



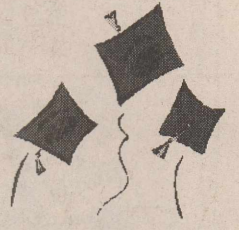
Happenings

May 6-May 10

Monday-Wednesday, May 6-8
Final Exams

Wednesday, May 8
Residence Halls Close 2pm

Friday, May 10
End of Spring Semester



Weekend, May 4-5, 2002

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Let's See What Develops



By
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Director of
Development

There was an unmotivated student who wasn't extremely bright, but didn't ever bother to study for tests. Instead, he sat next to another student who worked hard and studied, and consistently made some of the highest grades in class. The professor believed strongly that the first student was cheating off the second, but couldn't catch him in the act.

One the professor was the final exam and she noticed that the hard working student had written "I don't know that answer" on question number 10.

So she looked at the lazy student's paper and smiled. He had finally given himself away. His answer to question number 10 was worded "me neither."

We've got some great students here at WTC!

One of the pleasures of working in an academic environment is watching those students that are motivated to learn and succeed being recognized for their achievements. During the annual end-of-the-year awards ceremony last week, several of our students received recognition, not just for grades, but for classroom participation and effort for learning their subjects. Some were recognized, not for their academic standing, but for the fact that even though they were giving it their best effort.

Why do they succeed?

When your average class size at WTC is only 17 students to one professor, the instructor becomes personally acquainted and more involved with the students to help them succeed.

The average class size of a four-year institution is 75 students to one professor with the possibility that it is a graduate student teaching instead.

As a result, students that begin their academic careers at a four-year institution finish their sophomore year with an national average of 2.9 GPA. At a community college, that goes up to 3.1 and better.

When one gives to WTC, your hard-earned gift will help provide a better education to a student, aiding them to succeed at a higher level when moving onto a four-year institution to earn that baccalaureate degree. If you want to help, just call the Development Office at 573-8511, ext. 248.

A final "Finals" story:

Two students decided to party instead of study for a final exam. When they went to the test, they told the professor that their car had broken down the night before due to a very flat tire, and that they needed more time to study. To their surprise, the professor granted them the extra day.

That evening, they crammed almost all night and felt very prepared. Arriving to class the next morning, they were directed to different rooms for their exam.

As each sat down, they read the first question: "For five points, explain the contents of an atom." At this point, they both felt that the test was going to be a piece of cake, and answered the question with ease.

Then, they each turned to the second page where the second and final question stated: "For 95 points, tell me which tire was flat."

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges



Who's Who

WTC students nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College for 2001-2002 include, left to right: Paul Wilson, Seiichi Noda, Rachel Massingill, Amber Atkinson, Felsha Biggers, Jeremy Bengé, Donald Crenshaw, Laura Davis, Jennifer Freeland, Ryan Greenwood, Michelle Guelker, Corey Knipe, Christopher Mestgar, Vicky Rowland, Ryan Sauer, and Trevor Thompson. Not pictured are Nicole Antognini, Mary Castillo, Patrick Coggins, Erica Garvin, Christina Goswick, Laura Greenwood, Bradley Hale, Margaret Jameson, Susan Klein, Logan Knapp, Thomas Payne, Lance Smith, Tyson Thompson, and Debra Wilson.



Teacher Certification Survey

Interested in Becoming a Public School Teacher?

Please complete this survey and return by May 22nd to the address below or email survey information to:
VoCareers@wtc.cc.tx.us

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email Address: _____

Certification Field of Interest (please check)

- Early Childhood-Grade 4 (please check major)
 - Child and Family Studies Major
 - Generalist Major
- Secondary-Grade 8-12 (please check major content area)

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Please mail to:

WTC Vocational Instruction Division
Attn: Teacher Certification
6200 College Avenue
Snyder, Texas 79549

Teacher Certification Programs in the Works Between WTC and Conjunction with UTPB

Area residents may soon have the opportunity to pursue Teacher Certification Programs in Snyder as the result of a partnership between Western Texas College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB). Plans are now in the works to locally provide a significant amount of the curriculum required to teach in the public school system.

