competition, The Western Texan won second place for Page Makeup and an honorable mention for General Excellence. Other awards recognizing student work in the publication in canned contests were as follows:

In TIPA, Best Ad Campaign, second place, Howard Bigham; Best Illustration, third place, Irene Mireles and honorable mention, Aaron Chavez; Best Sports Feature Photo, honorable mention, Mark Rauterkus; and Best Cartoon, honorable mention, Melinda Thomas.

In TCCJA, Feature Writing, second place Deidre Gantt and honorable mention, Chet Campbell; In-depth Investigative, second place, Chet Campbell; and

Picture Page, second place, Bill Summerlin.

Newspaper canned competition involves clipping and submitting entries in a number of categories including various types of writing, photography, layout and advertising.

Some sixty member schools sent faculty and student delegates to the convention. Six Western Texan staff members attended the convention in San Marcos and took part in live competition with two-and four-year schools in Texas. Advisers Lucy Herrera and Elaine Tate accompanied the students.

Participants were Suzette Harris, Print Newswriting; Bill Summerlin, Action Photography; Bridget Pallarez, Page Paste-up; Melinda Thomas, Radio Commercial Writing and Radio News

Writing; Deidre Gantt, Press Release Writing and Editorial Writing; and Howard Bigham, Print Ad Copy and Layout.

Live contests were planned and presented by TIPA member schools. The journalism department at WTC sponsored the Feature Writing contest at the convention. Bob Sears, Sweetwater airport manager and air show promoter, was the speaker.

Participants in the feature writing contest were given booklets prepared by the department containing facts about Sears and relevant newspaper articles and handouts.

A promotional videotape of the Sears Airshow was also presented to contestants. David Weaver of Panola College placed first in the Feature Writing event. Students of Western Texas

College were ineligible to compete in this event because it was sponsored WTC. This was the first year member schools were involved in creating and presenting the various live contests.

"The competition was more of a challenge. It wasn't something someone just made up. A lot of time was put into it," Harris said of the live competition.

Canned competition is based on schools having comparable enrollment figures. Live competition is open to participants from all schools, regardless of enrollment.

About 350 students participated in live contests during the April 7-8 convention.

"It (contest) let us have a taste of the real world and how competitive it could be through the live competitions," Thomas said.

After 19 years

Parks retires from Board

By Howard Bigham
WT Reporter

The Board of Trustees met Monday night in their regular monthly meeting.

Edwin Parks, retiring WTC board member, was presented with a painting by Dick Powell entitled "Horns and Thorns" in recognition of his many years of service to WTC. Parks was an original founding board member.

Parks was elected to the board in 1969, when the college was being formed. "I would like to see our enrollment rise to about 1500," said Parks. "We have the facilities to accommodate 1500 students and we need to use them." Parks said he will always keep a keen interest in WTC and the community.

In new business, the board heard Cedar Creek homeowner Bob Watlington's request for a key to access the gate on the north side of the golf course. Watlington said access to the course from the north gate would eliminate the need for Cedar Creek homeowners to drive south on College Avenue to enter the course to play.

It was pointed out that the board had never had this question before them previously,

although Mr. Watlington had been assured that as a Cedar Creek owner that he would receive a key to the gate.

The board members indicated that no official action had ever been requested regarding the use of the north gate. The only variances had been prior to the construction of cart sheds and a cart loading ramp adjacent to the Pro-shop.

In support of his position, Watlington presented letters written by other Cedar Creek landowners and asked for consideration based on his support of the college over the years through scholarships and gifts.

Parks and Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, pointed out that the college is a tax-supported entity and as such could not refuse access if anyone was allowed to use the gate.

In other action, the board approved the renewal of contracts for 60 professional personnel. The board accepted the resignation of John Feltz, assistant professor of government.

Bill Wilson, board member, noted that two or three years ago, WTC had approximately 75 professional contracts.

A new Statement of

Philosophy for WTC was approved. The statement was part of the recommendations made by the self-study group.

Progress reports on the campus repairs indicated the repairs should be finished before the summer semester starts.

Honesty Bonds will be issued through Snyder Insurance Agency. The agency was able to obtain that coverage at a lower cost.

Gay Hickman, business manager, presented the necessity of disposing of surplus, used equipment on campus. Hickman proposed an auction rather than a sealed bid sale. "Colorado City schools seem to feel that they made more (from an auction) than if they had used the sealed bid," Hickman said.

Bids will be opened on the concrete work to be done at the college farm on April 15.

Another item presented and not requiring board action was the resignation of Pam Johnson, assistant director of student activities, effective the end of the spring semester. Johnson will be moving to Iowa Park where her husband has been transferred by Chevron.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9.



Having fun yet?

WTC golfers were honored with a reception April 7 in the Student Center. The reception was sponsored by the Student Senate

-(Photo by Staci Wood)

Presidential office open to select few

Anyone can run for president. Anyone who is at least 35; and has been a US citizen for at least 14 years. Anyone who is 35, a citizen, and has the connections to get a major party nomination. Anyone who meets these and other societal qualifications; namely, one who possesses the money or ability to get it, the political clout and credibility needed to satisfy the American public's ideas of a viable candidate.

Although these are highly generalized, these "requirements", leave the proverbial 'good-ole boy' network to decide who our candidates will be, and that means our parents should stop telling our younger brothers and sisters that they could grow up and be president. Not in our lifetime, they won't, unless we, as the future leaders of the society, take action to change this preliminary system of candidate checks and balances.

