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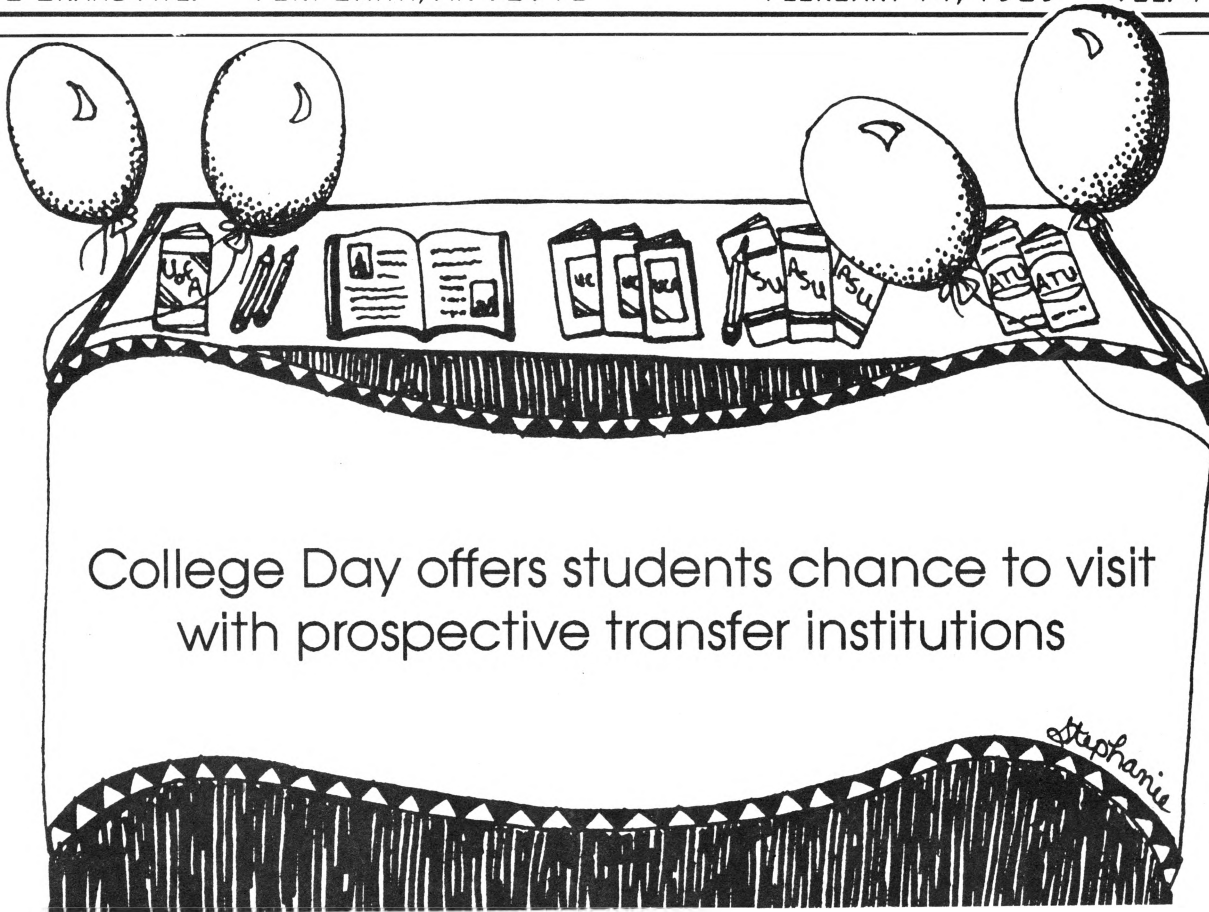
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College Day offers students chance to visit with prospective transfer institutions

Representatives from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri colleges and universities will have information available to any interested student at the seventh annual College and University Day.

"I invite all students to come and speak with the representatives about financial aid, scholarships, requirements, transferring courses, etc. Some universities give scholarships to community college graduates," says Cheryl Peters, counselor.

"Now is the time; time is drawing short. All the past college days have been successful. The representatives have been pleased to have Westark students, because the students are well prepared when they transfer," adds Peters.

Some of the institutions making appearances include: University of Missouri at Rolla; Spartan School of Aeronautics at Tulsa; Westminster College in Missouri; University of Arkansas for Medical Science at Little Rock; University of Central Arkansas at Conway; Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia; University of Arkansas at Monticello; John Brown University at Siloam Springs; University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Mo.; Arkansas Tech University at Russellville; Hendrix College at Conway; University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Arkansas State College at Batesville; Oklahoma State University at Tulsa; Northeastern State University at Tahlequah; College of Health Related Professions at Little Rock; University

of the Ozarks at Clarksville; Arkansas State University at Jonesboro; Henderson State University at Arkadelphia; Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia; and several ROTC representatives.

Some students express interest in the chance to check out some colleges and universities

"Yeah, sure I'm going to college day. I'll check it out," says Brenda Yandell, business major.

"I'll go because it's a good opportunity to gain a perspective on choosing a proper college," says James White, business major.

"Yeah, it's a good way to learn more about the campus and to get some information," says Stephan Hooper, computer major.

Other students caution that sometimes the representatives may sell rather than just share.

"I'm not going because you can't really judge a college unless you ask someone who's an authority on your major," says Beth Curry, elementary education major.

The upper level of the Fullerton Union has been set aside for the activity Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

by Tracy McClain and Stanley Sharp

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Scholarships available to Arkansas Tech

The financial aid office staff would like to encourage transferring students to Arkansas Tech University to apply for the President's Entering Junior Scholarship. Anyone meeting the criteria should get an application from the office in Room 214 of the student union.

1. Must be legal resident of Arkansas. 2. Must have graduated or be eligible to graduate by end of spring semester preceding transfer and have a minimum of 50 transferable hours to your program of study. 3. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or more. 4. Must have two letters of recommendation from WCC instructors, unofficial copy of transcript, current class schedule (if enrolled for current semester), and one-page summary describing academic goals. Application due by March 15.

