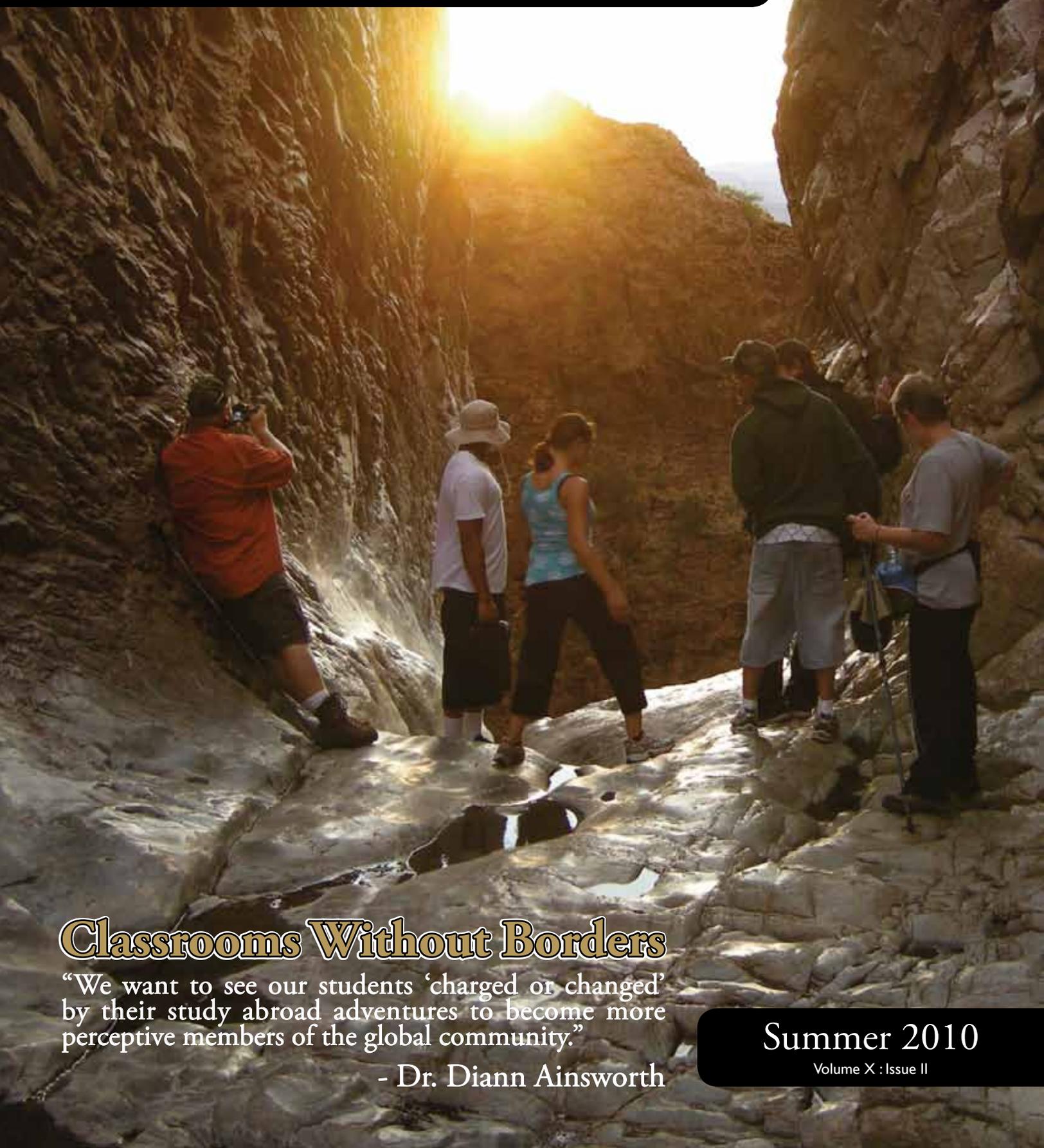


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- Dr. Diann Ainsworth

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Message from the President



I can't believe another academic year has come and gone. So many great things have happened this year, including the accomplishments of our students, improvements on our Weatherford campus, and the increased collaboration with our great faculty and staff.