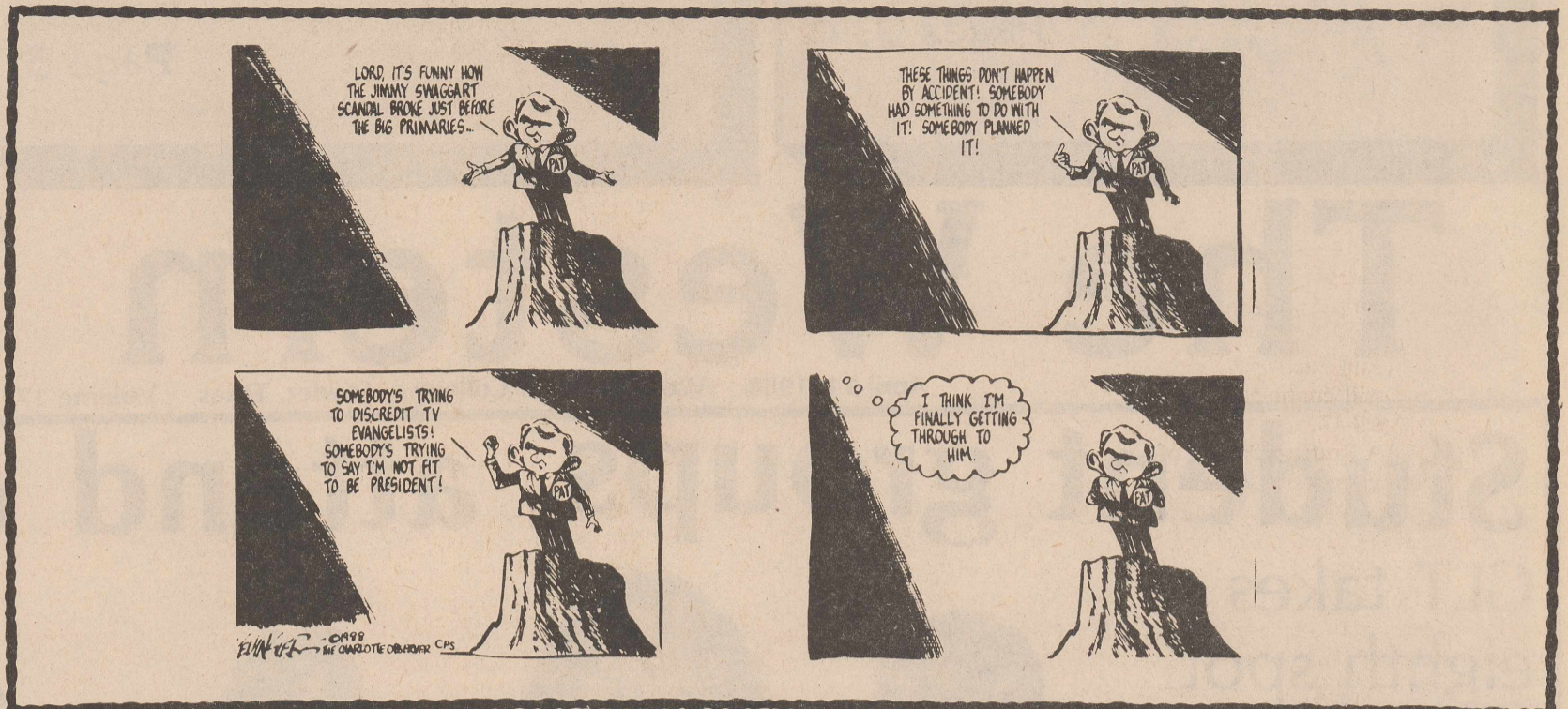
Certain inherent checks are necessary to make sure America gets a presidential candidate with our best interests--varied as they are--in mind. In short, these 'checks' should make sure the candidate has a mind; the parties, the campaigning, the media, and the voters will ultimately judge which candidates plan to act on which ideas. Even so, 'anyone' can't run for president.

As unconstititutional as it seems, the scrutiny of a privileged few party leaders to decide who will be our candidates is a necessary evil if we are to have someone in office who can get anything accomplished. True, it is against our West Texas philosophy that anyone cannot be president, but then we don't want just 'anyone' in office. Like it or not, a president has to be a politician. If he doesn't have the connections to get elected, he would not have them to get anything done while in office either.

So where does that leave a candidate like Jesse Jackson? Not exactly your 'good-ole boy' image, yet he has the policies, is making the connections; and what he lacks in experience, he makes up for in energy. Lately he has been gaining enough support to worry democratic party leaders over who to nominate. He is working for the nomination, but even if he gets a majority of delegates at the democratic convention, the party won't want to nominate him because he does not stand a chance against Bush. And if he does get the majority of delegates, but is not nominated, the democrats alienate many of their voters who see this as a blow to minority rights. And if Cuomo, who has not campaigned at all is named to a top race, the whole campaign system comes into question.

Jesse Jackson has many of the qualifications of a viable candidate; still his chances of becoming president this election are about as good as our little brothers'.

Whether we as voters want Jesse Jackson or not, we must recognize that in 1988, anyone still cannot be president; this includes women, minority citizens, and other social and economic groups. Then we have to decide if we want an elite group to continue to choose our candidates; or if not, what we, as future leaders can do about it.



April showers bring "license to swear"

The grass in my lawn is turning green. The trees and bushes are sprouting a new look. And my pansies are blooming in bliss. Do you know what all this means?

It means springtime, when the foulest of events will come to pass: April in West Texas.

If you've ever lived in the Big Country in April, you know what it's like. If you haven't--stay tuned.

The wind chews up flowers and tiny buds and whips up tremendous red dust storms. The wind turns nice people into tired whiners. Everyone has a special license to swear, particularly about the weather. And the weather can be maddening.

Storms brumble and brew across the sky and are never taken for granted. The dark blue



360° Off Course

By Deidre Gantt

clouds advance closer bringing cold, wet, blasts across the land. Big action is close by--it may pass you by this time, but somewhere people are nailing up their shutters and hoping the electricity stays on.

When the storm does come, you will sit aside and watch in awe of the power that is destroying your garden. There is nothing you can do, but stay inside and

wait for it to be over (and hope the electricity stays on.) Of course storms are not the only menace. The wind plays a title role in this drama. It tells its story in April. It boasts of uplifting roofs, breaking windows, and ruining everyone's day. And then it will remind you of the tornados.

When the wind spirals to earth in a sudden rage, no power can

stop it or predict it.

Friends in Sweetwater who saw and felt a tornado engulf parts of their town in 1985 cannot sleep if a "cloud" is near. One family had their house tossed around them while they huddled on the kitchen floor under a mattress. Approximately 500 families were homeless, and one man was killed because of the tornado's brief encounter.

I am thankful the violence of our West Texas spring lasts only a short time. It can be a burdensome time, especially when you'd rather think of warm rain showers, pick wildflowers, and grow your garden. But we in West Texas must ready ourselves for Spring, because April in the Big Country is not always a peaceful Eden--it can be foul.

Obsessions with weight, health, color, begin chain reaction

According to Webster's dictionary an obsession is an idea, desire, etc., that preoccupies one. I think that everyone has an obsession for something or someone even though most don't admit it.

