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Enrollment drops; contact hours up

This semester at WTC there is a significant drop in the number of part time students and a slight drop in the number of full time students. However, contact hours are up 3%.

According to Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, WTC has 140 part time students compared to 448 last fall and 575 full time students compared to 579 last fall. However these students are enrolled for a total of 201,600 contact hours compared to 195,840 last fall. Hood also stated that the English, Speech, Reading, and Math classes showed a 25% increase, making them the largest ever recorded at WTC.

Most of the losses came from Scurry county and surrounding counties. A breakdown of the losses show that enrollment from Scurry county was down to 488 from 539 last fall; Fisher county was at 32, down from 78; Jones county was at 21, down from 42; Garza county had 13, down from 30; and Mitchell county dropped from 83 to 71.

Commenting on the reasons for the drop, Hood stated "A number of students who would have taken PE and art were asked not to take these as credit classes but to take them as non-credit community service classes," Dr. Hood commented.

According to the counselors office, art and PE classes are a factor because of new state regulations stating that the state will pay its portion of contact hours for a limited number of art and PE classes per student.

After a student has taken the allotted number of art and PE classes they may not take them for credit again. Hood also stated that he is pleased with recruiting efforts of the 19 to 21 year old students and plans to expand into new target populations within the service area. Dan Dever, registrar, also stated "Our recruiting program has been a lot more aggressive in pursuing the traditional high

school freshman students. The average age of students last fall was 28.3 but I suspect the average student will be somewhat younger this semester."

The present economic situation may have also played a role. Hood said, "It is not known to what degree increased costs were a factor in the decision of part time students not to attend but we are aware that economic conditions are a factor for many part time students." It is not known to what degree increased costs were a factor in the decision of part time students not to attend but we are aware that economic conditions are a factor for many part time students."

Reception planned Professor honored Sunday

By Lorena Turnbow
Reporter

A reception honoring faculty member Dr. Franklin Pruitt was held Sunday Sept. 25 in the Christian Student Center from 1-3pm. Pruitt recently retired from Western Texas College.

Pruitt served as professor of history and government and is teaching an evening course in Texas history this semester.

The public, present and former students were in attendance.

A scholarship in Pruitt's name was established at WTC and donations were accepted at the reception.

Pruitt joined the faculty in the fall of 1974. He was a professor at WTC for 14 years. He was a teacher at Snyder High School for 22 years. In addition he was awarded the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, the master of education degree from East Texas State University, and holds the doctorate in education from Texas Tech University.

Pruitt served in WW II in the Coast Guard, and in the Navy during the Korean War. Concerning his plans for the future, Pruitt said, "I am raising some cows," and "doing some historical research work with Dr. Krenek, president of WTC."



Real shooter: Top pool player, Big Jack White entertained WTC students in the Student Center 9-22-88. Big Jack has been playing pool for 49 years. He has appeared on numerous television shows and featured in several magazines.

PTK travels to Stephenville

By Bridget Pallarez
Assistant editor

Phi Theta Kappa started the semester with their first meeting on Sept. 8 with Jack Smartt as guest speaker.

Thursday PTK's meeting featured Annette Williams, instructor of management, who spoke on the topic: How's Your Confidence.

September 30-October 1 PTK will travel to Stephenville for the Texas Leadership Conference, hosted by Tarleton State University. One of the speakers for the conference is Dr. Jerry DeHay, associate dean of the school of agriculture and business. Another speaker will be Colonel Larry

Chesley, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for 7 years. A third speaker will be Danny Hunter, legislative assistant to Larry Combest, congressman from the Lubbock area. Hunter attended WTC and was national president for PTK.

The honors topic for the 1988-89 school year is; The Character and Climate: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers.

Executive board members for PTK this year include: Allison Adams, of Snyder; Howard Bigham, of Snyder; Jay McGee, of Snyder; Michelle Pena, of Snyder; Tonia Robinson, of Sweetwater; Julie Strunk, of Snyder; Tammy Williamson, of Snyder and Amy Wilson, of Snyder.