But it's the future we're really excited about here at WC. Morale is high, our enrollment is skyrocketing, and our Board of Trustees is working on a plan to provide more space to educate students.

As you read this edition of *The Hilltop*, please remember that we are thankful for the support you provide for our students. This is, indeed, a special place.

Sincerely,

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COVER STORY

Exploring, engaging and experiencing classrooms without borders

Far from the brick-and-mortar classrooms on the hilltop campus of Weatherford College, Lori Gouge guides her students to a huge rock outcropping, overlooking pristine rugged wilderness; Dr. Diann Ainsworth and her class contemplate the mysteries of the magnificent Stonehenge, and Nancy McVean escorts her students around the diverse and electric Times Square.

The trio of seasoned WC instructors is engaging their students in literal outside-the-box educational experiences that take them beyond the stereotypical 'class field trip.' These full-blown mini-courses allow WC students and members of the community incredible opportunities to develop skills and gain experiences a classroom setting will never provide, the trip is an opportunity to discover new strengths and abilities and conquer situations that are otherwise unfamiliar.

Read about three WC programs that allow students to explore, engage and experience a different mode of learning:

Canyon, Cactus, Critters 'n Camping... "The quiet out there is really loud," said Lori Gouge, geology instructor, "and though we're not out there for one of those 'I'm-going-to-find-myself-sitting-on-a-rock' quests, we do each take a moment by ourselves before we leave to say good-bye and reflect."

And those reflections and good-byes are to five days and four nights of experiencing the great outdoors in the wildly beautiful Big Bend National Park in Southwest Texas. The students who enroll in what is becoming one of the College's most popular dual courses (Geology 1403 and Kinesiology 1102) have the opportunity to hike, camp, explore, and climb in pristine and remote wilderness where the nearest fast food is three hours away and basic amenities, like showers, are minimal.

Prospective students must pass a qualifying interview before registering for the late spring mini-course.

"We need to be realistic," said Gouge. "We go to a location with extreme temperatures and rigorous hiking requirements. You may or may not get a shower on any particular day because of where you are - in the wilderness."

Those who do pass muster can earn five semester-hour credits for the course and study earth materials and processes, geochemistry and the earth's interior and magnetism, while camping and hiking.

"It is rugged, but the beauty is breath-taking," said Gouge. "It sticks to your bones, gets under your skin, in your blood. Everyone, to a one, comes back saying that it has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

For more information about the Big Bend mini-course, contact Gouge at 817-598-6277.

Legend and learning in jolly 'ole England...In May of 2009, a group from WC traveled to England, Ireland and Wales to reflect on literature and culture as part of an English course.

About 30 students, faculty and parents led by instructors Beau Black and Dr. Diann Ainsworth embarked on the trip as part of the summer English 2321 British *continues with Exploring on page 11.*



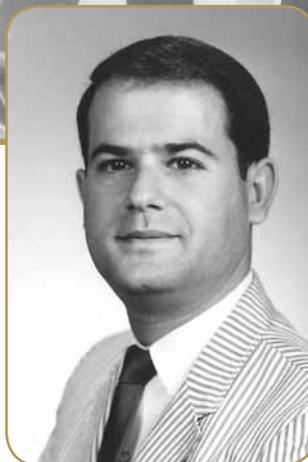
Photos from top down: Students from the 2009 England, Ireland and Wales trip. Students from the 2009 Big Bend trip. Participants of the 2010 New York Trip.

MEMORIES

Last issue's Do you know...



In the last edition of *The Hilltop*, we asked if you knew the person in this photo. It was Dr. Gus Nicholson, WC instructor of French and Spanish from 1966-1969. Both Sue Gray and Sharon Bohning were students at WC in 1966 and recognized Dr. Nicholson right away.



Do you know...



If you have any knowledge of what is happening in this photo, please send a note to Katie Edwards at 225 College Park Drive, Weatherford, TX, 76086, or send an e-mail to kedwards@wc.edu.

Friends we'll miss

Virginia Lynn Cardwell of Aledo passed away on March 8. She was 78. She retired from the Weatherford College Library after 19 years of dedicated service.

