



**Phi Theta Kappa
Silent Auction
February 4 - 17**
Located in the Student Center

Sunday, January 25, 2004

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

Westerners Opening Day Ceremonies This Friday



The Westerners are taking the field on Friday against Vernon Junior College for their first home game on the new WTC field. A special schedule has been planned for opening ceremonies to mark the event. The Snyder Chamber Gold Coaters will have a ribbon cutting on the field at 11 am to get it started followed by an introduction of the WTC Board Members. There will be a tailgate party immediately following at which Great Western Dining will be serving a Hamburger meal for \$5 a plate until 1 pm. This day has been declared "Spirit Day" by WTC President, Dr. Gregory Williams. Everyone is asked to wear WTC colors to the event. The Westerners will be introduced prior to the game. The game will begin at 2 pm with Albert DeLeora throwing out the first pitch. The community is invited to the event to support the Westerners. There will be drawings during the game for WTC Baseball T-Shirts, a Texas Book Company Gift Certificate and a \$300 WTC Scholarship.

2003-2004 Team Roster

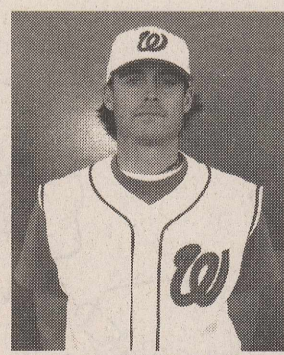
#	Name	Bat/Throw	H/W/T	YR	Position	Hometown
4	Mike Astosky	R/R	5'10"/175	Fr	P	Simivally, CA
22	Chris Bennett	R/R	5'10"/160	Fr	OF/P	Kermit, TX
12	John Bewley	R/R	6'0"/180	So	P	Shallowater, TX
23	Eric Brown	R/R	5'9"/145	Fr	In F	Lake Havash, AZ
44	Hank Casey	R/R	5'11"/180	Fr	In F/P	Abilene, TX
21	Roberto Cedillo	R/R	5'11"/185	So	C	Midland, TX
14	Jacob Courtney	R/R	5'11"/175	Fr	C	Hale Center, TX
18	Derek David	R/R	6'0"/200	Fr	3 rd	Rosenberg, TX
8	Carlos Delarosa	R/R	6'1"/180	So	OF/P	San Angelo, TX
47	Shay Franks	R/R	6'1"/185	Fr	P	Snyder, TX
15	Chase Gilbert	R/R	6'2"/185	So	OF/1 st	Odessa, TX
26	Garrett Graham	R/R	6'/175	Fr	P	Lubbock, TX
17	Cody Guzman	L/L	5'10"/160	So	P	Mineral Wells, TX
5	Josh Heiney	R/R	5'8"/170	So	SS	Portland, OR
0	Logan Hill	R/R	5'11"/170	Fr	P	Snyder, TX
27	Troy Krugar	R/R	6'2"/	Fr	P	San Antonio, TX
16	Rafe Martinez	R/R	5'10"/170	Fr	In F	Seguin, TX
13	Matt Meredith	R/R	5'10"/160	So	OF/C	Olney, TX
28	Casey Mund	R/R	6'3"/165	Fr	1 st	Wall, TX
10	Galdino Peña	R/R	6'0"/170	So	P	San Angelo, TX
2	Tanyon Reeves	R/R	6'0"/180	So	C/OF	Shallowater, TX
3	Trey Roberson	R/R	5'11"/175	So	RF	Lubbock, TX
9	TJ Sagen	R/R	6'0"/165	So	1 st	New Lenox, IL
11	Landon Thompson	R/R	6'0"/175	So	OF	Odessa, TX
46	Kory Toney	R/R	5'11"/180	Fr	1 st	Alvaredo, TX
1	Kyle Toney	R/R	5'8"/145	So	2 nd	Alvaredo, TX
6	Tyler Trout	R/L	6'2"/175	Fr	P	Snyder, TX
24	Jay Tust	R/R	5'11"/200	So	CF/2 nd	Tacoma, WA
45	Roy Vernon	R/R	6'0"/205	So	P	Mullin, TX
61	Cameron Young	L/L	6'0"/155	Fr	P	Ft. Worth, TX

7 Head Coach: Billy Hefflinger - (York, NE)
47 Assistant Coach: James Karcher (Abilene Christian University, TX)

Take the Ego Out of Sports and Help Kids Thrive

Elizabeth Ussher Groff - Portland, OR

Billy Hefflinger knows first hand what it is like to have doors opened for you by people who recognize your potential when you are unsure of yourself. Once an academically mediocre high school student with a passion for baseball, he is now head coach at Western Texas College, has a masters degree in physical education and is planning to teach sociology and psychology, and maybe continue on for a PhD.