AD class: Annette Williams, director of the management program, spoke to an advertising class about grooming.

Williams emphasized the importance of personal appearance when meeting the public.

Drama selects cast members

Casting for the drama production has been completed and the show dates have been finalized. The production "Noises Off" is a three-act comedy by Michael Frayn. It is set to premier Oct. 21. Other show dates are Oct. 22, 23, and 24.

Cast members include Kendra Christopher of Lubbock, Tony Lopez of Eldorado, Dan Hawkins of Graham, Lori Tate of Hermleigh, Ila Kay Gross of Knox City, Dave Harveson of

Fort Worth, Joy McSpadden of Snyder, Ken Howard of Graham, and Anthony Galvez of Andrews.

Members of the crew are Galen Price and Chiva McKinley both of Snyder, and Cameron Hopson of Shallowater.

Hopson will also serve as stage manager and Trisha Phillips of Snyder will be assistant director.

Jim Rambo is the instructor for the Drama Department.

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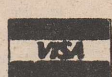
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Golf team earns 3rd

The WTC golf team opened conference play Saturday, Sept. 17 at the college golf course. The team finished third behind Odessa and Midland Colleges.

Medalist for the tournament went to Gordon McGanua of Midland. He beat defending medalist Lance Jones of WTC on the first hole of a play off.

"As far as our scoring, it is getting better," said golf coach Dave Foster. "The thing that hurt us was two of our sophomores did not play very well and we played the last nine holes very inconsistent," he added.

Foster has six returning sophomores and eight new freshman for the 1988-1989 season.

His main goal for the golfers is for them to establish consistency as they play. According to Foster, he's got a good group of athletes with a lot of talent but there is still room to limit some mistakes.

The team was in Ft. Worth Sept. 21-22 playing at the Pecan Valley Golf Course.



Mudraked: WTC golfer Mike Montgomery, of Snyder, knocks off his shoes. Rain plagued the tournament that took place Sept. 17. WTC placed third in the tournament.

Sign up now Intramural flag football begins

By Becky Sullivan
Reporter

The intramurals are a part of student recreation at Western Texas College. Mike Harrison the current director of intramurals has been with the college for four years. Harrison

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"There usually is good student participation.

Anywhere from eighty to one hundred students participate in intramurals." The event which yielded the least amount of competition last year was flag football. Only thirty-five students participated.

Not only do students play other students, they also play faculty. Students who can't find a team play on the faculty team. For this reason, the faculty team is known as the faculty plus team. Most of the team however, is composed of instructors on campus. According to Harrison "We're just another team in the large group of student teams. We just compete

against them."

Students wishing to participate in intramurals can organize a team or join one which is being organized. Students are responsible for organizing teams. Once a team is organized, the names of the team members are submitted to Mike Harrison. The

intramurals are co-ed.

Competition

is organized in leagues. Whoever wins the most games out of all the teams wins the league. Occasionally there are tournaments. In tournament play, if a team loses more than one game it's eliminated.

Students who wish to add another sport to the season can discuss it with Harrison. If several students support the idea, Harrison will advertise the idea around campus. Presently taking place in intramurals is flag football. In a couple of weeks, Harrison will advertise volleyball, then three on three basketball, and, possibly, five on five basketball.

Anywhere from 80 to 100 participate in intramurals.

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Dr. Harry Krenek
president of WTC

It is my pleasure in this first issue of The Western Texan for 1988-89 to welcome you to Western Texas College. You come to us from 86 different counties in Texas, from 3 foreign countries, and from more than a dozen other states, and we are glad that you are here. Some of you are members of the high school class of 1988, others graduated from high school 20 or 30 years ago. Some of you graduated at the top of your class and bring strong academic skills; others come to us with a need to strengthen learning skills.