Mary Catherine Daniels of Mission, Kansas, passed away on March 9. She was 93. She and her husband, Lloyd, were instrumental in forming the Ex-Students Association of Weatherford College.

Betty "Bebo" Hamilton of Mineral Wells passed away on April 25. She

was 74. She graduated from the first LVN class of Weatherford College at Fort Wolters as salutatorian.

Franklin Boley Pearson of Weatherford passed away on March 20. He was 86.

Benny Arlen Phillips of Weatherford passed away on March 3. He was 74.

Thomas Edward Quade of Pottsboro passed away on April 28. He was 52.

W. R. "Dub" Riddle of Weatherford passed away on March 30. He was 79.

Cecil Elton Self passed away on April 10. He was 85.

Mary Ann Schurman Vassar passed away on March 26. She was 89.

Mildred Malone Woodrum of Weatherford passed away on March 26. She was 97. She was chosen as a Weatherford College Distinguished Alumna in 2009, as well as the 2009 Ms. Senior Parker County.

Helen Jane Wooten of Springtown passed away on April 23. She was 78.

Homecoming 2010

by Linda Bagwell

Weatherford College alumni from across the region gathered at WC on April 10 for Homecoming festivities. Activities began with a reception for alumni to meet members of the WC Board of Trustees and WC President, Dr. Kevin Eaton, followed by the traditional Awards Banquet in the Doss Student Center.

The Alumni Association presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to Tom Pritchard and Distinguished Alumni awards to Jon Vandagriff and James Harris.

Pritchard, class of 1953, is a retired superintendent, teacher and coach. The Brock native served as superintendent of the Millsap ISD for about 10 years before retiring in the mid-1980s. Previously he taught and served as principal in Peaster, Old Glory and Paint Creek ISDs. A past president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, he currently serves as the president of the TRTA Foundation. He is the former president of the WC Alumni Association and was recently named to the WC Foundation Board of Directors. Pritchard and his wife, Jane, have been consistent supporters of students through donations to the WC Foundation.

Vandagriff graduated from Weatherford High School and later from WC, Howard Payne College and the University of North Texas. It continued with graduate work at UNT and Texas Christian University. Vandagriff served as editor for the *Weatherford Democrat* and *Brownwood Bulletin*, and worked at Tarrant County College in various positions – communications specialist, publications director and journalism, history and photography professor. Now retired, he serves as the president of the WC Alumni Association and is involved in several local civic organizations, chief among them, the Optimist Club (past president); Parker County Retired Teachers and the Doss Heritage and Culture Center, to which he is donating the proceeds of his book, *The Story of Parker County Texas 1862-1956*.

Harris, class of '48, graduated from WC after returning from military

service in World War II. He continued his education at Texas Wesleyan College and became an educator, teaching and coaching in Brock, Peaster and Weatherford before embarking on a lifetime career with the Federal Aviation Administration, serving first as chief of the Aeromedical Education Division in Oklahoma City, and later in Washington, D.C. In 1976, he was reassigned to Oklahoma City as the director of medical education programs where he served until his retirement in 1990. Harris is currently the executive vice president of the Civil Aviation Medical Association in Oklahoma City. A highlight of his career was working with the Warren Commission after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, recreating the ballistics scenario that occurred. Harris is actively involved in civic and charitable organizations in Oklahoma City.

Dr. J.C. Nichols, WC president from 1965 to 1970, and his wife Charlene were special guests, traveling from the Austin area for the banquet.

“People feel a deep connection with this College, and we’re thrilled when we can visit at Homecoming and hear stories about their time here,” said Brent Baker, vice president of institutional advancement. ☐

Pictured, from top to bottom: State Rep. Phil King congratulates Tom Pritchard. John Vandagriff, left, received his Distinguished Alumnus Award from long-time friend Royce Vick. Arnold Pitchford, right, presented Distinguished Alumnus James Harris with his Award. Dr. J.C. Nichols, former WC president, and wife Charlene.