For a vast number of college students food is where an obsession begins. True, everyone needs food to survive, but when you are away from mom's good home cooking, those hamburgers, pizza slices and tons of greasy fries come into focus. "Students cannot live by dorm food alone," stated someone (this person must have been important or I

wouldn't have remembered it).

Students find themselves eating as many as five meals a day in between trips to the snack machine. It gets worse and worse until one day when the students look at themselves they see an additional 10-20 pounds that wasn't there when they first came to school.

The next obsession begins where the last one left off. That is losing this excess "tonage" which should not have accumulated to start with.

The student now goes to the gym in hopes of getting back into a toned and skinny shaped body.



On the Air

By Melinda Thomas

Lap after lap in the pool, and song after song in aerobics and the student sweats and sweats.

The new motto is 'health food all the way.' After a few months of heavy workouts, the 'perfect' body is achieved. But in the process, this person has made

himself sick. Now comes the obsession of getting well.

These obsessions could go on forever. It's like a chain reaction. Once they start, you can't stop them. College marks the beginning of lifelong obsessions.

Another example of obsessions

is one with colors. I know a person (whom I will call Paula) that has a favorite color of pink. So far no problem, right? Wrong! This is only the beginning. Paula bought a few necessities for her dorm room and decided on pink for the color. A pink comforter with matching sheets, a pink refrigerator with pink ice trays, pink towels, pink milk crates, pink carpet, virtually pink everything. She has pink clothes, pink shoes, pink socks and pink jewelry. That's enough to make you see that big pink elephant in the sky.

Paula still loves pink although

her boyfriend and the rest of her friends ridicule her and tell her she is going crazy. I'm on Paula's side. I like pink too. What's wrong with it? Some people can't handle it, but Paula and I can.

Other people collect items such as clowns, records, posters, guys and everything else you can think of. They have obsessions, too, like Paula. It's a disease and everyone has it in their blood. I feel that everyone has a right to 'obsess' anything they want to, so fellow students, I dare you to find your obsession.

(And don't forget think pink!!)

Tax forms defy understanding

Yes, it's that time of year again--TAX SEASON. I promised myself that this year would be different. The first week in January I would get all the paperwork together, figure my own taxes (afterall, I only had one job, how hard could it be?) and have my return back in no time. But, as usual, here it is almost April 15 and I am only just starting.

Maggie Compton, the CPA in Colorado City has done my taxes in years past. She trembles when she sees me coming with my huge grocery sack filled with sales tickets and cancelled checks made out for everything from fish food for my guppie to one of those giant pink flamingo lawn ornaments for the yard. She tries, but she still can't make me understand why fish food isn't tax deductible. I consider Elizabeth the Fish to be a home improvement since she adds to the beauty and serenity of my home. Okay, so she's not so beautiful, but she's better looking than your average guppie. Maybe I could sneak her in on Part III of form 4562 - "Property used for recreation or amusement". She is especially entertaining when she plays with dead flies floating around in her bowl. Maggie just doesn't understand. So this year I am on my own.



The Melton Pot

By Pam Melton

"...read all 90 pages to figure out which of the 12 forms is best for you, or use the Ennie, Meenie, Miney Mo method, which is about as good."

The first step to be taken is to find your tax package mailed to you by the IRS in January. I found mine under about 200 lbs. of junk mail in the vicinity of where I think my desk is located. Next, read all 90 pages of the package to figure out which of the 12 forms is best for you. Or you can do like I did and use the Ennie, Meenie, Miney, Mo method, which is about as good. Now simply begin at line one and work your way down.

1. Are you single, married to someone of the opposite sex and/or living with someone of the same sex or vice versa? Ex-

plain below.

2. Number of dependents, including friends who drop by and then never leave or distant relatives who are constantly borrowing money and never pay it back. Enter here.

3. Report all wages, tips, and salaries earned legally or otherwise. (So far so good! But down the page it gets harder...)

11. If your taxable income is \$50,000 or more and you are a female under 30 who wears size 5, fill out and attach schedule X.

12. If you earned less than \$50,000 and are a protestant male who likes anchovies on your pizza, attach form 8615 and see schedule Y.

13. Have you made any charitable contributions to programs such as Adopt a Mongolian Coo Coo Bird or maybe donated toward providing a disco in your local retirement center? If so, enter amount here.

14. Deduct any business expenses such as business lunches or business trips to the Bahamas. Also report any money lost during poker games conducted after business meetings. If you can report no expenses or losses, fill out all three pages of form 8594 explaining why not and expect to be audited by the IRS.

(And finally, nearing the end of the page...)

32. Add lines 4,9,16,7,22,8, and 31 and divide by the number of automobiles you own. If the result is below \$6,000 fill out forms 2895 and 4980. If it is above \$6,000, you screwed up so go back to line one and begin again.

...I wonder what Maggie is doing later this week.

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Homecoming 1988

Exes return for special events

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Homecoming activities begin today and will continue through Sunday, April 17.

The NIRA Rodeo will kick off homecoming weekend tonight at 8 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum. The rodeo queen will also be announced.

Other performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. During Saturday's performance, the homecoming king and queen will be announced. The last rodeo performance is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Rodeo Queen will present the awards during the Sunday

performance. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. They can be purchased from a rodeo queen nominee.

Homecoming registration is scheduled for 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Student Center and from 7-9 p.m. in room A at the coliseum.

Receptions will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through the lunch hour. Those departments having receptions are PTK, in the counseling center; journalism, in the journalism room; cosmetology in the lab; rodeo and the senate in the Student Center.

A barbecue dinner will be in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. un-

til 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

A golf tournament for the exes will be at 2 p.m. at the golf course. This tourney is especially for Ex-varsity golfers.

A "bareback" dance will be held after Saturday's rodeo in the coliseum annex from 9 p.m.-11 a.m. People attending must have an exes badge, current WTC activity card or NIRA card.

Room A at the coliseum will provide a hospitality room at Saturday's rodeo. Exes are invited to come in and register and visit with old friends.

Photos, scrapbooks, annuals will be on display during registration in the Student Center.