Other colleges also offering scholarships

The financial aid office has information about transferring scholarships to UALR, U.of A., U. of the Ozarks and Arkansas Tech U. Students interested should contact the office in Room 214 of the student union.

Apply early for financial aid

Students planning to attend during the '89-'90 academic year should apply now for financial aid. Students interested in applying for federal financial aid should pick up the ACT Family Financial Statement (FFS) from the financial aid office in Room 214 of the student union. Scholarship applications due by March 15. Application for the Arkansas State Grant due by July 1.

No tobacco products allowed in Rec. Room

No smoking or use of smokeless tobacco is permitted in the recreation room in the student union. Everyone is urged to help keep the area clean. Recreation equipment may be checked out in the student activities office.

Quick results aren't easy to come by. Usually one must put a great deal of time and effort and then things don't always go as planned. However, the University Center, which only began being talked about in August, already rates a bill for the 77th General Assembly to vote on.

No one knows when voting for Senate Bill 300 will occur. The recently created act states it's "An act to establish a university center on the campus of Westark Community College so that selected upper-level and graduate courses and programs may be available in Fort Smith without the creation of a new institution of higher education, and to provide for the funding of such courses and programs."

"The next key step is the legislation," reveals Dr. Eric Priest, vice president of student affairs. "My personal preference would be to have it next fall, but it's not likely. The soonest we could even get one in might be the

fall of '90, and then it would be phased in, just bringing in a few majors at a time.

"The legislation may not end when the session ends, though. They may call a special session of the legislature -- they did it two years ago -- which could delay this."

The survey, which circulated beginning in November and ended with spring registration, revealed what administrators thought non-surprising results. Nearly 60 percent of the people who returned them list their ages as 29 or over. "Those are the significant numbers," comments Dr. Priest. "Those are the people which are sometimes called 'placebound.' They're not likely to commute or move to go to another college. If it's not in Fort Smith, then it's just not there for them. They have families, jobs, mortgages...they're not able to leave. This is why it's so important we get a university center here."

Officials expected around 2,000

responses, but responses to it numbered over 3,000. "We were really pleased to get this response. The purpose of this survey wasn't just to identify the need for the center, but to catalog where the greatest demand was. For instance, one of the greatest demands for bachelor's degrees was in the business program."

"Arkansas State University in Jonesboro," Priest explains, "serves 13 counties and gets 80 percent of their students from a 60-mile radius. This is a 190,000 population base. Westark serves approximately the same population base for seven counties and we now have 4,000 students. This is the second largest metropolitan base in Arkansas and we don't have a four-year university. With a university center, I think enrollment could go to six or seven thousand in a few years. This survey demonstrates that need, at least partially."

by Kassie Cassel



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WHAT IF...

New Board member Ft. Smith native

Linda Schmidt, a lifelong resident of Fort Smith, serves as the newest member of the Board of Trustees. The members, Sebastian county residents, get elected to six-year terms by public vote.

Schmidt got elected in November to serve in position nine on the board. She decided to run for the position because she realized the influence Westark has on the community. "Westark is a benefit to the community in many ways," she says. "The college not only serves us with commendable education programs, but also adds to our local culture in the entertainment it brings to Fort Smith."

Schmidt serves as president of the Board of the Fort Smith Symphony and also works with such community affairs as The Old Fort River Festival, The Junior League, and other volunteer work.

She attended the University of Mississippi and transferred to the University of Arkansas, majoring in arts and sciences. She obtained a degree in French and taught for three years at Northside High School. She has taught some classes at Westark since receiving her masters of business administration degree. Schmidt works in management at Southern Cigar and Candy Company, a family business since 1953. She has a husband and two children.

Schmidt replaces Lucille Speakman who resigned her board position due to health.

Other board members include Conaly Bedell - chairman, Edward Sanders - vice chairman, Mike Shaw - secretary, Larry Clark - treasurer, Dr. James Burgess, Carl D. Corley, Nancy Llewellyn, and Sam Sicard.

New chairman enjoys larger campus setting

Dr. Janet Sanders has joined the faculty as chair of the division of developmental education. She comes to Ft. Smith from Stillwell, Oklahoma, where she served for 11 and one-half years as academic dean at Flaming Rainbow University.

The change from a 200-student body campus to a 4,000-plus student body campus offers her "an opportunity to grow, and to help more people, and to share my ideas."

Dr. Sanders' division deals with developmental courses in such areas as reading, writing, math, etc. Students scoring low on their ACT tests usually must take these courses. This division also offers the course Learning to Learn for all college students, which teaches study skills such as managing time and working with textbooks.

"It is nice to come out of rough water into smooth," says Dr. Sanders. She says the differences between Westark

and Flaming Rainbow have made the change a pleasant one. Flaming Rainbow suffered from financial problems due to its small size. About Westark, "the ship is in shape and the structure is built," she says.

Former chairperson Dr. Nancy Vandett now serves as director of academic support and instructional services.

by Tracy McClain

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The transition from Flaming Rainbow to Westark has not only benefited Dr. Sanders, but also her family. Her son now has the opportunity to attend a larger school. And, she adds, her husband wanted a change. For these reasons and many others, Dr. Sanders says the family has been excited about moving.



Dr. Janet Sanders

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

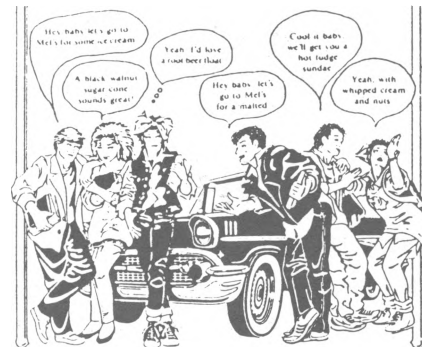


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Entries close Friday for Miss Westark pageant

"Attention! Entries close Friday for the Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant! Enter now!"