Weatherford College AROUND CAMPUS



Faculty Member of the Year

Dr. William Smith, English instructor, was recognized at the WC Commencement as 2010 Faculty Member of the Year. Smith, who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas and both his master's and doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been with WC since 1999. He has served two terms as president of the Faculty Advisory Council and was instrumental in the creation of the Faculty Senate. As Faculty Member of the Year, which is an honor bestowed by teaching peers by a nomination and selection process, Dr. Smith received the Gayle and Wanda Grant Award of Teaching Excellence, which includes airfare for two to a destination of their choice in the Continental U.S. and a \$1,000 honorarium from the WC Foundation.

Dr. William Smith, right, accepts a plaque recognizing him as 2010 Faculty Member of the Year from Dr. Rickey Harman, the 2009 honoree.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Kevin Eaton, pictured (center), is surrounded by several members of the newly-formed Faculty Senate, which will serve as the advisory liaison between WC faculty and administration.



Books 'n Authors 'n All That Jazz VIII and Arts & Crafts Fair

More than 350 people attended writing workshops and visited with more than 40 authors at this year's eighth edition of Books 'n Authors 'n All That Jazz at the Alkek Fine Arts Center in April. This year, the addition of the College's first Arts & Crafts Fair to the day brought even more people to the Weatherford Campus to enjoy the beautiful day and to shop for hand-made crafts. WC Police Chief Paul Stone organized the fair as a fundraiser for the WC Foundation and presented Brent Baker, vice president of Institutional Advancement, a check for \$1,000 from booth rental fees, pictured upper left. Dave Lieber relays publishing secrets to interested attendees, pictured near left, and Author Mary Rogers, pictured far left.



Putting book-learning to work

Students and faculty from the Weatherford College Math and Sciences Department recently took a field trip to the Lockheed Martin plant in Fort Worth to see practical applications of obtaining an engineering degree. Lockheed Martin is one of the largest employers of engineers and scientists in the area. The students were accompanied by Dr. Richard Bowers, dean of Math and Sciences; physics instructor Pat McDonough and WC Board of Trustees member Elaine Carter. Pictured in the flight simulator is Jacob Carlson.





Popular instructor retires

Not only did Bill Coody teach history, he lived it. Having first taught at WC in 1963, and after serving in the Texas House of Representatives for 12 years, no one brought the depth of experience to his students like Coody did for decades.

The popular history and government teacher announced his retirement in the spring, bringing to a close one of the most colorful and loved tenures in WC history.

In response, WC faculty and staff established the Willard “Bill” Coody Faculty Development Fund in his honor with gifts to the WC Foundation, and the College granted him Faculty Emeritus status.

Pictured is Dr. Don Tomas, vice president of instruction, presenting a Faculty Emeritus plaque to Coody at a gathering in May.

Commencement 2010

The largest graduating class ever at WC – more than 500 – with about 220 attending Commencement exercises in May – has College officials already planning Commencement 2011, looking at ways to accommodate the ever-increasing number of graduates and their families and friends at the important ceremony. “It was clear to see, with our expected future growth, that we have outgrown the venue for a single graduation ceremony,” said Dr. Kevin Eaton, WC president. “As we continue to experience record enrollment at WC, a byproduct of this enrollment has been record graduates.” Pictured are Board of Trustees Chairman Frank Martin congratulating a graduate (left photo) and Eaton addressing the standing room-only crowd (right).



WC Students donate to animal shelter

WC Young Democrats recently donated proceeds from their latest fundraising efforts - \$300 - to Barbara Pursley, volunteer coordinator at the Parker County Animal Shelter. A few grateful canines got in on the picture, as well. Pictured, next to club sponsor Nancy McVean: Dagan Kuykendall; Pursley, sponsor Lela Morris, Audrey Hedges; Sara Godfrey and Shaun Barnett.

Award-winning production

WC’s production of “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” received an overall Excellent rating in the annual Texas Community College Theatre Festival. A Superior acting award went to Kristen Walker. Elysia Worcester and Stephen Medellin each earned Excellent actor ratings, and Autumn Stinnett was awarded a Superior in stage management. Rounding out the awards, Marcos Lopez received an excellent in costume design, and Ryan Patterson, an excellent in lighting design.