Homecoming Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 14 8 p.m.	*NIRA Rodeo Introduction of 1988 Rodeo Queen	Coliseum
Friday, April 15 8 p.m.	*NIRA Rodeo	Coliseum
Saturday, April 16 10 a.m.	Fun Run	Gymnasium
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Registration	Student Center
11 a.m. - noon	Phi Theta Kappa reception	Counseling Center
	Cosmetology Exes Reception	Cosmetology lab
	Journalism Exes Reception	Journalism Room
	Rodeo Club Reception	Student Center
	Ex-Senators and Student Body Officers	Student Center
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	*Barbeque Dinner	WTC cafeteria
2 p.m.	Golf Tournament for Exes	WTC Golf Course
8 p.m.	*NIRA Rodeo and Exes Registration	Coliseum
	Introduction of Homecoming King and Queen	
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.	*Dance - "Bareback"	Coliseum Annex
Sunday April 17 2 p.m.	*NIRA Rodeo	Coliseum

*Rodeo tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students

*Barbeque tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children

*To attend must have exes badge, current WTC activity card or current NIRA card

A hospitality room will be provided in Room A at the coliseum during the Saturday night rodeo. Come in and register and see your friends from 7-9 p.m. and view the display of pictures, scrapbooks, annuals, etc.



WTC Exes

Above: 1984 Mr. & Mrs. Trailhand nominees Kip Nemir, Mike Valentine, Mark Ingebriton, Rickey Housden, Danny Hunter (winner), Cathy Caddell, Jayme Jones, Vicky Vargas, Veda Owens (winner) and Karen Kuykendall.



Above: Jerry and Mickey Baird, both still employed by WTC, boogied at the 1973 Spring Formal.



Above: Dr. Newberry and Danny Hunter-Danny Hunter Day. He was elected PTK national pres. Hunter now works for Iowa congressman Fred Grandy (Love Boat's Gopher) in Washington, D.C.

Right: Jayme Jones was 1987 Commandant for ROTC at TCU.



Above: PTK members and sponsors after state convention in 1985. Back row: Mary Hood, sponsor; Brent Simpson, Abilene; Russell Smith, Rotan; Tim Metzger, Snyder. Front row: Cathy Caddell, Levelland; Lorina Mendoza, Seminole; Sarah Miller, Abernathy.

PTK exes reception

By Deidre Gantt
WT Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa, an honor fraternity chartered at WTC in Feb. 1972, will greet past members at a reception during homecoming '88. According to PTK sponsor, Dr. Mary Hood, the returning members will have the opportunity to browse through the PTK yearbooks and renew past friendships.

Hood said she looks forward to the reception, because the returning members "are not just

students, they're almost like family." She said several of the exes participated in state and national conventions together and this will be a chance for them to remember those experiences.

Acceptance in the honor fraternity is by invitation only to students with a 3.2 grade point average or better and with 12 semester hours completed at WTC. Hood said membership in PTK is "a chance to develop leadership skills, to make new friends and an opportunity for scholarships."

PTK currently has 83 members.

Intramurals Fun Run

The Western Texas College intramural department will sponsor a "Fitness Fun Run" event in conjunction with homecoming activities April 16.

The 5K (3.1 mile) walk/run will begin and end at the WTC gymnasium, and will be mostly on campus with the longest distance being to the Ira highway, according to Lee Burke, director of physical education.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday and the walk/run event will begin at 10 a.m.

Participants may enter one of five categories—student, staff, faculty, alumni, and open.

Burke said those who do not wish to participate in the event and would like to help with the activity will be given an intramural tee shirt. Volunteers will be needed for two to two-and-a-half hours.

Participants will meet in the gym after the event for an awards presentation and refreshments. Awards will be given for the top three men and women in each category.

To sign up for the event or for more information call Burke at ext. 283.

"We would encourage everyone to help us make homecoming a memorable occasion," Burke said.

Four vie for queen title

By Bridget Pallarez
WT Reporter

The rodeo queen contestants for 1988 are Beck Lopez, Abernathy; Laura Roe, Brownfield; Cathy Crowder, Ira and Shondra Robinson, Snyder.

Lopez is a mass communications major. She serves on the cheerleading squad and the food committee. Lopez enjoys running, singing, dancing and watching videos.

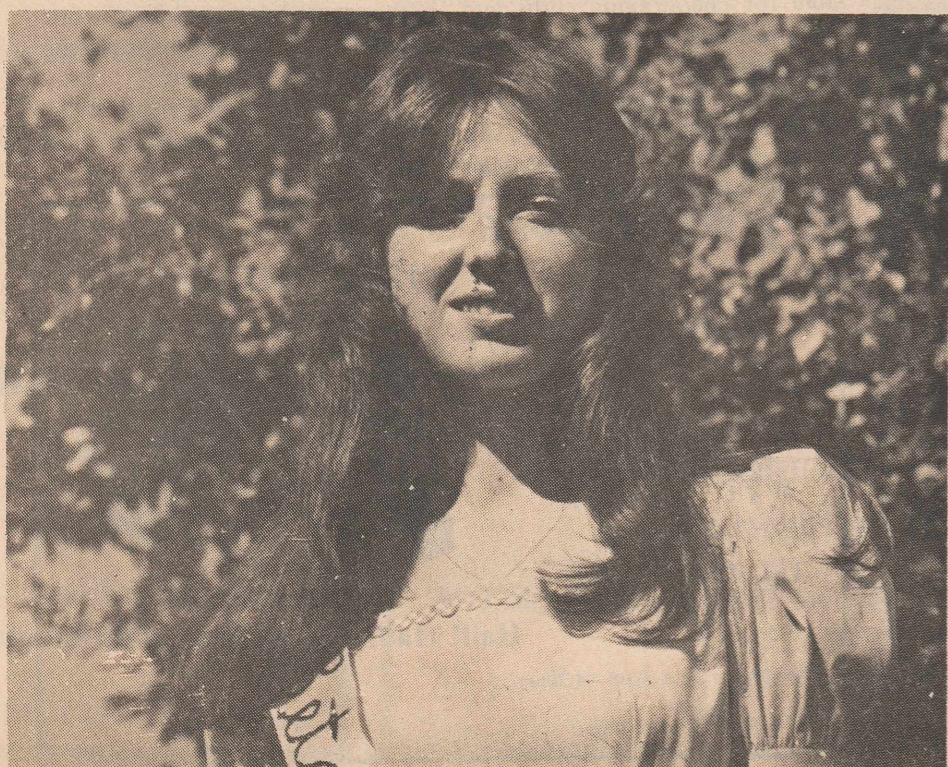
"It would be an honor to represent the WTC Rodeo team because not only are they a great team, they also represent this area well and to be part of the rodeo team would be a great achievement as well as an honor," Lopez said.

