

WTC NEWS

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Happenings

in Campus

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 15-16, 2002

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

Let's See What Develops



By
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 Director of
 Development

Two big-name professional baseball players met up at practice when the first one asked, "How did you do on your date with that millionaire's daughter last night?"

"Terrible!" answered the second. "No hits; no runs; no heir-ess."

SPEAKING OF BASEBALL

... our new baseball and softball complex pictured on this page will give an additional boost to the local economy. How? Follow this:

(1)The complex enables WTC to recruit more students.

(2)They spend money here locally.

(3)The families and friends of the players come in from out of town to watch them play, and they bring in additional business.

(4)They all tell others about WTC, which brings more students, and the cycle begins again.

ANOTHER SCENARIO:

(1)The fields will be utilized for playoffs, sports camps and tournaments from junior high up to the college ranks.

(2)Those teams and their families and fans come to town and they infuse the local economy with more cash.

(3)Some of those athletes and their parents come onto the WTC campus and leave with a positive impression, thus bringing future WTC students and student-athletes who will attend school here, and their visiting families come to see them, bringing income for local businesses.

Our area residents and businesses will benefit, both short and long-term, through the introduction of "outside" monies (which turns over 4-5 times before leaving the local economy), and through the future growth at WTC in full-time students, who, again, will be spending their cash here.

A Naming Opportunity Awaits A Benevolent Donor!

Even with a generous \$100,000 gift that is designated for this complex and will be announced in the near future, a donor that steps up to the plate (pun fully intended) with a gift of \$500,000 would receive the opportunity to name the whole complex to honor their family or business. This could be given over a period of 1-5 years and would not only complete phase one of the complex, but continue into phase two to finish out a complex of which the donor and area citizens could be extremely proud.

"Well, I don't have that much on me at the moment."

Well, as many individuals and businesses have done so far, you can receive a tax deduction for your \$25 contribution towards the new 2002 Chevy S10 pickup truck featured on this page. We've received around 300 contributions thus far with less than three weeks left before we name the winner on July 4th. The truck display schedule, and participating businesses, where contributions can be received, and individuals taking donations, is listed below the truck's picture.

AND FINALLY...

... A professional baseball owner in Arlington, Texas was discussing with his team manager about the lackluster season this year, stating, "What this team needs is life!"

The manager replied, "Oh, no, thirty days is enough."

Truck will be on display:

Construction Begins On WTC Baseball/Softball Complex



If you build it . . .

Construction is now underway on the new baseball/softball complex to be built on campus in conjunction with the startup of the new athletic programs this fall. When completed, both fields will be regulation size according to NCAA and NJCA standards with shared concession and restroom facilities.

The teams will begin Division I conference play during the fall semester, with home games scheduled for Moffett and Cates fields for this initial season and moving to the campus complex by next year. The WTC Board of Trustees voted Monday to move forward on construction of the complex, which was initially planned as practice facilities for the teams.

"Our current timetable calls for having the grass in by Labor Day and the fields ready for practice and games by the second season," said WTC President, Greg Williams, adding "This is the first phase of construction with plans for expansion of the facilities in future years so we will have one of the best field situations in our conference." He also noted that the new complex in addition to the top-notch playing fields at Moffett and Cates would make Snyder more attractive for playoff games and tournaments in the area.

The college is working with the Lubbock architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper in the design and planning of the complex. Other partners for the project include Scurry County, the City of Snyder, college staff, and local individuals and business owners who have expressed a desire to support and promote the new programs. This support has greatly affected the anticipated cost of building the complex, including clearing and grading and seeding and irrigation of the playing fields as well as installation of water and sewer lines by local staff and/or supporters at a discounted price, and donations of construction materials such as masonry and piping from local businesses.

During planning stages for the complex, Dean of Students Jim Clifton, who also serves as Athletic Director for the college, visited college ballfields in the Lubbock and Abilene

areas to get a better idea of what construction materials and equipment would be needed during this first phase. He noted that monetary and in-kind gifts have greatly benefited the new programs. "We wanted to look at the best features and most notable mistakes of other college ballparks so we can build a complex that is not only functional and comfortable, but is also a source of pride for the community that helped put it together."

An announcement is expected later this month of a \$100,000 contribution to assist with the construction of the complex. The announcement of the donor will be made in conjunction with the kickoff of the second fundraising campaign, entitled "Keep the Ball Rolling." Another big boost came with the donation of pipe by Kinder Morgan for the construction of fencing and other facilities for the complex. College Trustee, Carolyn Barbee noted that other companies have indicated a willingness to donate pipe as well to assist with field construction.