WC basketball banquet caps “Bob McKinley Day”

Fans, friends and former players honored longtime basketball coach Bob McKinley with a special night in April.

The Coyote Basketball Booster Club took the occasion of the 2009-10 Basketball Banquet as an opportunity to celebrate “Bob McKinley Day.” McKinley recently became the winningest active basketball coach in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The Lady Coyotes’ coach has 755 wins in 33 years coaching at WC.

Weatherford Mayor Dennis Hooks presented a proclamation from the city and Parker County Judge Mark Riley sent his congratulations from the county. NJCAA Executive Director Mary Ellen Leicht sent a letter from the national office, and WC Board of Trustees Chair Frank Martin and Vice Chair Joel Watson each spoke on behalf of the board.

McKinley spent most of the evening reminiscing with many of his former players—men and women who have played for the coach since he came to WC in 1977.



Pictured from left to right. Several decades of WC Lady Coyote coaches gathered at the Basketball Dinner/“Bob McKinley Day” celebration: Betty Jo Crumm Graber, McKinley and Martha McClung. Former basketball players came from near and far to honor Bob McKinley in April at the WC Basketball Banquet, and many brought their children. Pictured is Kayla Lambert and her daughter, Scout.



Baseball sets school record

The Coyote baseball team set a school record for wins after finishing the season with a 39-20 overall record. WC advanced four games into the Region 5 Tournament, held at Fort Worth’s LaGrave Field in May. Pictured is Bryce Cummings (photo by Leslie Jensen).

Rodeo athletes head to nationals

WC tie-down ropers Chris DeMases and George Rowland have qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo June 13-19 in Casper, Wyoming. Rowland, a Paradise, Texas native, is making his second CNFR appearance. DeMases, a Boyd High School graduate, spent much of the season in first place in the Southwest Region standings.





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Lacy Wakefield Welborn Scholarship

American State Bank in Weatherford donated \$1,257 to the Weatherford College Foundation recently to support the Lacy Wakefield Welborn Scholarship. The scholarship is dedicated to deserving Associate Degree Nursing students and was established in memory of Lacy Wakefield Welborn, a graduate of the A.D.N. program. Pictured are (left to right, Jo Ellen Welborn, A.D.N. instructor; Cheryl Livengood, nursing department chair; Wade Julian, ASB senior vice president and branch president; and Michael Welborn.)

Michael Feely Memorial Scholarship

Marsha and Dan Feely have been supporting the Weatherford College Foundation for 10 years now, by annually giving to scholarships. The Michael Feely Memorial Scholarship has allowed dozens of students to attend college at WC. That support continues this year, with a gift of \$5,000. Pictured with the Feelys is Dr. Mike White (left), president of the WC Foundation.



WC receives \$313,000 EMT grant

The Texas Comptroller's Office has approved a \$313,000 grant to fund equipment for WC's Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic program. The Jobs and Education for Texas (JET) grant program is designed to support high-demand career and technical education programs in Texas public community colleges. WC will purchase myriad advanced equipment with the funds, including a "SimMan" computerized manikin-like patient simulator, a rescue trailer outfitted with the latest in emergency equipment, an EKG monitor, virtual I.V. system, and other items for training purposes.

WC Cheer takes third place at NCA Nationals

The Weatherford College Cheerleading Squad took third place at the 2010 National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Championships recently in Daytona Beach, Florida. The 21-member squad competed in the Junior College Division.

WC has finished in the competition's top four for the last five consecutive years, including a first place finish in 2007.

"This squad has worked hard to establish itself as one of the top junior college cheer programs in the nation," said Doug Jefferson, program director. "We're very proud of what they've accomplished."

The squad has produced several university-level cheerleaders, including students who have transferred to TCU, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, North Texas, Kentucky and other programs. The 2010 squad includes participants from Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, Oregon, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The team is now preparing for summer camp held at SMU in July.

Shawn Brogan, a former WC cheerleader and a former member of the national championship squad from North Texas, is the program's head coach.