Roe is a criminal justice major and is the student body president. Roe is also a cheerleader and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She enjoys singing, dancing, listening to the radio and being with friends.

Crowder is a physical education major. She is a member of the Lady Dusters basketball team. She enjoys riding horses.

Robinson horse production and management major with a minor in pre-veterinary. She enjoys volleyball and riding horses.

The winner will be announced during tonight's rodeo at 8 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum.



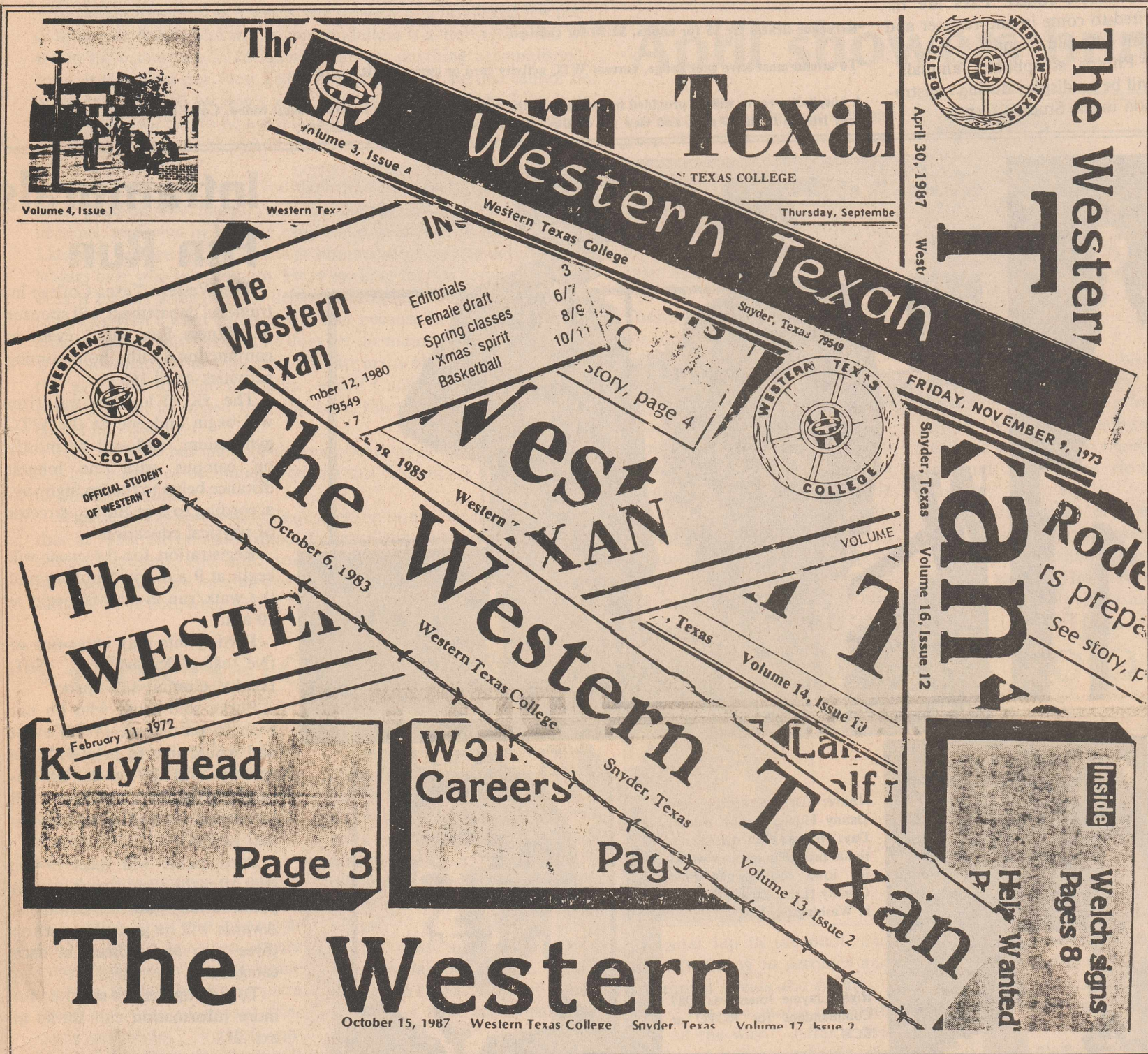
Above: Shane Smith and Becky Miller when she became 1983 Rodeo Queen.



Left: Karen Price, 1974 Candidate for Homecoming Queen.

Welcome Exes

Departments host receptions



Journalism reception

Department gathers historical information

A reception for ex-staff members of *The Western Texan* student newspaper April 16 will give the journalism department an opportunity to gather information from exes for a history of the department to be published in a book marking the 80th year of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA).

The reception is scheduled for 11 a.m. April 16 in room SC-106 of the Student Center.

The department will be seeking any information about awards received at TIPA, anecdotes about trips to contests and newspaper production experiences. Any information about WTC journalism department faculty and students in related activities since the journalism department was created at WTC will help to 'flesh out' documented information on file, Lucy Herrera, journalism instructor said.

TIPA's 80th anniversary convention will be held on the North Texas State University campus in Denton in 1989. The organization's anniversary theme will be "Building Today's Journalist for Tomorrow's Journalism." Walter Cronkite, former TIPA member, will speak at the convention.

Students will have an oppor-

tunity to enter two contests for cash prizes. A logo contest winner will be awarded \$200 for the logo chosen to represent the theme and purpose of the organization and its work for the past 80 years.

An Editorial Leadership contest will also offer students an opportunity for cash prizes. Each TIPA member college or university will be invited to produce for its campus and/or community during the fall 1988 semester a one-month Editorial Leadership project that would focus upon media responsibility and ethics. The projects then will be entered in the contest.

The purpose of the editorial leadership contest is to assist in developing a greater understanding of responsible and ethical media decision-making among member schools and the campuses and communities they serve, TIPA officials said.

Projects could include news stories, features, editorials, columns, photographs, ads, radio and TV documentaries, posters and other media presentations.

TIPA officials said they hoped the 80th anniversary of TIPA would leave a significant mark upon the on-going evaluation of ethical practices among Texas media.

Exes return...

Senators start clubs, establish traditions

By Melinda Thomas
WT Page Editor

A number of past student senate members in addition to past president Danny Schwertner will be in attendance for a reception honoring ex-senators and student body officers.

