

WHCC President's REPORT

August 2007 Coalinga/NDC

to the Board

COALINGA

FACILITIES

The WHC Coalinga Educational Employees Credit Union ATM was down on August 21, 2007 for installation of new equipment and testing. EECU had "greeters" on hand August 22 and August 23, from 11 am to 3 pm, to instruct members on "how to utilize the new technology that was installed."

Thirty sinks and thirty faucets were replaced in Gordon Hall. Twenty shower heads were replaced with completion by August 24, 2007. Also being replaced are 32 light fixtures (covering all 4 bathrooms). Projected start date on this project is September 3, 2007 and is anticipated to be a five day project.

Paving Schedule. Construction started on Falcon Lane (replacing the road) and was completed on Saturday, August 25, 2007. The gymnasium parking lot will be cleaned, patched, painted and re-stripped (anticipated completion is September 15, 2007).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

July 24, 2007 the Upward Bound (UB) Program ended the leaders' luncheon series with a special guest speaker. Dr. Lewallen, West Hills College Coalinga President addressed the students. Dr. Lewallen shared his personal and professional experiences in the community colleges.

July 25, 2007 the UB Program and Scott Sutherland presented the movie Airplane. This was the last movie featured as part of the summer 2007 Five Favorite Film Festival.

July 27, 2007 marked the end of the UB Summer 2007 Program. The program closed with an educational trip to Stanford University. The students toured the campus and visited Six Flags Great America.

August 1-2, 2007 the Student Support Services (SSS) Program sponsored orientations at the Coalinga and Firebaugh campuses respectively. Approximately 50 students attended the orientation. The program orientations mark the beginning of the activities for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Robert Wallace attended the Annual Student Trustee Conference Workshop held in Santa Clara August 10-12, 2007. Robert Wallace would like to thank the Chancellor's Office and the WHC District Board of Trustees for sponsoring his registration and travel to this important educational student conference training.

WHC Coalinga ASB had a very successful two day Welcome Back Event. ASB students invited various community organizations and campus programs to an information fair held in the quad area during the noon hour. Students visited each booth for information and enjoyed a free BBQ. An estimated 500 visitors participated in the two day event.

ASB encourages everyone to participate in the weekly meetings scheduled every Wednesday, from noon-1:00 pm, in the Library (L6). Currently, ASB meetings are conducted via two-way-video-conference between Coalinga (L6) and Firebaugh (NDC Room 35) to enhance greater student participation.

August 18, 2007 "Moshfest" Band Concert. WHC Coalinga ASB hosted their first fundraiser in the Coalinga Theatre featuring three local bands: After The Suffering, Wrath Within, and War Bound. ASB earned \$397 from the Saturday event. Mr. Gamino wants to thank Jesus Flores, Jozef Mondec, Martina Ivarsson, and Robert Wallace for taking the lead on campus activities.

The TRiO Dance group is open to everyone. A one unit credit is also available to those who may want to enroll on the PA 23 class. For more details please contact Juana Zaragoza at 934-2321.

EOPS/CARE Program orientations were held in Coalinga and at NDC. Student attendance at each of these sites topped the one hundred mark. The EOPS Program was able to deliver a Book Service within the first week of class to all eligible students.

September 18, 2007 Care Program (single head of household) participants will be attending the Central California Women's Conference to be held in Fresno. This event serves to inspire women in their educational and professional development.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

August 6-13, 2007 Daniel Tamayo was in Hong Kong. He led a team of five colleges in an aggressive recruiting campaign. Hong Kong is one of the best recruiting markets for West Hills College.

RESIDENCE HALLS

In the residence halls, there are currently 115 males and 50 females. The Residence Hall Association is arranging an array of activities ranging from cultural dance demonstrations to board/electric games to scenic trips.

FARM OF THE FUTURE

Joy Cowden presented at the ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego, discussing *Teaching Precision Agriculture at a California Community College*. The conference is attended by Arc View users from around the world. In addition, Clint and Joy attended an ESRI user's group meeting in Oahu, while they were on vacation.

Merlin Welch attended the National LICA (Land Improvement Contractors of America) conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

John Deere has been holding their training at the college since early July and has had a great turnout for classes in everything from sales to precision agriculture. The training is for all John Deere employees located throughout the Western United States and taught by John Deere employees.

The Farm of the Future is looking to have a good crop of almonds. The 11 acres of Non-Pareil had a field weight of 57,000 lbs and the rest of the almonds should be delivered to the processor by the first of September.

Again, this year the irrigation well was down for approximately 3 weeks. The good news it is up and running with minimal crop loss for next year.

The Precision Agriculture Program continues to recruit top-notch students. This program has two students that are National FFA Proficiency Finalists, one student for the second time. There are also five students that will be receiving their American Farmer Degree.

Merlin Welch and Clint Cowden attended the CATA conference this summer in San Luis Obispo. Additionally the Ag Ambassadors had an informational booth about the Farm of the Future and informed over 500 Ag teachers about Heavy Equipment, Rodeo and Precision Ag Programs at West Hills.

The rodeo unit relocation is still underway and making progress. The irrigation and the fencing should be completed shortly.

CURRICULUM

The DSPS (Disabled Student Program and Services) Program, along with the efforts of two dedicated instructors, Dr. Jefferies and Mr. Winters, have succeeded in increasing the DSPS student participation rate in the Guidance Support courses (classes intended to provide instruction and tutorial assistance to the DSPS student).

