

WTC News

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Happenings in Campus

Monday, June 10
Board of Trustees Meeting
7pm - Boardroom
June 6-August 22
"Ready to Roll" Exhibit
Scurry County Museum
June 18
LVN Testing
1:30pm - Counseling Office
June 24
Quick Tasp Testing
12:00pm - Counseling Office



Weekend, June 8-9, 2002

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

The Bikes are 'Ready to Roll' at the Scurry County Museum



Roll

A collection of classic and antique Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman motorscooters is currently on display at the Scurry County Museum located on the WTC campus. The free exhibit, entitled "Ready to Roll," runs through August 22. All bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County. Contents of the exhibit also include items lent by bike owners, such as clothing, collectibles, posters, and an array of mementoes. An open house is provided for visitors who would like to have their photograph made on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, June 16, from 1-3 p.m.

USA Academic Team Nominees and Awards Luncheon in Austin



Academic Team members, Vicky Rowland and Michelle Guelker

Academic Team members Vicky Rowland and Michelle Guelker were honored with certificates during an awards luncheon held May 28 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. Also present were WTC President, Dr. Gregory Williams and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, Sandra Hall. The luncheon, which is hosted each year by the Texas Association of Community Colleges, included a presentation to Admiral Bobby R. Inman, Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy, from the State of Texas in Austin. Mr. Inman is also a Phi Theta Kappa distinguished alumnus. The academic team is made up of all Texas nominees from the USA Today/Phi Theta Kappa All-American competition, announced nationally each April. Vicky is a non-traditional sophomore Psychology major from Casper, Wyoming, who is the former president of Phi Theta Kappa. She has been active in the chapter since her induction in 2001 and is a nominee for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She is the mother of three adult children and also the admissions officer and secretary to the Dean of Western Texas College. Another of three adult children, yet maintains a 3.9 GPA. Michelle is pursuing her goal of being a high school guidance counselor. She is the daughter of Mrs. Guelker, Casper, Wyoming. She and her husband, John, have three sons: Chris Rowland, Thomas Bishop, and David. Michelle is a sophomore from Colorado City who served as the 2000-01 Leadership officer for Phi Theta Kappa. She is a nominee for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and maintains a 3.71 GPA. She plans to pursue her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History or Political Science from Angelo State University following graduation; she hopes to teach at a community college and eventually earn her doctorate. She is the daughter of Tommy and Debby Guelker of Colorado City.

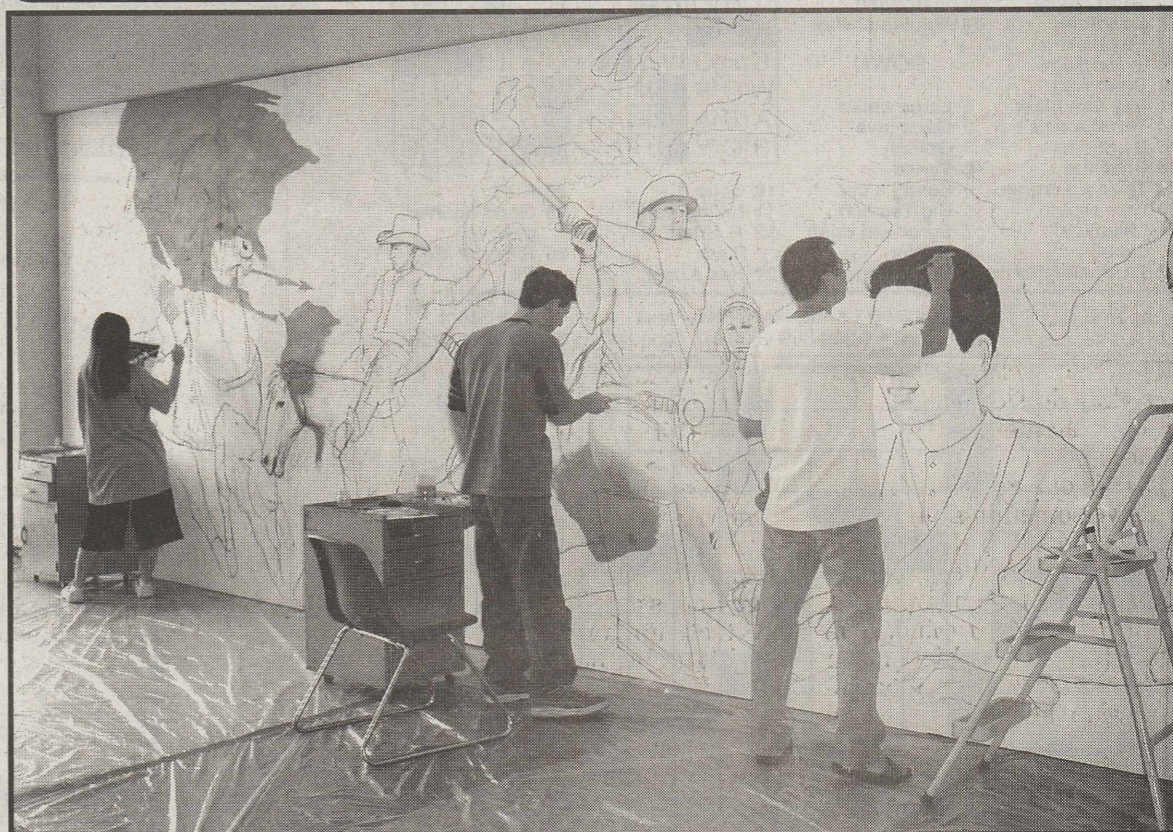
What's Ahead for Generation D?

By Britt Canada
WTC Dean of Information Technology Services

I have read some interesting articles on young folks and computer usage lately and thought I would share some of the ideas that I picked up.

First, technology folks have been a little disappointed with the gender gap that continues to exist in IT fields - it is still a male-dominated field. A few years ago, the gap seemed to be narrowing but has tended to widen in the past few years. Fewer females are going into technology-intensive fields. Guys tend to be hooked into technology at an early age as the result of computer games. Generally, girls are not as interested in games as guys are. However, in the past few years, Instant Messaging has really taken off. Girls tend to be much more interested in Instant Messaging than guys. The conclusion of this article was that guys get interested in computers because of games and girls get interested because of IM. This may help to get more females interested in technology-intensive fields and thus narrow the gender gap in the future.

Another article discussed the ethics of today's youth. The way that teens use technology is challenging current ethical boundaries and business models. Most people in their late 30s and older probably learned about computers on the job, but many teens and young adults have grown up with them. Our society is still adjusting to developments in the technology area. Today's teens know how to copy research papers and download digital music with just a few mouse clicks, which means they may not learn about the skills needed to thoroughly research or write about a topic, or they may be tempted to bypass paying market price for music, movies or books. At the same time, this generation has instant access to more information than any before it, potentially making today's teens more informed and more skeptical. What does this hold for the future? We may find tomorrow's adults who are more willing to change the way that business does business, more creative and more innovative.



Ben Sum and art students Cyris Ho and David Garcia add color to a mural in the WTC cafeteria. The summer art project reflects the various aspects of student life on the college campus.