The countdown to the Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant begins Friday and on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., the Miss Westark Contestant Orientation occurs. Contestants must attend this phase of pageant preparations "because it is when we will explain the rules, and tell them what is expected of them," explains Stacey Jones, director of student activities and pageant chairman.

Photographers will also take pictures for the program book during this time. Jones asks girls who cannot attend to inform him at this time.

The Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant, which serves as a preliminary for the Miss America Pageant, contains four areas of competition: talent, swimsuit, evening gown and interview. The winner also competes in the Miss Arkansas Pageant this summer in Hot Springs.

by Chuck Becker

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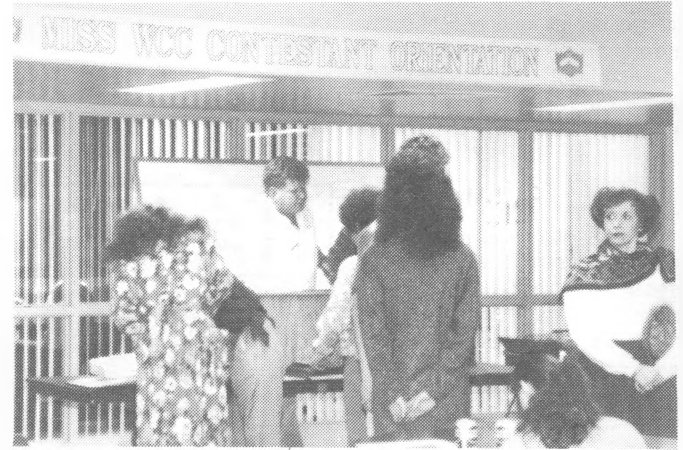
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Contestants, committee members, parents, and friends all attended last year's Miss Westark Contestant Orientation. To date, 15 young women have filled out applications to enter the scholarship pageant this year set for April 8. (LP file photos)



Club memberships excite sophomore

Many students join clubs for prestige, others join for something to pass time, but Mindy Atwood has many reasons why she joins clubs.

One of the reasons Mindy joined Phi Theta Kappa and Pride of Westark is for transferring to the University of Texas at Austin. "It looks great on my transcripts for joining other clubs at the University of Texas," says Mindy.

Mindy became a member of PTK in October. She likes being in an honor society. It gains prestige, but she thinks there should be equal amounts of younger college students to older students. "I don't like being one of ten younger people out of 60 members. It makes me feel really uncomfortable."

Since Phi Theta Kappa abides by nation-wide fraternity rules, the club initiates all members with a ceremony. "The initiation was the good part. I thought it was neat. The one thing that sticks in my mind about the ceremony was walking into the Breedlove Building with candles and then putting them into candleholders on the stage."

Mindy also joined Pride of Westark. "I joined Pride of Westark for transferring to U of T, but it also helps

me to meet other people on campus."

Mindy filled out various applications and wrote many essays to get selected for Pride of Westark. "I wrote essays on what kind of leadership skills I have and what can I benefit from the organization. It was exhausting. After all the writing, I had to go to a reception to meet the faculty to be judged."

Dr. Eric Priest, vice president of student affairs, Carol Ann Davis, former president of Pride of Westark, Penny Pendleton, recruiter for the college, and Stacey Jones, student activities director interviewed Mindy as well as over 60 other applicants. "I was really scared and I felt like I was being judged on appearances," says Mindy.

Mindy's final project consisted of a recruitment speech on why a person should attend Westark. "I remember being terrified of speaking in front of a large crowd."

Chosen from 60 applicants, becoming a leader in Pride of Westark excited Mindy. "I couldn't believe the judges chose me."

Mindy always finds time to be active in clubs whether it's in school or out

of school. "I like being active in clubs because it gives me something to do since I don't work. Plus you get to meet a lot of people. Being active in clubs and being a leader will help me in future events as far as speaking to large groups of people and feeling

comfortable doing it.

"One thing I like about Pride is the experience because University of Texas has a club just like Pride and I will have had the training."

by Heather Ingram



Mindy Atwood (in highlight) surrounded by Carol Ann Davis and Kendra Morton along with other members of Pride of Westark. (photo by Curtis Haney)

Star of last drama production reminisces

"I lived it," says Chuck Becker, of Eugene, the character he portrayed in Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

Chuck looks at the 1987 production, the final of the drama program before its suspension, as an emotional release. "Being Eugene really gave me a chance to show my emotions. There were portions of the play I put my all into. I mean, the kid had problems with his brother and I've had those problems, too. Being the younger brother, problems with his mom, how he coped with those problems -- they were all emotions I'd dealt with, too, but I'd never been able to get them out."

Despite all the similarities, Chuck had problems with one scene. "I was supposed to look at a photo of a Paris streetwalker. I couldn't get it right because I don't normally look at those kinds of pictures. Someone put an actual nude photo out for me to pick up. I was so shocked, I started babbling, but I finally reacted the way Eugene would have acted."

Chuck auditioned at the suggestion of his high school drama instructor and

got the part over five others "because I look the part. I mean, I'm almost 20 and look like I'm in junior high. I'm also hyper, which helped."

While working on "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Chuck also worked on a church performance, "Papa John's Musical Garden." "I ran into a scheduling conflict, but the whole time I was running back and forth to rehearsals, I was thinking, 'Wow, what work!' I think people who are really busy, really love it. I know I did."

Chuck, a journalism major, hopes to minor in performing arts. "I think I might like to write about the performing arts in a drama magazine. There's really a need for it. Not everyone goes into theatre as a career, but the emotional experience is terrific."