PERSONNEL

Garcia's Photography has been at the various college sites this month taking photos of full time faculty and staff for the WHC 75th Anniversary Book. WHC Coalinga would like to take this opportunity to thank Frances Squire for all her assistance with this scheduling.

Student Services ROCK . . . students wait time through any process at the start of this semester was minimal. Thanks go out to everyone in that area who saw to any and all of our students' needs during this busy time at the start of the semester. Extended business hours and the willingness of staff to stagger lunch hours, etc. all contributed to this success! Once again thank you!

August 24, 2007 Emergency Response Drill Committee Team Update. Shaun Bailey and Eliseo Gamino coordinated the Coalinga Incident Command (ICS) System Team Training. Training presenters included Ken Lake, Sergeant Gabe Torres, and Antonio Garcia. Additional ICS team training will continue with un-announced practice drills and formal table top drills in preparation for the September 26, 2007 Full Scale Emergency Mock Drill event.

WHC Coalinga would like to congratulate Michelle Kozlowski as a recipient of the Technology Leadership Award for 2007 and the entire ITS Department as recipients of a Technology Focus Award for 2007 for their work on the Storage Area Network System (SANS) project.

Please join us in welcoming the following new employees to the WHC Coalinga Falcon family:

Sherry Barragan, Psych Tech Instructor
Nick Rodriguez, Groundskeeper
Rhonda Mayer, Psych Tech Instructor
Vanessa Armenta, Student Services Assistant
Eric Davis, Student Services Assistant
Peggy Goodale, Psych Tech Instructor
Cherry Miller, CDC Custodian
Reyna Moreno, Student Services Assistant
Tina Rolfsema, Psych Tech Instructor
Sheila Pappas-Sorrick, Financial Aid Assistant I
Richard Larson, Farm of the Future Director
Raquel Rodriguez, Associate Dean of Student Learning
Shane Keck, Equipment Coord./Assist. Football Coach

August 27, 2007 representatives from Associated Valuation Services were on campus. These folks are preparing the District's GASB 34/Fixed assets inventory. Visits are to include WHC Coalinga, NDC, Avenal, WHC Lemoore and NAS. Faculty and staff were advised that they will need access to classrooms as well as administrative areas and that their cooperation during this time was appreciated.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

August 9-10, 2007 faculty along with staff participated in Flex Day and Duty Day activities.

ALLIED HEALTH

August 13, 2007 the August Psychiatric Technicians cohort class began.

August 17, 2007 the fall 2006 Psychiatric Technicians cohort graduated. The staff would like to extend a thank you to all who participated in this commencement.

The Nurse Assistant course in Firebaugh had 100% pass rate on their final, and these students will test for state certification later this month.

ATHLETICS

August 16, 2007 WHCC Student-Athlete Orientation. There were over 250 student-athletes, athletic staff, faculty, and guests in attendance at this year's event. The guest speaker was Dameane Douglas, former professional football player for the Philadelphia Eagles. Also, special academic and recognition awards were given out during the ceremony. Congratulations to David White (Baseball) and Heather Allen (Volleyball) for achieving the highest student-athlete GPA marks last year.

Mark your calendar by planning to attend and support our athletes and their coaches at one of our upcoming athletic home games:

Falcon Football:

September 1, 3 pm, vs. Foothill (home)
September 8, 7 pm, vs. Allan Hancock (away)
September 15, 2 pm, vs. San Mateo (home)
September 22, 7 pm, vs. Hartnell (away)
September 29, 7 pm, vs. Modesto Jr. College (home)

Falcon Volleyball:

September 5, 5 pm, vs. Laney (away)
September 8, West Hills Tournament (home)
September 22, Monterey Tournament (away)
September 26, 7 pm, vs. Fresno City (home)
September 28, 5 pm, vs. Chabot (home)

Falcon Rodeo:

September 21-22, Feather River in Quincy CA (away)

NORTH DISTRICT CENTER

FACILITIES

The carpet was cleaned and shampooed throughout the NDC campus. This project was completed on August 10, 2007.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Seven men and four women from NDC will participate as cross country runners for the WHC Lemoore team.

One woman from NDC will participate on the WHCC volleyball team and two men will participate on the WHCC basketball team.

Susie Gutierrez, ASB Public Relations Officer, led the Firebaugh ASB Welcome week. All students and staff participated in a "pizza social" during noon hour. ASB is planning events and activities every month of the semester to enrich campus life at NDC. Faculty members were also treated to French pastry and coffee both mornings. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the weekly Wednesday ASB meetings, from noon to 1:00 pm, in NDC Room 35.

OUTREACH

Nineteen Firebaugh High School Alternative Education students enrolled for one or more courses at the college. Tranquility High School students have completed applications and are enrolling in online courses.

Hiller Aircrafts of Firebaugh is looking at providing a \$200 scholarship to a WHC student who can create a website for their company.

September 1, 2007 NDC will provide West Hills College raffle items for use by the Firebaugh Police Activities League Car Show at Dunkle Park.

NDC will display a West Hill College banner during the upcoming Firebaugh High School football season.

October 6, 2007 NDC will provide West Hills College raffle items for use at the 2007 Chariots of Light Car Show, 8 am to 4 pm, at Dunkle Park.

PERSONNEL

Please join us in welcoming the following new employees to the WHC NDC Falcon family:

John Sanchez, CDC Custodian
Christina Arana, Student Services Assistant
Rebecca Bumpous, Financial Aid Assistant I
Anthony Baslee, Custodian

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