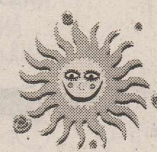




SUMMER GOLF SPECIAL

1/2 PRICE GREEN FEES AND CART RENTALS
TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
10AM TO 2PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE PRO SHOP AT 573-9291.

Sunday, June 22, 2003

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

College pool open for summer fun, swimming classes



Summer Fun

Several area students spend an afternoon taking advantage of the WTC pool, which is open to the public this summer from Monday through Friday. The pool offers open swimming from noon to 6pm and lap swimming from 6pm to 7pm. Swimming classes are also being offered July 7-17 for children ages 3 to 14 years. The cost for



swimming classes is \$25 per student, with a discount for additional members from the same family. The pool also has a concession stand, which is open from noon to 6pm. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 290. (WTC Photo)

Business sign space to be offered at new Ballfield Complex

As you may know, WTC is in the process of constructing a baseball/softball complex on campus for our newly installed athletic programs.

The fields are scheduled to be completed this fall, and will be ready for college games, college and high school tournaments, playoff games, and college intramurals.

Once the outfield fences are completed, the college plans to place 4' x 8' signs along the wall and offer the space to local and area businesses who would like to advertise their services while supporting the college programs.

With over 100 people at each game, many from out of town, and more than 80 scheduled games on the fields each year, the signs offer a great way to promote your business. And since the ballfields are located near the main college entrance, your business name and support of the college will be seen by everyone who visits the WTC campus. The signs will be similar to those in place at Moffett and Cates fields and will be designed and constructed by Snyder Sign Company.

The initial cost will be \$225 to \$275 for the sign, depending on where it is placed, and \$100 to \$150 per year for the space after the first year. Individuals and businesses may purchase a sign on either the baseball or softball field fence or one for each field. We're looking forward to another record year at WTC, with a lot of excitement generated by having our teams playing here on our campus. I hope you'll choose to be a part of the great things that are happening at WTC.

For more information, or to reserve a spot on either field, call Sandra Hall at 573-8511 ext. 394.

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WTC receives Federal Upward Bound Grant

Program designed to support students in grades 8-11

By Dr. Jim Clifton, Dean of Student Services

Western Texas College has another success story to share with its service community. Last year, the college received a Federal TRiO grant called the Talent Search grant, giving WTC \$190,000 a year to service the students in area communities. Talent Search is designed to identify and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education.

One of its main goals is to begin with sixth grade students and follow them through high school with study skills enhancement, exposure to higher education, information on financial aid, and mentoring programs. This grant reaches between 500 and 600 students in our service area.

The new grant the college will be enabling this next year, Upward Bound, has been designed to capitalize on the foundation of information gathered through the Talent Search and focus fundamental support on students who have completed the 8th grade but not yet entered the 12th grade. WTC has been given \$220,000 a year for the next four years to accomplish this goal.

Students will be chosen through a criteria provided by the Federal government, specifically aimed at serving students from low-income families and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree. Sixty students will be chosen from Mitchell, Scurry, Garza, Fisher, and Nolan counties for each of the next four years to help increase enrollment and success rates in postsecondary education.

Upward Bound projects provide instruction in math, science, composition, literature, and foreign language. Students chosen for the program will receive academic, financial, and personal counseling to help reach their goals, assistance in preparing for college entrance examinations, and assistance in completion of financial aid applications.

Students who apply for this program must have a need for academic support services provided through the project in order to finish secondary school and undertake a program of postsecondary education.

The WTC Upward Bound program lists seven objectives to implement its role in the service area and help local students progress. In order to empower the participants in attaining academic skill, knowledge, motivation, and encouragement for secondary school completion and success in postsecondary education, Western Texas College intends to:

1. identify and select qualified participants
2. raise grade point averages through skills improvement
3. raise standardized testing outcomes through skills improvement
4. increase retention of participants through high school graduation
5. establish a College Bridge program through exposure to the college environment
6. encourage, assist, and maintain contact through the postsecondary enrollment process, and
7. follow the progress of participants for six years following postsecondary enrollment.

These objectives are designed specifically for the West Texas area, and particularly for the service region for Western Texas College. In our service area, 39% of all families are low-income, 26.5% live at or below national poverty levels, almost 90% of adults do not have a bachelors degree, more than one third do not have a high school diploma, and high school drop out rates have exceeded over 53% in some of the schools in the ten county region.

Since WTC opened its doors in 1969, it has operated with a sense of responsibility toward the people of West Texas who turn to the college for higher education and workforce training. The TRiO grants have given the college another avenue of approach in attaining its fundamental purpose of the improvement of the individual and the enhancement of the community.

We are excited to have the opportunity, once again, to bring assistance to students in our region. The college will be advertising and hiring three or four new employees to drive this project, and we are anxious to begin seeing the results that help our community and its families.

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I.T. Dean cautions about Web Dialers, offers advice on Internet Search Engines

By Britt Canada, Dean of Information Technology Services

A new scam has arrived. Many Web sites are seeking to gain additional income through telephone billing, rather than credit card transactions. Web dialers are small programs that are used often by pay-per-view sites.

They cause the visiting computer to automatically dial a phone number that incurs toll charges. While this is sometimes used in a legitimate way, some malicious sites and users have discovered new ways of tricking end users into dialing up the charge lines.

The frustrating part is that the user doesn't even know that their computer is interacting with a pay-per-view Web site. For some horror stories, check out the site at <http://www.spywareinfo.com/forums/index.php?act=ST&f=16&t=3079&s=>

Web dialers are small - usually less than 100 KB - and can be installed on your system in the same ways that Trojans, viruses, worms and other malicious programs are - specifically, via e-mail attachments, inside downloaded software, etc.

When installed, they are often configured to turn off your modem speaker, disable all visible signs that

your modem is active, and dial the charge line at any time. Line charges range from pennies to dollars per minute. If your system remains connected to a charging phone line, your monthly phone bill can be quite surprising.

Many of the calls are made to places like Africa, Solomon Islands, Cayman Islands, Afghanistan, etc. Some of the sources (according to my research) are:

Kazaa, which installs a program called dw.exe
openme.exe - a trojan - more information at <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.dss.trojan.html>
freeaccess.exe - downloaded from some pornographic sites

Anyway, hopefully this information will be useful to you - the computers are affected through the dial-up (modem). If you are on cable or connected through the network at WTC, then this will not be an issue. However, if you notice your home computer or modem behaving strangely, then you may need some of this information.

The following is a short tutorial on the effective use of search engines.

According to recent Nielsen ratings, the top search engine is GOOGLE (www.google.com). The study is found at: <http://searchenginewatch.com/reports/article.php/2156451>

Google has some neat features - such as the ability to search for images and news. It is fast and usually accurate - it is my personal favorite.

Here are some effective ways to search for information:

A SEARCH FOR	RETURNS PAGES CONTAINING
ruby slippers	ruby and/or slippers, preferring pages with the phrase <i>ruby slippers</i>
"ruby slippers"	the word <i>ruby</i> next to the word <i>slippers</i> - looks for the exact phrase
+ruby slippers	<i>ruby</i> , maybe <i>slippers</i>
+ruby +slippers	both <i>ruby</i> and <i>slippers</i> in the document, although not necessarily next to one another

The word AND can be used instead of +, as in *ruby and slippers*

The word OR can be used if looking for one of two words, as in *ruby or slippers*

NOT can be used to exclude terms, as in *ruby not slippers* (would find pages with *ruby* and exclude those with *slippers*)

If you don't find what you like in one search engine, then use another.

Some, such as www.metacrawler.com, will use several search engines and compile the results for you.