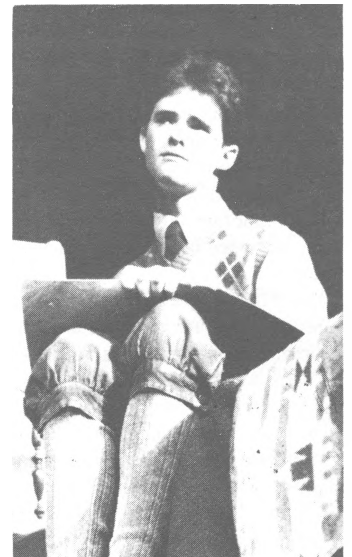
Chuck, who did "Brighton Beach Memoirs" during his senior year at Southside High School, intended to join Westark's drama club during his freshman year. However, due to financial restrictions and low enrollment in drama courses (although participation in production was at a high), Chuck found the Westark drama program suspended.

"My first semester here I felt like I wasn't part of anything. The one thing I was really involved in and came to Westark for was taken away. I think

others experienced the cultural shock, also."

by Barbara Pope

"The one thing I was really involved in and came to Westark for was taken away." (LP file photo)



Features



Gabe Peters, director of financial aid (photo by Curtis Haney)



Pam Cook, financial aid counselor, answers questions about the ACT financial packet. (photo by Curtis Haney)

Lots of financial aid available to students

Many students have a hard time coping with the rising costs of going to college. They shouldn't give up, though, because help does exist.

The U.S. Department of Education has several types of aid for students who show financial need. These programs include **grants**, which do not get paid back; **loans**, which students repay with interest; and **work study programs**, which give students the chance to work and earn money for school at the same time.

One government grant available, the Pell Grant, is for undergraduates only. Students must enroll at least half-time and it usually has a limit of five full years of college, according to the Student Guide published by the U.S. Department of Education.

SEOG, another grant available, also goes only to undergraduates. A campus-based program, these awards depend upon the availability of funds.

The Stafford Loan or Guaranteed Student Loans for "undergraduate and graduate students who must be enrolled at least half-time, must be repaid," states the Guide.

College work study provides students with an on-campus job. Graduate and undergraduate students alike can participate in it. However, because it is campus-based, it has limited funds.

Other programs for students include state and private-based programs, according to the Westark Scholarships and Financial Aid Handbook. All of these programs reach students with financial need and any student wanting information about any or all of them can find it in the Financial Aid Office on the upper level of the Fullerton Student Union.

"I couldn't have started back to school ... without the financial aid"

"Our nation enrolls twice as many of its people in post-secondary study as the Soviet Union, ten times as many as France, and 15 times the total in the United Kingdom," says the Student Guide published by the Department of Education. How do all of these students pay for their education? Some pay for it with financial aid.

Who benefits from financial aid?

Tony and Sally Jannetta's sons couldn't have attended college without a program for assistance they received from the University of Pennsylvania. They make too much money for the typical "financial aid," but couldn't afford to send their sons to Penn. without assistance, according to *Money* magazine.

They received a loan from the university to pay for the entire amount of their sons' education and, therefore, eliminated tuition raises occurring during the four years they attend.

Closer to home, Juanita Smith attends Westark full-time, edits *Lion Pride* and receives financial aid. "I couldn't have started back to school after four years without the financial aid." Juanita receives federal aid in the form of a Pell Grant, state aid for her grades, and has a journalism scholarship.

If not for financial aid, many students wouldn't be able to attend college at all. Not just students like Juanita, but also students like the Jannetta's who want to go to a major university.

"Financial assistance opens the door to higher education for many who could not otherwise afford its cost," states the U.S. Department of Education.

Scholarships available to needy students

A person wants to go to college, however, his family does not fall into the financially needy category and they can't afford to send him on their own. Can he still go to college? It depends.

Many scholarship programs exist for students who can't afford to go to college, says the 1988 College Money Handbook. Some include merit scholarships, based on high school grades or previous college courses; minority scholarships, for women, blacks, American Indians and other minorities; and private awards not necessarily based on any of the aforementioned criteria.

Students don't have to have a genius IQ or be financially needy or a minority to receive assistance for college, according to *Money* magazine. A lot of banks and savings and loans offer loans to parents of children wanting to go to college. Also colleges and private institutions offer scholarships, awards and grants to any student who meets the guidelines and applies early enough for consideration.

Some of the scholarships available to students include Departmental Scholarships, available in band, vocal and piano, French and Spanish, journalism, student government, and men's and women's athletics. "Students must contact the individual departments for the applications for these scholarships," says Gabe Peters from the financial aid office.

Scholarships available for high schools students include: Academic Scholarships for high school graduating seniors; S.H. Blakely, Hattie Mae Butterfield, Louella Krehbiel and Lucille Speakman High Academic Achievement Scholarships; Freshman Incentive Scholarship for Black students; WCC National Honor Society Summer Scholarship Program and the Pepsi Scholarship (contact high schools).

Other scholarships for students include: WCC Technical Scholarships, WCC Scholarship for Adult Learners, Non-traditional Vocational Education Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships and many more.

Some employers from local companies also offer programs for their employees when they take a job related course and the Senior Citizens Tuition Waiver allows Arkansas residents at least 60-years old to attend certain classes on a space available basis. Interested students should contact the financial aid office.



Financial aid advisor Pam Cook gives Teresa Williams a packet containing information about available scholarships. (photo by Curtis Haney)

How to apply for financial aid

How do interested students apply for the different types of financial aid and how might they decide which types they can apply for?

First, students must decide if they need non-need-based assistance or need-based assistance. All students should start with the financial aid office. If a student decides he needs non-need-based assistance he should go to the head of the department in which he wants the scholarship, and request an application for the specific scholarship he wishes to apply for. The departmental scholarship application time lasts only a while during one part of the year, so students must get their applications returned before the deadline. If students decide they need need-based assistance, they must get a financial aid packet from the financial aid office.

