



Sunday, August 31, 2003

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
CAMPUS CLOSED**

## HR Office gets faculty and staff 'On the Road to Benefits'

As part of the fall inservice schedule for WTC faculty and staff, the Human Resources Office offered information to college employees on insurance changes for the new year.

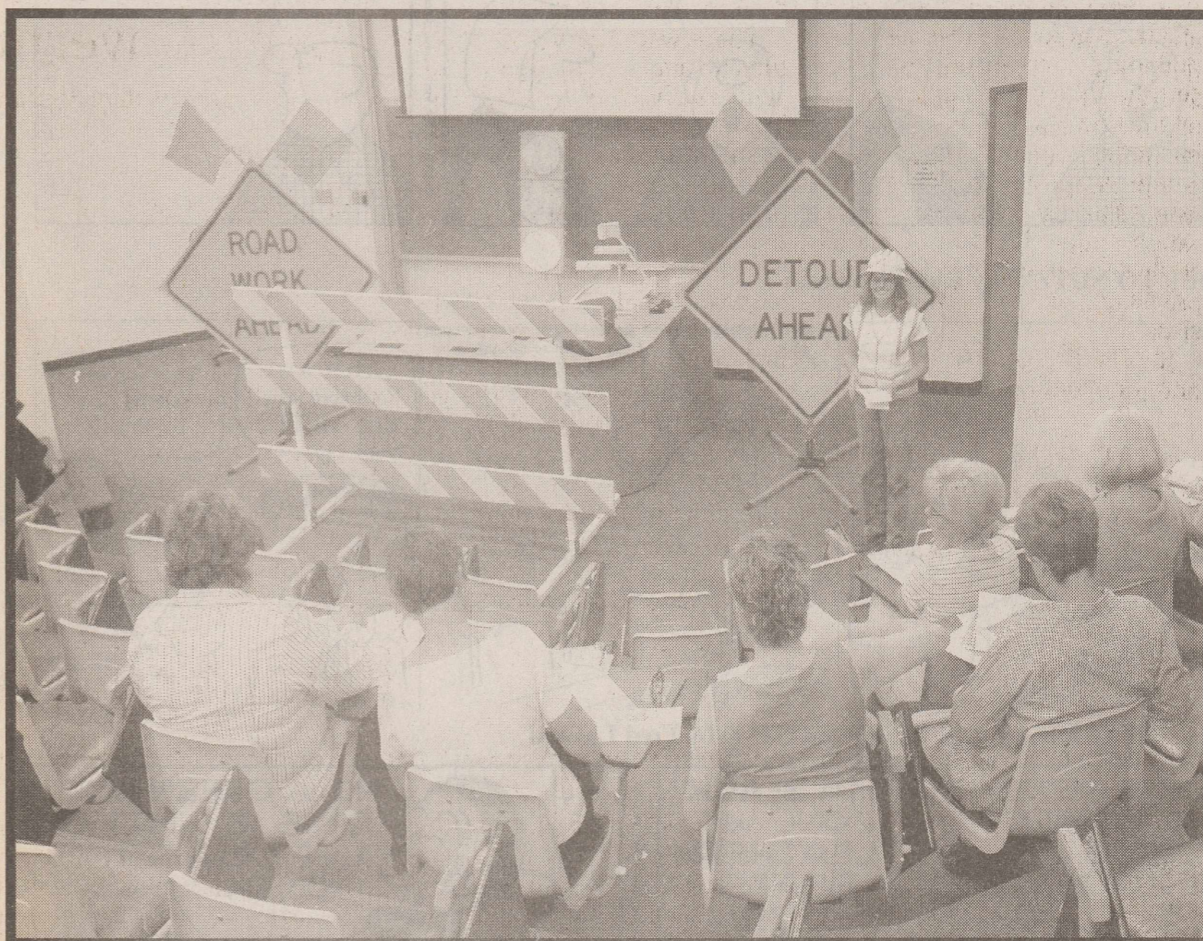
As the employees entered the room, they weren't quite sure if they were at the insurance presentation or the safety meeting. With all of the changes to the college's health benefits this year, the theme could have been "Rocky Road to Benefits" and the meaning would have been accurate.

Insurance is typically not a topic many people are willing to give an ear to, so Human Resources representative, Julie Fritz says she tries to make the presentations a little more exciting.

"In fact, many of the managers or owners I first spoke to just caught "insurance" in the conversation and let me know they were not interested in any," she said, "I had to emphasize to them I was not selling insurance; only asking for participation. It was pretty humorous after they realized the reason for the call."

Many thanks this year to several local businesses for contributing to the door prize giveaways and for their willingness to donate time and services. The *On the Road to Benefits* presentation was a success due to the following individuals and businesses.