According to Mickey Baird, senate sponsor, the first student senate were the ones who got the organization started in 1971. "They were the ones who wrote the constitution and were responsible for encouraging clubs and organizations to form on the WTC campus," Baird said.

The first senate also selected the school mascot, the Westerner, chose the school, blue

and green, and began to set traditions for students to follow.

Baird state that with the change of students from year to year it makes the goals of the senate vary as the students needs change.

Jennifer Goodwin, Snyder, a current senate member, feels that the senate has accomplished a great deal, especially in the programming areas including events such as the egg drop and student dances.

Kevin Pruitt of Snyder, added "the senate has done lots of work in different areas to improve the student life on campus."

The reception will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Student Center.

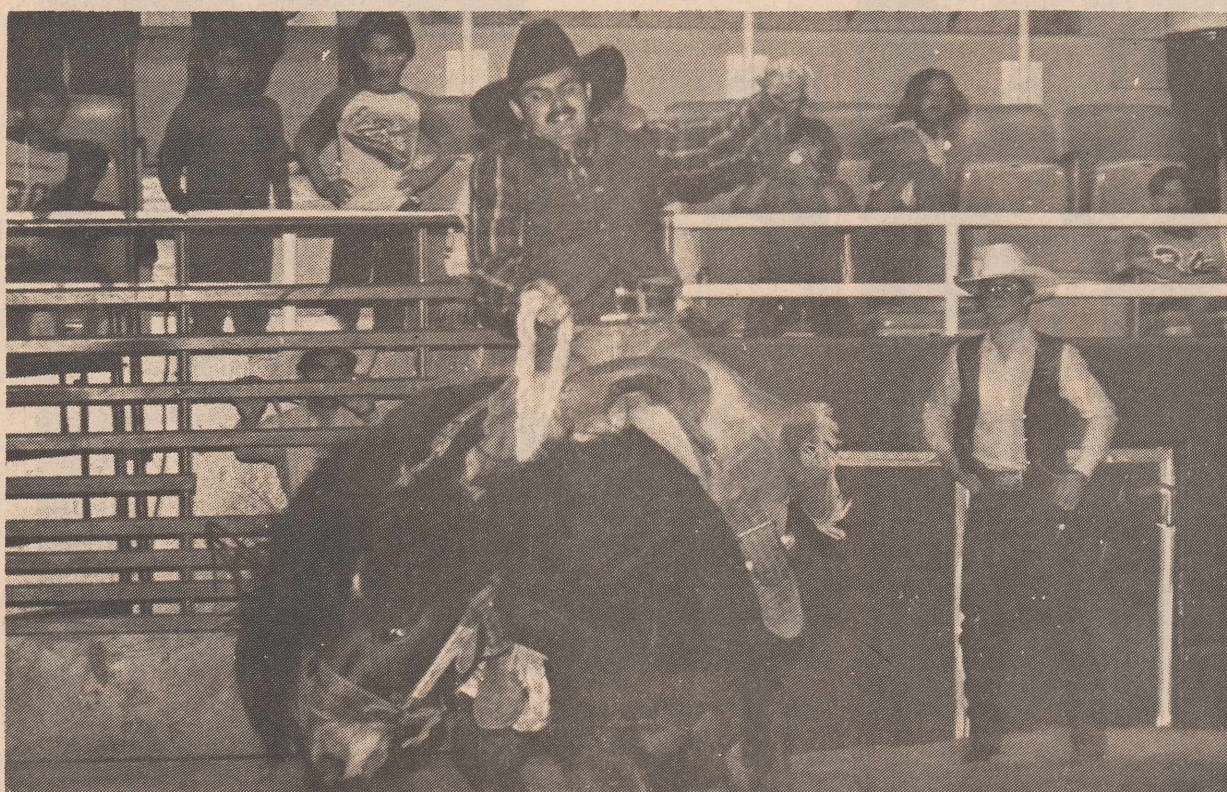
NIRA Rodeo

Exes return to face rodeo team

Ten former WTC rodeo team members will be competing against this year's rodeo team in the NIRA rodeo this weekend. These rodeers competed for WTC before transferring to four year schools.

Those returning are Tobin Tate, Shelly (Elderidge) Tate, and Mistri Davis, from Eastern New Mexico State; Wendy Lunsford, and Don Ed Edleman, from Tarleton.

Others returning are Clay Cass, and Todd Danley, from Texas Tech; Robert Fifer, Cleat Stephens and Mike Carrillo, from Sul Ross.

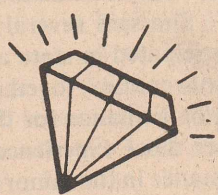


Ride 'em

Jim Paul Williams rides in the saddle bronc competition during the 1983 Homecoming NIRA Rodeo.

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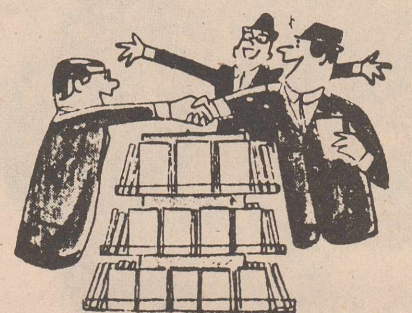
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Himes takes honors

Rodeo team takes first place in men's division

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

The Western Texas College men's rodeo team placed first at the New Mexico Junior College NIRA Rodeo in Hobbs this past weekend.

Clyde Himes, Beulah, Colo., took all honors in steer wrestling and calf roping. He took second place in the average of the bulldogging with a 9.5. He won the short-go with a 4.4 and a 3.5 won him third.

Himes also took fourth in calf roping with a 11.2 in the short go.

Wesley Henderson, Winston, NM, won the long go, the short go and the average with scores of 75, 73 and 148, respectively. He scored 120 of WTC's points.

Kenny Taton, Marcos, SD, finished second in the average with 143 in the saddle bronc and Shawn Goemmer, La Veta, Colo., finished fourth. Troy Budvarson, Alberta, Canada, finished with 135.

Denny McLanahan, Canadian,

short-go with a 72 and placed second in the average with 147.

McLanahan took second in the short-go with a 75 and placed third with a 145 in the average.

Himes took fourth in the long-go with a 9.7 and fourth in the short-go with 10.3 and was fourth overall.

Shane Goemmer, La Veta, Colo., was third in the saddle bronc with 142 in the average. He placed in the long-go and fourth in the short-go.