The federal financial aid package includes: ACT guide, "Applying for Financial Aid"; Arkansas Student Data Form (SDF); Family Financial Statement (FFS) Instructions and Code List; Arkansas Student Assistance Grant (State Scholarship Program) Instructions and the Family Financial Statement (FFS).

To fill out the required information students need their parents' last Federal Income Tax return (if living at home), or their last tax return if not a parent's dependent, or spouse's last tax return, if married. After finishing the forms in the ACT packet, students should take the completed forms to the financial aid office along with the tax form and have either Gabe Peters or Pam Cook check it before the student mails it. This way, if any changes have occurred not on the tax forms, one of these advisors can assist in making the corrections on the financial aid forms.

After receiving a response to the forms (about six to eight weeks later), students should take it to the financial aid office to find out what types of assistance can be received and how much.

In My Opinion

Valentines Day offers gifts, but maybe not enough love

Today we celebrate St. Valentine's Day, but how many of us really know how it came about or why?

Many people, myself included, have always believed Valentine's Day comes from the Saint Valentines (yes, there were two) of old. Actually, the sending of the valentine card has nothing to do with the Saints.

The valentine, a special kind of greeting card, probably became the first of greeting cards. And as we all know now, the greeting card business thrives, especially around February 14. The valentines made of paper date as far back as the 16th century.

St. Valentine's Day became popular as a day for a lovers festival. However, the custom for the lovers does not connect with the Saints. They both became martyrs in the third century.

Even though the holiday doesn't connect with anyone famous or infamous, it remains a time for romance and love to fill the air. Through the years, the traditions going along with this holiday have taken hold and seem to become more extravagant each year. Used to, lovers stayed happy if they could be together. Then, as time passed, they began giving the valentine cards. Later, little valentine candies and small heart-shaped boxes of chocolates began to catch on. Now, people expect too much. If a woman doesn't receive a giant heart-shaped box of chocolates, a dozen red roses, a card and something else (ie. ring, diamonds, gold, clothes, etc.) she isn't satisfied. I admit not all women are like this, but a mass majority are. At least a lot I know. So men, if you want to keep your sweetheart happy, I hope you have saved a lot of money for this day.

On the other hand, if we women would quit thinking about ourselves, we might just receive more than we ever expected. If we take the pressure off these guys, they might actually become nice men. Valentine's Day should be shared by the both of you, not just one giving and one receiving. Both of you could get a surprise. You might find out exactly what you're feelings are and what those of your lover are.

Think about it! How many of you want only what you can get from a relationship? Take this day to consider. Take this day to tell the one you love, you love him. Express your feelings and don't expect too much. A quiet evening alone sounds great to me.

by Juanita Smith



Letters To The Editor

Bookstore manager discusses inventory rationale

Dear Editor,

We appreciate all the student interest in the bookstore. At our present location, the Grand Avenue project and the lack of parking have caused a serious cut in business. For this reason, we have been fairly limited on how much we carry in novelty items and clothing. With the upcoming Business Annex renovations and the accompanying parking lot and tunnel, we look forward to an increase in business. This will enable us to carry a wider variety of insignia items in both styles and sizes.

We welcome all student ideas. Come by the bookstore anytime and give your ideas to myself or any of the staff. We have several new ideas for the bookstore, so keep your eyes open and watch *Lion Pride* for our upcoming ad campaign.

Jeanne Stevens
Bookstore Manager

Physical plant takes care of flag

Dear S.P.,

The problem with the flag flying upside down has been corrected. Apparently, the person in charge simply made a mistake when putting the flags up at six in the morning when it's still dark. It has been rectified.

Ed Nagy
Director of the Physical Plant

Vice president offers procedure for medical emergencies

In regard to the letter received from W.H.T., Dr. Eric Priest, vice president for student affairs, sent the following procedures stating what to do in the case of an accident or an illness.

When an accident occurs, the first person to arrive should decide how serious the accident is. If the person injured needs Emergency Medical Service (EMS), someone should notify the switchboard operator and give the specific location of the accident, the kind of accident or injury, whether or not the injured party is conscious and express a need for EMS. If the switchboard doesn't answer, call EMS directly at 783-4151 and provide them with the same information. Also, contact the campus police at extension 7050.

If the injury doesn't require EMS, get immediate first aid or arrange for the injured to go to an emergency room, doctor, etc. Stay at the location until the campus police get there and give them all of the available information for their accident report.

Any accident which involves a Westark vehicle either on-campus or off-campus needs to be reported to Jim Underwood, vice president for finance and administration at ext. 7007.

In a case where someone suddenly takes ill (i.e. has a heart attack, seizure, or goes unconscious), anyone around (student, staff, or faculty member) should call the switchboard operator and give their name, the specific location, the precise situation (exactly what's happening), and state a need for Emergency Medical Service. If the switchboard doesn't answer, someone should call EMS directly or in the case of a heart attack, call the Heartmobile at 782-8500.

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In Your Opinion

What would students do as U. S. president?

American comedians made fun of Reaganomics in 1988, and now they aim for a new target. George Bush swore his allegiance to America January 20 in an inauguration speech.

Cartoons soon followed, but Vice President Dan Quayle proves more subject this year. Students learn from these comedians and make jokes of their own. "Hey, that's the American way," says Joe Hicks, paramedics major.

This week's poll deals with this concept. People complain, but could they do better, and if so, how? Students responded to the question, "If you were elected president of the United States, what would you do to better this country?"

Every student commented about thoughts bettering the ideas of previous presidents and topping all previous American national governments, but only seven out of fourteen, or 50 percent, of the students polled gave a serious answer. "We've watched too many of Eddie Murphy's releases," adds Joe.

Like many politicians, students had good-sounding ideas, but no explanations for how they would implement them.

by Stanley Sharp
(photos by Stanley Sharp)



"I'd help the homeless in America first, and then deal with the apartheid in South Africa," says Lazandra "Cookie" Thomas.