Black & Gold goes Green

“Going green” is not just the catchy buzz phrase du jour for Johnson Controls, the College’s contracted facilities management and maintenance firm. Beyond the recycling bins for paper and aluminum cans and energy-efficient heating and cooling, the company has taken another big step to reduce its environmental footprint by recently switching all WC yard equipment and vehicles to G-Oil, a new automotive motor oil made with American-grown renewable animal fats.

It takes three barrels of crude oil to make one barrel of motor oil, but it only takes one barrel of animal fat to produce one barrel of G-Oil, according to the web site of its manufacturer Green Earth Technology.

These products will biodegrade in less than a month and carry a hazmat rating of zero. The two-cycle oil used in weed-eaters, blowers, power-washers and chainsaws does not smoke and emits 75 percent less pollutants into the atmosphere.

Supporting the advancement of renewable and green energy technology is a cornerstone of Johnson Controls’ corporate philosophy, said Joe Herndon, director of Johnson Controls’ operations for WC facilities.

“We believe it is essential to share solutions and ideas that will create a more sustainable future. Johnson Controls is proud to be a global industrial leader in providing energy efficient and sustainable products, services and solutions.”

Class notes

Aaron and Lacey Johnson welcomed new daughter Sydnee Elaine Johnson into the world on January 19. Sydnee was 7 lbs, 11 oz and 19 inches long. Both Aaron and Lacey are WC alumni, and Aaron is the son of Marsha Johnson, WC’s executive assistant to the vice president of institutional advancement.

Amy Lancaster was named Teacher of the Year at Weatherford’s Seguin Elementary School, and **Erin Riley** was named Teacher of the Year at Wright Elementary.

Coyotes competing at the next level



Photo courtesy of UT Sports Photography.

Former Coyote Paul Montalbano, above, is making an impact with the Texas Longhorn baseball program. The outfielder and pitcher hit a game-winning RBI against Texas State on April 13th, hit .500 in a series against Baylor, and scored the game-winning run against Baylor on May 1st.

Former Coyote basketball player Roderick Flemings, to the right, was chosen as an honorable mention selection to the all-Western Athletic Conference team as a forward for the University of Hawaii. Flemings averaged a team-high 16.6 points per game. The Desoto native earned Player of the Year honors for the Coyotes in 2007-08.



Photo courtesy of UH Athletics.

Attention alumni: We need your email address!

Please send your email address to bbaker@wc.edu, so WC can send you updates, event notices, etc.

Robin Haught Maynard and **Kenneth Johnston** were named Brock High School Outstanding Alumni in February. Robin and her husband, Wes, own and operate Mesquite Pit Restaurant in Weatherford. Kenneth is a former Grand Prairie ISD principal.

Dr. Lisa Nash ('85) was named associate dean for educational programs at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Brock native spent the previous seven years as program

director for the Family Medicine Residency Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Christopher “Brian” Scott ('06) graduated with his bachelor’s degree in management from Texas State University in May. Scott is the son of WC staff member Linda Hutton.

Shelly Tandy ('90) welcomed baby boy Hance Anderson on March 11. Hance’s grandmother is Martha Tandy, WC’s library director.

“Taste of Parker County” big success for WC Foundation



The second annual “Taste of Parker County” was another unqualified success, said Weatherford College Foundation officials, raising about \$13,000 in scholarship funds.

The event drew a steady crowd of people eager to sample the culinary delights served up by 22 restaurants/caterers and three area wineries.

More than 330 people maneuvered from one food booth to another, with plates piled high with such delights as chicken fajitas, fudge, grilled shrimp, gourmet mac ‘n’ cheese topped with truffles, ribs, potato salad, buttermilk pie and chocolate cake, topping it off with a glass of sweet tea or a taste of locally-produced wines.

“One thing was unanimous: everyone had a great time,” said Joan Shaw, event chair and WC Foundation board member. “It’s a great way to sample some wonderful food and drinks while raising money to support our students. What a fun event. We can’t wait until next year!”



Pictured, top to bottom: City Kitchen’s chocolate truffle lollipops and fruit tarts were among the favorites. Serving up the delicious mac ‘n’ cheese topped with truffles kept The Wild Mushroom staff busy all evening as attendees sampled the restaurant’s popular side dish.

Exploring *from page 3.*

Literature course.