Tom Figueroa, St. David, AZ, and Tarleton's Russ Russell placed fourth in the average with a 31.3 in team roping. Springer and Scott Sharp, Waco, made the finals and finished fifth.

For the women, Scott clocked 12.4 in the goat tying.

The rodeo team will be at home this weekend for the NIRA Rodeo. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum. During tonight's rodeo, the 1988 rodeo queen will be crowned.

reached the finals in the bareback event with a 69. He tied for first with a 78 and took second place in the average with 147.

Snyder's Adam Brewster placed second in the bull riding in the finals. He scored 68 for third place.

McLanahan scored 70 points in the bull riding finals.

Ray Brown, North Platte, Neb., made it to the finals in steer wrestling and team roping with Thad Springer of Snyder.

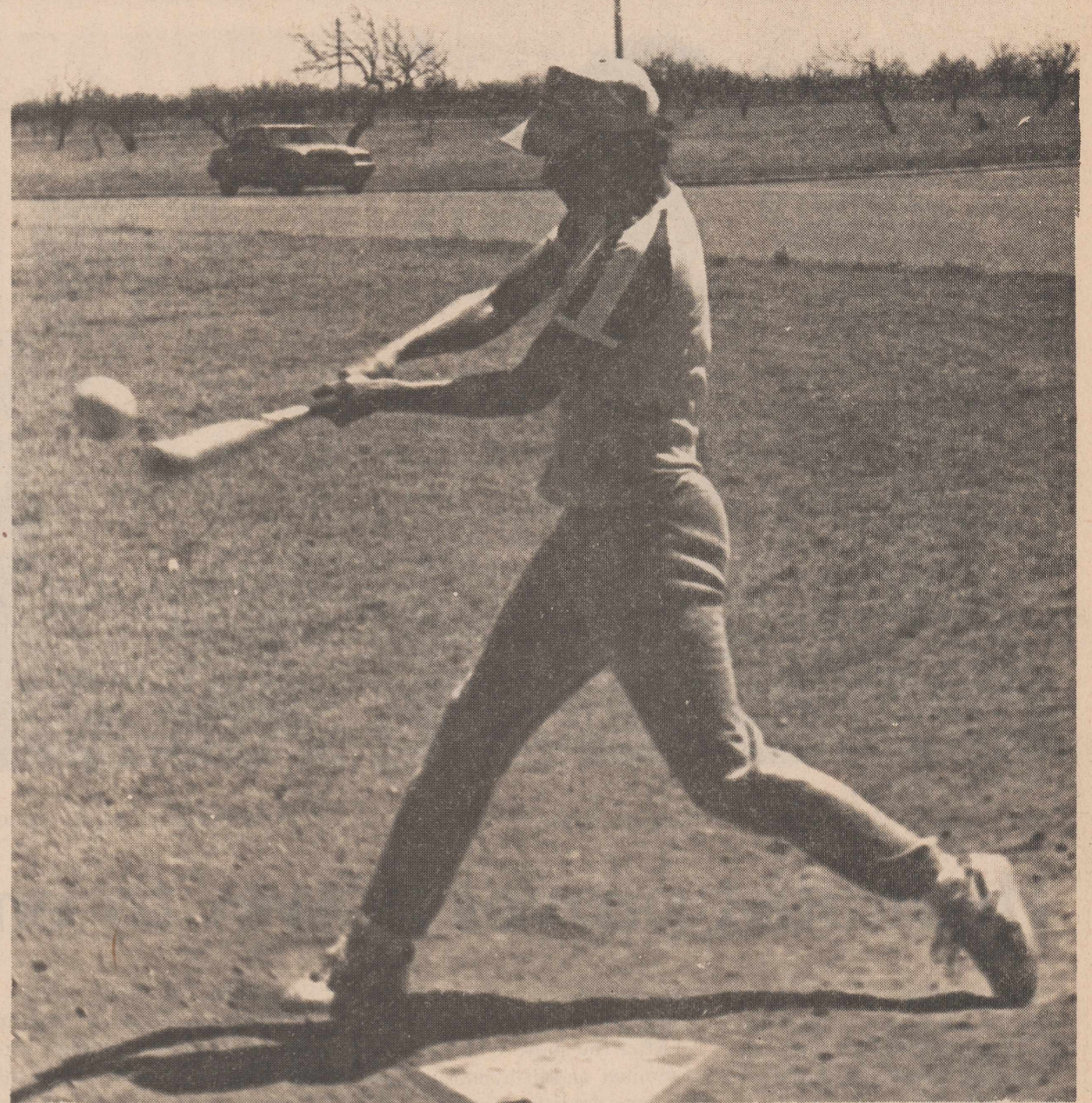
The women's team place sixth overall in Hobbs.

Tana Mahoney, Alpine, finished fourth in the long-go in breakaway.

Sandy Scott, Cottonwood, AZ, tied for fourth in the long-go of the goat tying event with a 10.1.

The men's team finished in second place in the Howard College Rodeo in Big Spring with 172.5 points.

Henderson scored 90 points in the saddle bronc. He won the



Solid connection

During intramural softball practice, a player is caught just as his bat makes contact with the ball. —(Photo by Staci Wood)

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At attention

Hypnotist Ken Whitener tests his hypnotic abilities on a group of students in the cafeteria during activity period April 12.
—(Photo by Howard Bigham)

Hypnotist proves power to entertain

Ken Whitener is a hypnotist who has the power to make people laugh, as proved by his performance Tuesday night in the WTC cafeteria.

Whitener brought the cafeteria alive with laughter as he instructed his subjects to follow his commands. He said, however, that hypnotized subjects will not go against their beliefs, morals and ethics.

Once the subjects were released from the trance, the audience gave them a round of applause for they were the stars of the show. Later Shawna Gibson of

Vernon says, "I can't remember being hypnotized."

After the show Whitener gave a seminar on self-hypnosis in the student center with emphasis on self-hypnosis for self improvement.

Only a small percentage of people use the brains power of concentration to the degree it is capable of said Whitener. He hypnotizes people and convinces them that they can't get off the ground. Whitener said, "The subconscious mind can't tell the difference between what is real and what is not real."

"People learn through constant repetition. Bad habits are the result of constant repetition and everyone has the ability to get rid of these bad habits through repetition."

Whitener uses a technique called guided imagery to hypnotize his subjects. Through this hypnosis, people can psych themselves up so they are better able to perform under pressure. He said that people become what they think about.