"I'd cut taxes, have equal rights for everybody, stop unemployment, and give everybody a raise," says Kim Reaves.



"I'd try to find a solution, without increasing welfare, for the homeless and the poverty level. I'd improve the educational systems too," says Julie Feener.



"I'd quit giving so much foreign aid and give more aid to the American homeless," says Kelly Blackwell.



"I would stop discrimination," says Iris Golden.



"I'd send all the presidents of other countries a rose with an invitation to have my picture taken with them. Then, we'd all be happy," says Tamara Franklin.

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road games this week, next

Monday match with Bacone last home games

A trip to NEO Thursday faces the Lions and Lady Lions before their final regular season home games Monday, Feb. 20, against Bacone.

The Cowboys of Connors State, in a Bi-State East game Thursday in Warner, OK, held Clyde Fletcher to just four points during the second half. "They had our two leading scorers covered," says coach Bobby Vint, "and it's pretty effective."

Wayne Embry scored 24 points in the losing effort. Clyde chipped in 12 and Ezell Calvin had 13. But it wasn't enough as the Lions lost to Connors State 78-75.

"I thought our kids came out and played their hearts out," says coach Vint, "with our man defense. We never gave up and we had a chance at the end. That's what you want when you're on the road."

The Lions fell to 19-7 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

The Lady Lions fought to the end against a team ranked second in the nation but lost 84-73. The Lady Lions fell to 8-17 overall and 1-6 in the conference.

Eastern came into town February 2 tied with the Lions and Clyde Fletcher got the crowd ranting with a slam early on, but Eastern had a three point lead and the halftime scoreboard

showed the Lions losing 34-30.

Early in the second half Eastern jumped to a seven point lead, but the Lions pulled to within two when the "Memphis Connection" of Ezell Calvin to Clyde on the alley-oop tied it up at 43.

The two teams then battled back and forth throughout the second half with neither team taking a decisive lead. Westark came away with the win 77-75 thanks to two clutch free throws by Kenneth Allen.

"I think Kenneth showed what kind of person he is by sinking those two free throws," says Coach Vint.

The Lions were paced in scoring by Wayne Embry with 20, Clyde with 18, Kenneth with 12, and Tim Durden came off the bench to hit nine points.

The Lady Lions accomplished something that night they hadn't been able to do yet this season, they won a conference game by defeating the Eastern ladies 49-42, and breaking a three-game losing streak.

The Lady Lions defeated Eastern by playing what coach Louis Whorton describes as a tough zone defense and some terrific offense.

"That's the first time we've done that since I've been at WCC," says Coach Whorton, "We just don't play that much zone."

The Carl Albert Trojans charged into the Lion's Den February 6 after the Lions defeated them earlier in Poteau, OK. In the first meeting Wayne Embry scored 30 points.

The Lions played their own game, took charge and didn't relinquish it at all. At the half WCC led 34-26, thanks to a 19-7 run with 9:20 to go in the first half. Clyde Fletcher scored 14 points at the half and Wayne Embry had 6.

The Lions came out of the locker room to start the second half with a nine point run. The Lions jumped to a 20-point lead at one point. As close as the Trojans could come was seven points but that just wasn't close enough as the Lions won it 70-62.

Clyde finished with 23 points to lead

the Lions in the scoring department.

"We can't mentally relax when we have a big lead," says Coach Vint, "It's just like when you're down by two or three, you can't relax."

The Lady Lions took on Carl Albert's Trojanettes in their version of the Bi-State East Conference game and the Lady Lion's lost 62-54

The Trojanettes jumped to an 11-4 lead early in the first half and the Lady Lions just couldn't come back.

The Lions and Lady Lions close regular season play at Eastern Wednesday, Feb. 22. The teams will then prepare for the Arkansas State Basketball Tournament February 27 - March 1.

by Chuck Newman

"That's the first time we've done that since I've been at WCC, ... "We just don't play that much zone."

- Louis Whorton



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Wayne Embry puts the big D on an NEO opponent. The Lions face NEO in a rematch Thursday night. (photo by Jody Rhoads)

PLAY BALL !!!

Baseball Lions open season Saturday in Conway

"Take me out to the ballgame." Yes, it's that time of year again. Time for green grass, balls, bats, and gloves. It's baseball season!

The baseball Lions return nine players from last season's 33-19 squad and add 15 recruits to form the 24-man roster. The Lions will be coached again by Bill Crowder, now in his 24th season. Coach Crowder is assisted by Rick Ritschel (former St. Louis Cardinals organization pitcher), Jack McKnight (former San Francisco Giants organization player), and volunteer coach Bobby Jones (technology division instructor).

The Lions open the season with a doubleheader at UCA in Conway Saturday, Feb. 18, then travel to Arkansas Tech Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Lions play their first home game of the season Thursday, Feb. 23, when Arkansas Tech rolls into town for a doubleheader. Then the Lions play on the road with two doubleheaders at