Earlier this spring, WTC President, Dr. Gregory Williams, and UTPB President, Dr. David Watts, organized initial talks between the two educational entities focusing on the idea of a Teacher Certification Program in Snyder. The concept behind the joint effort would allow individuals to stay in Snyder while earning their bachelor's degree and teacher certification.

While it may not be possible to complete 100% of the necessary coursework in Snyder, a significant amount could be available making the pursuit of the degree attractive. Junior and Senior level coursework and education classes will be provided by UTPB. Planned course delivery from UTPB will be via the Internet, interactive television or by UTPB adjunct faculty teaching in Snyder.

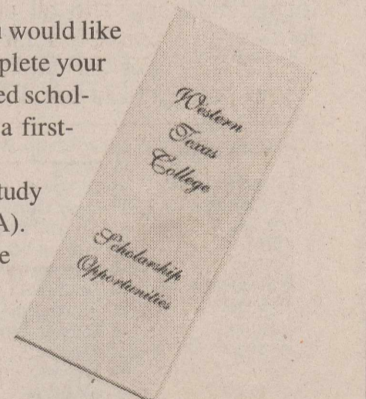
Anticipated Teacher Certification fields will include "Early Childhood - Grade 4" and "Secondary Certification - Grades 8-12". Undergraduate students in Texas have an academic major and complete their teacher certification courses as electives. Individuals certifying for Pre-K through Grade 4 will have the option of a major as a Generalist or Child and Family Studies. Individuals certifying in grades 8-12 will be specialists in a content area and will usually have a major in their intended teaching subject (see survey).

In an effort to calculate the need for a Teacher Certification Program in Snyder, Western Texas College is asking area residents to complete the brief survey below or respond by email at VoCareers@wtc.cc.tx.us. If responding by email, please list your name, address, phone number, and certification and major you wish to pursue (Elementary or Secondary).

Apply Now for Financial Aid for the Fall 2002 Semester

Plans are NOW underway for next fall at Western Texas College. If you would like to be considered for a tuition or housing scholarship, now is the time to complete your application. The WTC scholarship foundation has more than 75 fully endowed scholarships, many with multiple recipients. All scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Students interested in applying for Federal Pell Grants or the Federal Workstudy Program need to fill out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). This may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by mail. Visit the financial aid office located in the WTC student center soon to complete your file. Careful planning now will ensure a successful enrollment in the fall. For more information, call the financial aid office at 573-8511 ext. 309 or 1-888-go-to-wtc.



Don't Miss Your Chance to Win This Truck Donated by Big Country Chevrolet to Benefit the New WTC Baseball and Softball Programs



Over 100 donations have been received thus far for this 2002 S-10 truck from Big Country Chevrolet. Our thanks for Big Country and to the following Snyder businesses for agreeing to accept contributions for chances on the truck:

Agravet 4107 College Avenue, (next to Dollar General)
Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College Avenue
Bill Wilson's Big Country Autoland, Hwy 180 and 208
KSNY Radio Offices, 2301 Avenue R
Snyder Chamber of Commerce, 2302 Avenue R.

Contributions may also be made at the administrative offices at WTC. The truck will also be on display at WalMart Saturday, May 11 from 10 am -noon

'Off in the Woods' Team Captures Intramural Championship



Softball Champs!

Intramural softball champions for the spring 2002 semester include, front row, left to right, Jamie Sissom, Tony Navarrette, Gilbert Encizo, Sam Schiwart, and Reg Cully; middle row, Derrick Traylor, Brandon Wyatt, Jeffrey Murray, W. E. Tinkler, Jarrett Thornton, and Brandon Hackfeld; back row, Jeremy Eaton, Beau Blair, and Aaron Dietrich. Not pictured are Steven Turner and Tiffany Ramirez.