Regardless of where you are from, regardless of your ACT or SAT

score, regardless of your age, each of you is welcome at Western Texas College. The word welcome can be defined as "to receive gladly into one's presence or companionship." Better than any other, this definition expresses the feelings of the faculty, staff, and board of trustees. We are pleased that you are at Western Texas College. We pledge to you our best effort to help you to succeed.

It has been said that in the public schools students are bent mentally over their desks, but at the college level they should stand up and look around. We hope that in this year you will stand up and look around, that you will explore new ideas, learn new skills, meet new people, and take advantage of the opportunity that college offers.

So we say to you, each of you, welcome to Western Texas College. It is our hope for you that your experience at WTC will be one of the most pleasant experiences of your life.

Dance Dance Dance Dance
Student Senate will sponsor
a dance Thursday at 8:30
in the Student Center

New program instructs freshmen

By Stacie Bromley
Reporter

A new freshman program was initiated this fall. Freshman Orientation was implemented during activity period to familiarize new students with campus activities. The sessions went well according to Dr. Mary Hood, director of counseling.

Topics covered included Student Services. Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services; Dennis Carlton, director of financial aid; Dan Osborn, counselor; and Vikki Harrison, director of housing helped with this presentation. The session covered financial aid, scholarships, testing, job

placement, and dormitory services. This presentation orientated students with programs available to them.

Another session covered student activities. Mickey Baird, director of student services; Lee Burke, associate professor of physical education; Mike Harrison, instructor of physical education; and Bill Murchison, instructor of journalism spoke at this session. Student government, athletics, and student organizations were the topics. This session was designed to give students a better understanding of activities they can participate in to add enrichment to college life.

Academics were also covered.

Mary Hood instructed students on figuring grade point averages. The Discover Program was also discussed. Handouts were given to students interested in Cosmotology. During this session, freshmen were asked to write a paper to tell why they chose to attend WTC.

The last session covered was a presentation of the Library Resource Center given by Kathy Stephens, associate director of library and media services. John Gibson, associate professor of art, talked about the Fine Arts Department. Don Clay discussed the tutoring program for WTC students. Helping with the presentation was Gerald Cockran, associ-

ate professor. Overall, this session showed the students what learning facilities are available to them on campus.

Finally, after all the topics were covered, they handed out evaluations to all the freshmen. All freshmen met with their advisors on Tuesday. During this time, the advisors discussed the students' degree plans.

This year's freshman orientation was a major benefit for new students. Dr. Mary Hood commented on the sessions and said "We hoped the orientation worked so that the freshmen students will better understand WTC and were sorry that some freshmen missed it."

Briefs

Health Careers

Tuesday, Oct. 4, the Health Careers Program will take a look at health related jobs in Texas Training, pay, and educational requirements will be discussed. This will be at 11:15 a. m. to 12:00 noon in the Science Lecture Hall

Ministry counsel

The Baptist Student Union announced members of the Student Ministry Leadership Council. The new coordinators are Carol McCarthy, prayer group; Cindy Tolbert, women's Bible discussion; Gina Ford, fellowship; Richard Bowell, men's Bible discussion; and Steve Ballard, president and special events.

Free lunches

Every Wednesday a free lunch will be hosted from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. Rec night is every Thursday night at the BSU.

Kappa Chi

Christian student organization Kappa Chi recently held officer elections. New officers are President Kevin Combest of Snyder; Vice President Kevin Pruitt of Snyder; Treasurer Lori Tate of Hermleigh; and Reporter/Secretary Missy Trull of Snyder.

They will be leaving for a retreat in Leakey Sept. 30. For more information contact Roy Rosson, sponsor, at the Christian Student Center.

Tutoring labs

Mr. Don Clay, assistant coach, is now conducting tutoring labs for most academic areas. The help is free and students are encouraged to contact Clay at ext. 226 or go by his office at 7A-101.

BSU: San Antonio

There will be a student convention in San Antonio Oct. 7-9.

BSU hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday hours are to be announced. The BSU is closed on Fridays.

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