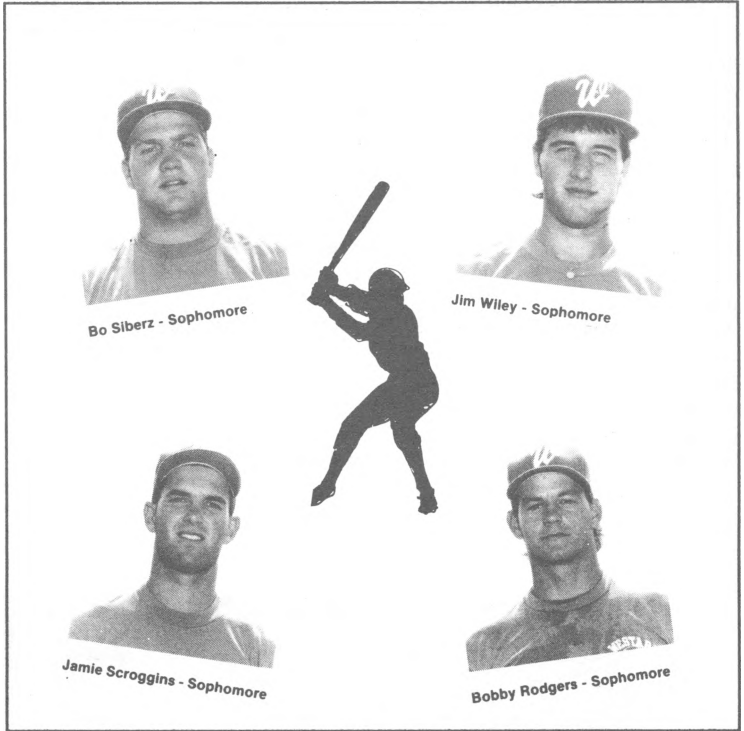
Paris, Texas, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-26.

The Lions then return home to open March with a ten-game homestand.

The 1989 Lions include: David Christenberry, Jeff Cooper, Brad Cox, Marc Denson, Kevin Ervin, Bobby Harper, Brad Jones, Dennis Keeley, Doug DeBlanc, Eddie Lee, Hayes Lemley, Andy Menard, Rick McFerrin, Bobby Moudy, P.T. Plunkett, Reggie Rice, Pryor Robertson, Bobby Rodgers, Jamie Scroggins, Bo Siberz, Phillip Ward, Jim Wiley, David Williams, and Aaron Van Scoyoc.

"The boys are itching to play," says Crowder. "We've spent a lot of time on fundamentals." Crowder boasts a 722-303 career record in his 24 seasons as the WCC skipper. Crowder's record puts him at seventh on the list of all-time winningest coaches for JuCo baseball.

by **Chuck Newman**



BASEBALL LIONS SCHEDULE 1989

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat. - Feb. 18	UCA	There	1:00
Tues. - Feb. 21	Arkansas Tech	There	1:00
Thurs. - Feb. 23	Arkansas Tech	Here	2:00
Sat. - Feb. 25	Paris, Texas	There	1:00
Sun. - Feb. 26	Paris, Texas	There	1:00
Thurs. - Mar. 2	Northark	Here	2:00
Fri. - Mar. 3	Longview Community College	Here	5:00
Sun. - Mar. 5	*Bethany Lutheran Jr. College	Here	2:00
Tues. - Mar. 7	Bethany Lutheran Jr. College	Here	2:00
Fri. - Mar. 10	*Bethany Lutheran Jr. College	Here	1:30
Sat. - Mar. 11	Oklahoma Junior College	Here	2:00
Tues. - Mar. 14	**Carl Albert	There	1:00
Thurs. - Mar. 16	Garland County Community College	There	1:00
Sat. - Mar. 18	Seminole Junior College	Here	1:00
Fri. - Mar. 24	Indian Hills	Here	2:00
Thurs. - Mar. 23	Iowa Western	Here	2:00
Sat. - Mar. 25	Indian Hills	Here	2:00
Mon. - Mar. 27	Southwest Iowa	Here	3:00
Fri. - Mar. 31	Northark	There	1:30
Tues. - Apr. 4	**Bacone	There	1:00
Thurs. - Apr. 6	Seminole Junior College	There	1:00
Sat. - Apr. 8	**Eastern State	Here	1:00
Tues. - Apr. 11	**Carl Albert	Here	5:00
Fri. - Apr. 14	LaBette Jr. College-Kansas	There	2:00
Sat. - Apr. 15	**NEO	There	5:00
Tues. - Apr. 18	**Connors State	There	1:00
Thurs. - Apr. 20	Garland County Community College	Here	2:00
Sat. - Apr. 22	**Bacone	Here	5:00
Tues. - Apr. 25	**Eastern State	There	1:00
Fri. - Apr. 28	LaBette Jr. College-Kansas	Here	3:00
Tues. - May 2	**NEO	Here	5:00
Sat. - May 6	**Connors State	Here	5:00
May 12 - May 16	NJCAA Region II Tournament	Tulsa, OK	

* Denotes only One Game - all others Double Headers
 ** Denotes Conference Games

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Deadline to register for the March 18 CLEP test is Wednesday, February 22.

Deadline to get measured for cap and gown is Tuesday, February 28.

Visit the Counseling Center for more information

Sign-ups open soon for spring intramurals

Spring intramurals on the calendar include 3-on-3 basketball, tennis and volleyball.

According to Coach Louis Whorton, director of intramurals, though participation has been low in recent years, turnout should be good. He expects 20 to 25 teams of 3-on-3 basketball and about 16 teams of tennis. Volleyball, however, doesn't usually do as well and may be replaced next year.

