



October 10-13
 Vernon JC Rodeo
 WTC Drama 'The Front Page'
 October 11
 Westerners vs Howard JC - Big Spring 1pm
 October 14
 Board Meeting 7pm
 October 15
 Volleyball 5pm
 October 16
 Movie Night 9pm

Weekend, Oct. 12-13, 2002

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

WTC Drama Department Presents 'The Front Page'



The Western Texas College Theatre in Snyder is pleased to present an adaptation of Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's *The Front Page*, a witty and engrossing story about one whirlwind night in the lives of 1940's Chicago newspapermen. The two most important are Walter Burns, the newspaper editor of the Herald Examiner, and Hildy Johnson, his star reporter. Hildy has decided that he wants to quit the newspaper business, get married, and go to New York. Burns will do almost anything to thwart his attempts and keep him in Chicago to cover an execution scheduled for the next morning. In the process, they discover a quagmire of political corruption and the biggest story of Hildy's career. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 pm on Oct. 10, 11, and 12, and 2:00 pm on Oct. 13. Ticket prices: Adults - \$5.00; Seniors, Students - \$3.00; WTC faculty, staff & students - free.

Cast

ENDICOTT, Post Lacey Rowe
 MURPHY, Journal Monica Rose
 McCUE, City Press Jacob Brumley
 SCHWARTZ, Daily News Eric Henry
 KRUGER, Journal of Commerce Krisi Early
 BENSINGER, Tribune Tedrick George

WOODENSHOES EICHORN Kent Wright
 DIAMOND LOUIS Michael Gonzales
 HILDY JOHNSON, Herald Examiner Chris Hensley
 MOLLY MALLOY Holly Gwyn
 SHERIFF HARTMAN Chris Shoemake

PEGGY GRANT Mandy Mitchell
 MRS. GRANT Beth Bowen
 THE MAYOR Ryan Ballard
 MR. PINCUS Chris Burchfield
 EARL WILLAMS Shawn Briggs
 WALTER BURNS Meagan Bailey

By Ray Newton
 WTC Drama Instructor

The WTC Drama Department has grown from eight students last year to sixteen this year. We are putting on four shows with a possible fifth play during our MayMester session.

Our goal here at WTC is to train people to be successful either as professional actors or educators. In Texas there are lots of jobs in theatre. Almost every high school in the state has at least one play a year, for which they hire a speech and theatre person, or an English and theatre person, or a theatre person to be the instructor. So if you go to Ira there is someone in charge of the school's one-act play. A total of 548 schools take part in the one-act play competition each year, resulting in a lot of jobs.

One of the things we are doing here at WTC is training people to be educators so they will be successful in the educational theatre environment, and along the way we also hope to give them the training and confidence to get out and be professional actors. And should they

choose to go to Hollywood or New York, we want to train them so they might meet with as much success as their talent warrants. My goal here at WTC is to give people a chance that they might not get otherwise.

When I was in high school, I played on the football team. If I hadn't been in a small school I would never have had the chance to play football. That is the advantage of a small program on a small college campus; people get opportunities to develop the skills that they have.

My objective for this department is to provide people with opportunities that they wouldn't get someplace else. These people are getting to be on the "A" team. If they were at Tech or another large school they might not even get the opportunity to suit up and do theatre. Therefore, even though they have skill, dedication, and focus, they might not get the opportunity to be on stage.

Theatre is like driving a car, you don't learn to drive a car by talking about it, you learn by driving a car. You learn theatre by doing theatre. If

you attend a large university and attend classes but don't have the hands-on experience of being on stage, you don't have a personal reference point to use the information you are getting in class. Here at WTC we are able to provide all students with unique opportunities to bring together the classroom lecture and the lessons they can only experience on stage.

I have been in theatre all of my life. I worked in Branson Missouri for 15 yrs, as a clown, actor, and musician. I then got the bug to go to graduate school. I have a master's degree in Theatre from the University of Arkansas and completed ABD from the University of Missouri. I moved on to teach high school theatre for ten years and then moved to Snyder last year to teach here at Western Texas College. My wife, Teresa, is also an instructor at WTC, and we have a 15-year-old son who is also named Ray. Our family loves living in Snyder and have really enjoyed being a part of the community.



Kiwanis Contribution

The Snyder Noon Kiwanis recently contributed \$5000 to the Hubert and Mary Cargile Foundation Scholarship fund at WTC. Of the amount, \$4000 was raised during the club's annual golf tournament, and \$1000 in matching funds was donated by WalMart. Pictured above is Kiwanis member, Melanie Schwertner presenting a check to WTC President, Greg Williams.

White Buffalo Days

OCTOBER 11-12

Visit one of our six WTC Booths!

- Art Department
 Ceramics
 Drawing
- Recruiting Office
- Vocational Education Division
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Student Government Association