When Whitener was 11 years old, he hypnotized his first subject but did not continue practicing

hypnosis until he was asked to perform at a hospital fund raiser while he was in law school. Whitener worked for a Houston medical clinic for 10 years working with athletes, terminally ill and people in rehabilitation from bad habits, during which time he toured as much as eight times a week.

"I don't want to become anyone's guru," said Whitener. "I like to teach self-hypnosis. Many times people don't respond to hypnosis well because they don't trust the hypnotist."

Farm awaits bids

By Howard Bigham
WT Page Editor

Plans for the college farm is waiting for bids on concrete work to be opened. Once the bids have been opened and one is accepted, work can begin.

"Once we get the concrete, we will be able to complete our irrigation well. Then we will lay our irrigation and water lines," said Jim Judah, instructor of agriculture.

The work was conceived to proceed in three major steps—covering three years. All structures will be permanent. "Now that we are moving from leased land to college-owned land, we can build permanent facilities," said Judah.

The first year of the three-year plan will see construction of the water system, swine facilities and farming activities such as hay crops.

During the second year, feed storage facilities and processing equipment will be built and installed. "We will build working pens for rodeo stock and construct a nice-looking entrance (gateway) indicating that the property belongs to WTC," said Judah.

The third year will be spent constructing the rodeo arena, horse stalls and sheep facilities.

"Throughout the construction of the facilities, we will practice land management through bush control and soil conservation," said Judah.

Dinner theatre scheduled

Drama to present play

By Becky Sullivan
WT Page Editor

The WTC drama department will present dinner theatre production of "Wait Until Dark" April 29-30 in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria and the show will begin at 8.

During the dinner, live entertainment will be provided. Drama students will perform a dance routine. Broadway music will accompany the dinner.

"Wait Until Dark" is a mystery thriller about a blind woman, Suzy Hendrich played by Shauna Gibson of Vernon, who

is involved in a drug ring and is terrorized.

Jim Rambo, drama director, says "the play requires proper timing to do the death scenes. There is a lot of torment. It is an exciting show and is full of surprises."

Cast members include Gibson, Jim Miller, Lubbock; Ila Kay Gross, Knox City; Bret Dillion, Seagraves; Dan Hawkings, Graham and Anthony Lopez, Eldorado.

Other cast members are Dave Harveson, Ft. Worth; Jeff Milburn, Brownfield.

Tickets are \$14 and can be reserved by calling the box office at ext. 234.



Contest speaker

Bob Sears, Sweetwater, was the speaker for the feature writing contest sponsored by WTC's journalism department.
(Photo by Bill Summerlin)

Groundbreaking ceremony to dedicate prison

By Howard Bigham
WT Page Editor

Groundbreaking for the proposed prison site will begin at 10:30 a.m. April 18. The prison site is located five miles northeast of Snyder. A luncheon will be served at the National Guard Armory in Towle Park.

The guest speaker will be Charles Terrell, Dallas, Texas Department of Corrections chairman. Other TDC committee

members have also been invited.

Other visiting dignitaries will include James Lynaugh, the Director of the TDC; Deralyn Davis, a TDC board member; former Representative Tom Loeffler; Representative Steve Carriker; Senator Ray Farabee and Mrs. Farabee; James Jonas, Loeffler's law associate; and Larry Fickle, TDC project coordinator who will oversee all prison construction in West Texas.

Briefs

Banquet date

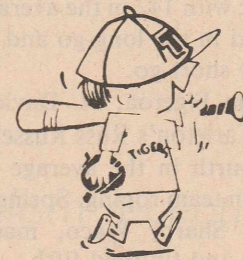
The All Sports Banquet will be at 6:30 April 18 at Willow Park Inn. It will be catered by the American Food Management. Tickets are \$6 each.

'Flower day

The Wildflower symposium will be held in the Scurry County Museum from 12-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Golf leaves

The golf team will leave a conference golf tournament in Hobbs on Friday, April 15.



PTK travels

PTK will travel to Texas Tech and Lake Ransom Canyon April 29 for college day.

Softball plays

Softball teams 2 and 6 will play today at 2 p.m. and team number 3 will take on team number 5 at 3 p.m.

Cosmetology class

Ten openings available

By Bridget Pallarez
WT Reporter

Ten openings are left for the June quarter for applicants to the cosmetology program at Western Texas College, said Judy Border, cosmetology instructor.

Students interested in applying for the program must complete an application and financial aid packet. Packets are available in the financial aid office. Deadline for completing the packets is May 2. Border will then interview applicants, she said.

Students who enroll in the course learn basics the first three months, then work on the floor receiving patrons.

"We (the students) work the floor for 32 hours a week. The course takes 1500 hours to complete, which takes about a year," Border said.

Border noted the department takes patrons Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Students also prepare to take the state board examination for cosmetology upon completion of the program.

Gym hosts heart dance

By Howard Bigham
WT Reporter

Dance for Heart, a local fundraising effort for the American Heart Association, begins April 23 at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the WTC gym.

Participants will be sponsored by persons who have signed pledges for the length of time the dancers are attempting to complete. Pledges can be made by the hour or for a predetermined period of time.

Loraine Hall, chairperson for

the Dance for Heart campaign said she urges people to become a dance participant or to support a participant with a pledge.

Dancers will be given door prizes and there will be prizes for dancers completing specific amounts of pledges, Hall said.

Pledge sheets can be picked up at the WTC physical education office or from participating instructors. The instructors are Hall, Debbie Landa, and Margaret Beaver, WTC aerobics instructors; Rhonda Ward and Kim Koenig, Aerobic Center instructors.

PTK plans summer trip

By Suzette Harris
WT Production Editor

Phi Theta Kappa members will be flying to Bellingham, WA, June 18-26 for the yearly honors workshop.

The members will be discussing the new topic, "Characters and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers."

According to Dr. Mary Hood, PTK sponsor, they will be divided into groups and teams for various discussions and activities.

"There is usually a talent show at the end," Hood said. "They also allow us a day of rest and relaxation, but we usually spend the day site seeing," she said.

The PTK'ers will be staying at Western Washington State University in the dorms.

"The honors workshop is the best thing PTK does," Hood said.

Those signed up to go on the trip are Dr. Duane Hood, Mrs. Hood, (sponsors) and Allison Adams of Snyder.



Notice

Drop date has been extended to Friday, April 22.