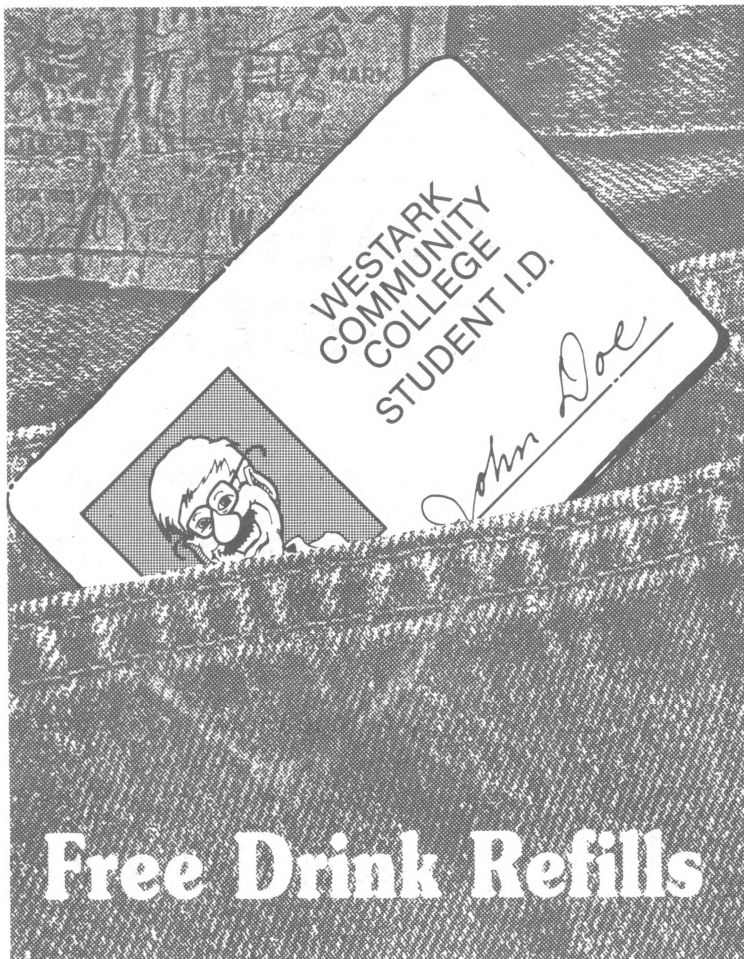
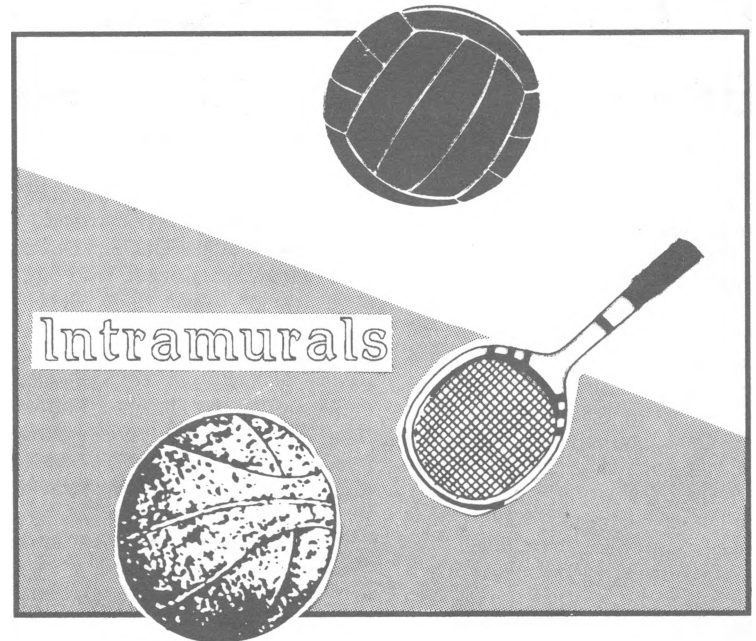
3-on-3 basketball is half-court, which makes the games go more quickly than regular basketball games. According to Whorton, it probably has the largest turnout of all intramurals.

You don't have to have a lot of

interested friends to participate. Individuals as well as teams may sign up with Whorton in the Gym or with Stacey Jones in the student activities office in the student union. You also need not be an incredible athlete. Whorton says he gets "bunches and bunches" of participants with little experience in sports. "It is a great way for students to get to know each other in a setting besides classrooms."

Students with questions about sign-up dates should contact Whorton in the Gym. Sign-ups for 3-on-3 basketball run March 6-17.

by Jason Earll



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Westark Club News Bulletin Board

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Choir Today is the last day to buy valentine candy choir is selling to help raise money for their spring production. There are three sizes of heart-shaped boxes filled with a mixture of different candies in each. To buy a box contact any choir member or Logan Green in BB 201. Choir is also sponsoring a bake sale in the lower level of the student union today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring valentine goodies and also boxed candy.

Rehearsal for the spring production of "The Mikado" has begun. Anyone interested in helping with the production and/or joining choir should contact Logan Green in BB 201 or call ext. 7228. Some non-acting positions are still needed. Choir is open to all students. Choir members will also be selling peanut & pecan brittle and chocolate turtles to raise money for the production. To purchase some contact any choir member.

Blue Knights have been assisting the campus police with security at the basketball games and will also assist at any club functions. For information contact Dr. Ron Tucker at ext. 7334.

Student Activities Council meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in BB 110. All students are considered members and are urged to participate.


Baptist Student Union meets this semester on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. for an "All You Can Eat Lunch" provided by area churches. There are different speakers each week and plenty of food for everyone. Thursday's at 12:30 p.m. is a Brown Bag lunch and Bible study titled "Dive in with Darrel," led by the BSU director Darrel Ray. Thursday night at 7 p.m. is T.N.T., "a truly explosive time with friends," says Darrel. For more information about any activity call 782-1219.

Sign Language Club has elected new officers for the spring semester. They are President - Shari Furman, Vice President - Robert McSparin Jr., Secretary - Carey McCurtchan, Treasurer - Teresa Daniel, Reporter - Audra Sargent, Photographer - Bill Burkhart, and Historian - Paul Sayavong. They are still sponsoring a "wishing well" which is placed at various businesses in the community. All proceeds from the well go to help Special Olympics. The club meets every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in L 106.

Phi Beta Lambda celebrates "Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda week" this week. This coincides with the observance of National Vocational Education week. The week culminates in a round table discussion with investment counselor Mike Scherry of A.G. Edwards. Scherry will speak with students about investment careers and investment options at noon Friday in the Fullerton Union Board Room. Other discussion sessions with different business leaders from the community are planned for the future, as well as fund raising and recruiting activities.

International Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in the conference room behind the salad bar in the student union. Everybody is welcome to attend and participate.

Foreign Language Club meets at 12:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at Cucos Restaurant in Phoenix Village Mall. Sign-up for the meeting is in BB 206. Everyone is welcome.



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