AUTO CLINIC, AUTO ZONE, GARY BOWEN,  
BRITT CANADA, JOE CARTER, COMMISSIONER LINDSEY,  
D&D AUTO SUPPLY, DUPREE AUTOMOTIVE,  
FAST OIL CHANGE, PATRICIA CLAXTON,  
JOHNSON CONTROLS, JIM JUDAH,  
KWIK KAR LUBE & TUNE, NAPA AUTO PARTS,  
NIX'S AUTO & TIRE SERVICE, QUICK AUTO SERVICE & SALES,  
SCURRY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE, STATE FARM INSURANCE,  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
WESTERN AUTO, WILSON MOTORS, WR WHISTLE STOP



On the Road to Benefits . . .

Human Resources Agent, Julie Fritz informs members of the faculty and staff of changes in the college's insurance benefits packages at an "On the Road to Benefits" presentation held during in-service. (WTC Photo)

## Information Technolgoy Notes

by Britt Canada

Dean of Information Technology Services

I get a publication called eSchool News and I'd like to pass along some of the information that was in the September 2003 edition.

The RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) has filed supoenas that request the names of Northeastern University, MIT and Boston College students who have been using online file-sharing programs such as KaZaA.

Despite the budget crunch, the Michigan governor wants to give a computer to all 6th graders. A Michigan State University report contends that children who use the Internet at home perform better on standardized tests and generally achieve higher grade-point averages than their less web-savvy peers.

Computers of the future will boot up instantly because of a new memory chip that IBM is developing - called Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM). MRAM will retain information when the computer is turned off. Maybe we can see these chips within the next 2-3 years.

As a result of the thousands of internet sites devoted to gambling, American teens are becoming addicted to gambling. This is the first generation of kids growing up when gambling is legal and available virtually nationwide. Adult addicts might seek help when they realize their job or marriage is in trouble but young people don't.

Tools are being developed that add touch to online learning. Some of the applications may include sculpting, science labs and surgical procedures.

Lots of interesting things...



### Third Annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament

Four Person Scramble  
\$120 per team-tax deductible  
Saturday, October 4, 2003  
Cash Prizes  
Ø 1st \$360  
Ø 2nd \$240

REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
Friday, October 3, 2003 5:00 p.m.

Hamburger-Lunch with proceeds going to Student Government Association

**Western Texas College  
Art Department at  
White Buffalo Festival**  
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 10 & 11

- ✦ Student artwork for sale
  - ~ t-shirts
  - ~ ceramic bowls
  - ~ handcrafted jewelry
- ✦ Pencil portraits by Ben Sum

Proceeds benefit APPLAUD THE ARTS  
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE  
www.wtc.edu

Come by and visit these  
WTC booths at the  
**WHITE BUFFALO  
FESTIVAL**  
Friday and Saturday  
October 10-11  
Scurry County Coliseum

**ART  
CERAMICS  
VOCATIONAL  
RECRUITING  
SGA**

### TESTING DATES

LVN ASSET	Q - T	THEA	ACT
Sept. 30th - 1:30pm	Jan. 3rd - 12:00pm*	Nov. 8th - 8:00am	Oct. 25th - 8:00am
Oct. 14th - 1:30pm		(deadline Oct. 10th)	Dec. 13th - 8:00am
Oct. 28th - 1:30pm			Feb. 7th - 8:00am
Nov. 4th - 1:30pm		Apr. 24th - 8:00am	Apr. 3rd - 8:00am
Nov. 18th - 1:30pm		(deadline Mar. 26th)	
Dec. 9th - 1:30pm	<b>One Section Only</b>		
Jan. 20th - 1:30pm	Sept. 24th - 2:00pm	Jul. 31st - 8:00am	
Jan. 27th - 1:30pm	Oct. 29th - 2:00pm	(deadline Jul. 2nd)	
	Dec. 10th 2:00pm		

\*Subject to change  
Limited seating is available.

**Everyone** wishing to take the LVN or the QT (old version of the Quick TASP) will need to contact the Counseling department at 573-8511 ext. 313 to reserve a seat.

## Campus Happenings

2003 September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Labor Day Holiday	3 Last Day To Register Movie 9pm Student Center	4	5	6	
7	8	9 Sean Carlen Noon Teasers Cafeteria Money Tree Game FA Theatre 7pm	10 12th Class Day Ping Pong Tourn 3pm 	11	12	13
14	15 Pool Tourn 6pm 	16 Movie 9pm SGA meeting 5:30pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Movie 9pm SGA meeting 5:30pm	24 Dance/ Karaoke Dorm B' Ball Court 9pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 Movie 9pm SGA meeting 5:30pm				