Along with a group from Tarleton State University, the students saw “Romeo and Juliet” at The Globe Theatre in London, viewed literary treasures in the British Library, toured the quads and cloisters at Oxford University, walked through Shakespeare’s birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, experienced St. Patrick’s Cathedral, toured the Dublin Writers Museum, kissed the stone at Blarney Castle and much more.

“We want to see our students ‘charged or changed’ by their study abroad adventures to become more perceptive members of the global community,” said Ainsworth. “The students have reflected on the ways they better understand the literature and its connection to place and culture and about how they feel their worlds have expanded through these experiences.”

The English Department left for a trip to London and Paris in May of this year, and the May 2011 study abroad courses will go to Greece and Italy.

For more information on the English Department’s study abroad courses, contact Adrienne Schott at aschott@wc.edu.



Brooklyn Bridge in New York (pictured left) and The Globe Theater in London (pictured right.)

New York’s so good, they named it twice, says Nancy McVean. New York City is, indeed, McVean’s kind of town. As theatre director at WC for more than 30 years, her love of theatre and the ultimate – Broadway – is a given, and her joy and enthusiasm in sharing it with others is a gift for all who participate in the annual spring trek.

The trip, a joint educational venture between WC and Blinn College, is open to students and community members alike, and the mixed group enjoys four days of immersion into the culture of one of the most diverse cities in the world - sightseeing, shopping, eating in ethnic eateries, and, of course, the main focus for the trip – attending plays on Broadway.

“What could be better?” said McVean.

“We always have a lot of fun, of course, but the real focus for students is learning about theatre and experiencing first-hand what it takes to produce those magnificent, huge productions.”

Just walking down any street in New York is an education unto itself, said Kathy Boswell, WC dean of health and human sciences, who, with her sister and a friend, has gone on the trip four times.

“We love it – the history, the diversity,” said Boswell. “It’s a different lifestyle, for sure, and it can be a very educational experience for a young person. Nancy is a great guide.”

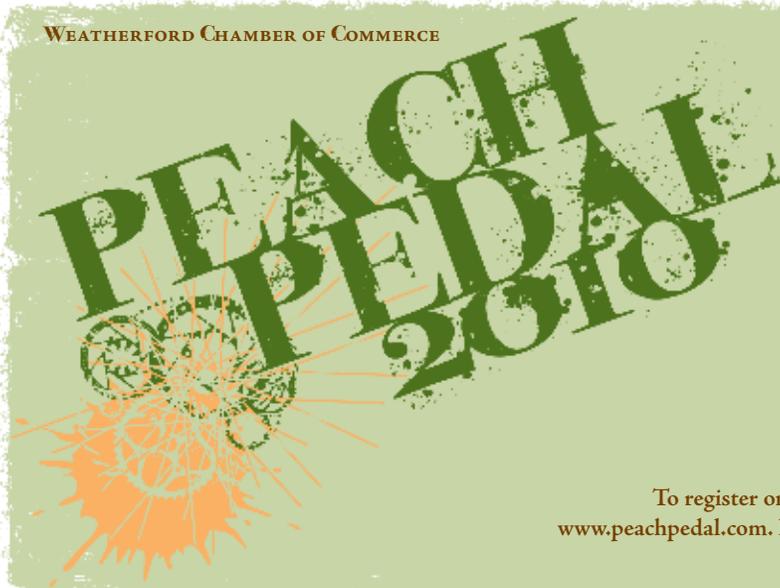
For more information about the New York Theatre trip, contact McVean at 817-598-6307. ☐

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JULY 10 - PEACH PEDAL BIKE RIDE

JULY 12 - SUMMER II BEGINS

AUG. 30 - FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

SEPT. 1 - MUSIC TRY-OUTS FOR FALL MUSICAL
6:30 p.m. at the Alkek Fine Arts Center

SEPT. 2 - ACTING TRY-OUTS FOR THE FALL MUSICAL
6:30 p.m. at the Alkek Fine Arts Center

NOV. 13 - COYOTE CHASE RACE AT THE WC WEATHERFORD CAMPUS
1 mile start at 9 a.m., 5K start at 9:30 a.m.