Dr. Williams expressed his appreciation for the support that the college has received during the kickoff campaign and also noted that naming rights for the complex are still open for any donor contributing \$500,000 or more to the baseball and softball programs. Individuals may also support the programs by purchasing a chance on the 2002 Chevy S-10 truck to be given away during the annual July 4th celebration. Only 1000 chances are being made available at \$25 each, and with around 300 sold thus far, the odds are looking pretty good.

As for the teams that will be playing on the new fields, recruiting efforts are paying off for both head coaches with around a dozen students from the Scurry County area already on the roster and others coming from as far away as California, Montana, Puerto Rico, and Brazil. Both baseball coach, James King, and softball coach, Rodney McNeil say they are optimistic about the way that their teams are shaping up and look forward to getting them on the field and getting ready to compete.



A great way to support the WTC baseball and softball programs!

- Saturday, June 15, 1-9
Wal-Mart
 Sunday, June 16, 1-3
Scurry Country Museum Harley Exhibit
 Monday-Friday, June 17-21
Barbee Medical Supply
 Saturday, June 22, 8:30-11
Snyder Fly-In/Winston Field
 Saturday, June 22, 1-9
Wal-Mart

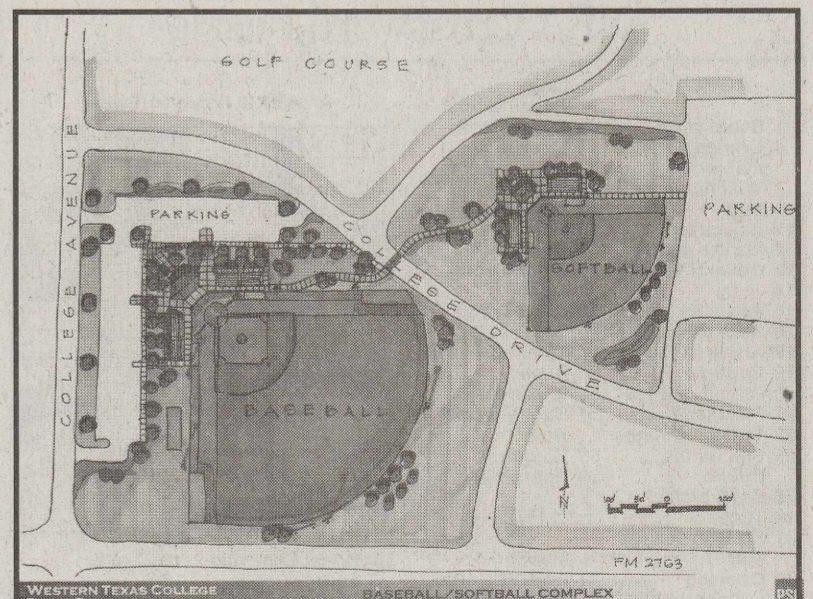
Thanks to Participating Businesses:

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 Barbee Medical Supply
 Big Country Autoland
 Snyder Chamber of Commerce
 D & D Auto Supply
 Daylight Donuts
 Dupree Automotive
 KSNY AM & FM Offices

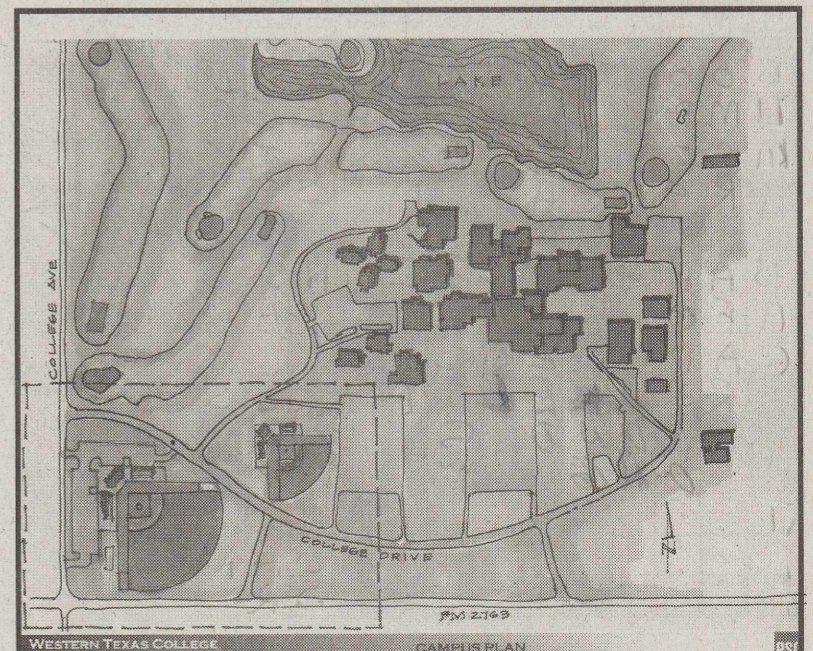
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Artist's renderings of baseball/softball complex



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