Head Coach, Billy Hefflinger

A mentor that any parent would like for their son, Hefflinger at 27 is consciously opening doors for young men by reinforcing the positive and giving them a chance to see opportunities for themselves.

Raised in Eastmoreland Heights, Portland, OR, Hefflinger, the third of five children, comes from a family with a strong work ethic, and a history of passion for baseball. "My dad and Uncle Jim played baseball at Cleveland High and then played professionally for the New York Yankees Organization. I started tagging along with my older brothers to play ball at Lewis School or Berkeley or Woodstock Park when I was

four or five." After graduating from Cleveland High School where he was on the baseball team, the young Hefflinger earned money for college by doing grounds maintenance

at Union Manor during winter and summer breaks. Starting at the College of the Siskiyous where he played baseball from 1996-7, he earned a scholarship that took him to York College in Nebraska. Located in the small town of York (population 8,000), with an enrollment of 500, the small college and little town opened up opportunities for Hefflinger. Covering high school and college volleyball and basketball for the local paper and hosting a local radio show from 9-midnight on Saturdays, he was one of the first two York College students to graduate with a degree in communications.

Coaching baseball in his last year at York College taught him to find the balance between being a coach and a mentor. "I learned how to find a balance between working hard, being disciplined and being

able to respect the players. I like to take the macho ego out of sports and see each person as a human being."

Hefflinger's coaching mentor at York helped him find a job at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. During two years there he also earned an M.A. by attending satellite campuses of Azusa Pacific University in Ventura and San Diego. Last year he was hired as assistant coach at Western Texas College before being promoted to head coach this year.

Hefflinger is passionate about giving boys the chance to see big-

ger opportunities for themselves. "We are looking for kids who could benefit by leaving (their home town) and getting out of their comfort zone. I only started to understand the importance of education when I was in college, so I can relate to kids who might not have done too well in high school. And by attending satellite campuses of Western Texas College, with its small classes and attention from professors, opens up a lot of opportunities."

One recent recruit to Western Texas is Josh Heiney, a Cleveland graduate. "Josh has been recruited by a number of Division 1 and Di-

vision 2 schools throughout the U.S. He has really thrived at Western Texas. I would love to give more kids like Josh a chance to succeed."

Hefflinger's success with students stems from his philosophy: "Coaching and teaching is a two-way street. I tell my students it will benefit us both if we have a positive attitude and figure out how we can get the most out of our small town and our team. I want to win for the guys. I live for the day when you see them coming back with their families; see them thrive as people, not just as ball players."

Westerners Spring Schedule

	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
January	Friday	30	Vernon JC	Snyder, TX 2:00 1-9
	Saturday	31	Vernon JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 2-7
February	Tuesday	3	UTPB	Snyder, TX 2:00 1-9
	Friday	6	NMJC	Hobbs, NM 12:00 2-7
	Saturday	7	NMJC	Hobbs, NM 12:00 2-7
	Tuesday	10	Ranger	HSU Abilene, TX 1:00 1-9
	Friday	13	NMMI	Snyder, TX 3:00 1-9
	Saturday	14	NMMI	Snyder, TX 12:00 2-7
	Wednesday	18	ACU	Snyder, TX 2:00 1-9
	Friday	20	*El Paso CC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	21	*El Paso CC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Tuesday	24	HSU	HSU Abilene, TX 3:00 1-9
	Friday	27	*Howard	Big Spring, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	28	*Howard	Big Spring, TX 12:00 DH
March	Wednesday	3	ACU	Abilene, TX 2:30 1-9
	Friday	5	*Odessa JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	6	*Odessa JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Tuesday	9	Wayland Baptist	Snyder, TX 2:00 1-9
	Saturday	13	*Midland JC	Midland, TX (FAB) 12:00 DH
	Sunday	14	*Midland JC	Midland, TX 12:00 DH
	Thursday	18	Otero JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 2-7
	Friday	19	Trinidad JC	Snyder, TX 1:00 1-9
	Saturday	20	Trinidad JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 1-9
	Tuesday	23	Ranger	Snyder, TX 1:00 1-9
	Friday	26	*El Paso CC	El Paso, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	27	*El Paso CC	El Paso, TX 12:00 DH
	Wednesday	31	HSU	Snyder, TX 3:00 1-9
April	Friday	2	*Howard JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	3	*Howard JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Tuesday	6	Wayland Baptist	Plainview, TX 2:00 1-9
	Friday	9	*Odessa JC	Odessa, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	10	*Odessa JC	Odessa, TX 12:00 DH
	Thursday	15	LCU	Lubbock, TX 1:00 1-9
	Friday	16	*Midland JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH
	Saturday	17	*Midland JC	Snyder, TX 12:00 DH