



Softball Field Dedication
Sunday, April 18
12:45 PM
Games @ 1:15 & 3:15

Sunday, April 18, 2004

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

Pruitt Community Room Dedication

On Sunday, April 18, from 2 to 4 pm WTC will hold a dedication for the Pruitt Community Room. It will be a come and go reception. The Pruitt family will be present and Dr. Jim Palmer will speak briefly in honor of Dr. Franklin Pruitt. The community is invited to attend.

At the November board meeting, WTC President, Dr. Greg Williams announced that the faculty dining room would be named in honor of Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt. It was announced that the name of the room would be the Pruitt Community Room.

The room will be available to be rented out by the community.

Dr. Pruitt was born in Waco, Texas, on February 1, 1927. He was one of six children. His father passed away when he was seven years old and his mother moved all the family to a farm in Lindale, Texas, so that she could better provide for them.

After World War II began, three brothers and a sister were in the service. Not wanting to be left out, Franklin hitchhiked to Tyler every weekday in the summer of 1944 so that he could graduate midterm. His mother would not sign for him to go into the service until he completed high school. He entered the coast guard in January 1945 and in May, his mother walked across the stage to pick up his diploma.

After the war was over and he was discharged he went to Baylor University and received his BA degree with a major in history and a minor in journalism.

During the Korean Conflict, he again served his country but this time he was in the Navy.

He came to teach at Snyder High School in 1952. Besides being a history and journalism teacher, he was very involved in the sports program.

He received his Master of Education from East Texas State in 1955. Also in 1955, he married Elois McDow, who was a native of Snyder.

In 1974, Dr. Pruitt began teaching at Western Texas College.

He was a professor of history and government.

He received his Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University in 1978.

Dr. Pruitt was the recipient of the first student senate and Phi Theta Kappa award honoring the "Outstanding Campus Personality" at Western Texas College.

Dr. Pruitt and Elois have four children. Deborah Boyd who is married to Gaylon Boyd. They have four children: Samantha, Ben, Matt and April, Cecile Cheatham, married to Mark Cheatham, who has two daughters Laurie and Katie. Kyle Pruitt, and Kevin Pruitt with wife Christie and two boys Lucas and Noah.

Shortly before his retirement in 1988, Dr. Pruitt remarked to his wife that he never one day dreaded going to work. It was always a pleasure, even when he was running a temperature and was sick.

A close friend, Dr. Jim Palmer, Dean of Academic Instruction, recalls Dr. Pruitt's love of teaching. He would get to the door, lift his head and shake off the illness, for an hour or so, no student had a hint that he was not well.

His great love was teaching. An aunt offered to pay all his tuition, books, and support him while he was in college if he would choose another profession. He turned it down and never regretted that decision.

He loved history and could remember almost everything he read. At restaurants, where he and Elois ate, he would look at the bill and whatever the total was, he would translate it to a date and tell the cashier what happened in that year. Some were not impressed but an owner of a restaurant said after his death, "I will never have my history lesson again."

One professor at Western Texas College told his student, "If you have questions concerning anything in history, go ask Dr. Pruitt. He was there." After hearing him teach, you felt as if you were there.



Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt



Shay Franks and Amber House Named as Mr and Miss WTC

The Annual Spring Formal was held Tuesday night in the Student Center. The students were served dinner at 6 pm by staff and faculty of WTC. Dinner was prepared by Great Western Dining. Immediately following the dinner WTC Student Government Association presented a plaque to Dr. Williams, WTC

President, in appreciation of his support of SGA. A plaque was also presented to Casey Crawford in appreciation for her 3 years of service to SGA. The dance began at 9 pm and the students were dressed in formal attire. Mr. and Miss. WTC were announced during the dance. The titles were given to Shay

Franks from Snyder and Amber House from Watauga, TX. The other nominees were: Shannon

Jones, Cody Carter Casey Crawford, Kristi Sterling, Ashley Sirmen and Teddrick George

National Library Week Events Slated on Campus

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, this week of special events has been held annually for 45 years to recognize the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Western Texas College Learning Resource Center was officially opened in April, 1972. At that time the library had classrooms, the reading lab, offices, and a language lab. The books were contained in the Reference Room as well as the 2nd floor main shelf area for circulating material. The Audio-Visual area was also a part of the building.

The library changed in 1997 when the card catalog was changed to an automated system, as well as the computerized catalog, the students benefit from other programs on computers in our computer center as well as the main computer lab housed in the library. The main

computer lab is where the Language Lab was formerly.

The state of Texas has an online database system named TexShare that enables the students to search databases in many areas of interest. Newspapers and magazine articles from around the world, medical information, market search on public and private companies, latest breaking news from newspaper wire services, Spanish language resources and many other areas of interest are accessible through TexShare. These are updated daily. Our resources are expanded greatly through this database system. The library contains approximately 30,000 volumes.

The library will celebrate National Library Week with brown bag lunches on Tuesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 22nd. Those in attendance will have discussions about libraries and what they have meant to them as well as the WTC LRC and how we can improve our service to the students and staff.

WTC Benefits to Senior Citizens

Did you know that WTC had senior benefits. WTC is administrator over the Senior Center and offers benefits thru them.

Any one over the age of 65 may audit any class free of charge. No class credit is given but one could learn a new skill or hobby.

Also, WTC offers free Swimnastics for 60 and over thru the Senior Center. You can call Pam Fenton at 573.4035 for more information on taking Swimnastics.

WTC is also offering computer classes that will be held at the Senior Center for \$20 per class. The classes will be Introduction To Computers, Basic Internet, and Introduction to Microsoft Office. Classes will be taught by Raul Alcala, Assistant Workforce Director. You can find out dates and times and register for these classes by calling the Senior Center at 573.4035.

Theatre Department Presents 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona'

WTC Theatre Department will present *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* by William Shakespeare. The play is about two youths, Valentine and Proteus, who make their way from Verona to Milan. Performances are set for April 22-24 at 7:30 pm and April 25 at 2 pm in the Fine Arts Theatre. Ticket prices are \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Seniors and Students, and WTC faculty, staff and students are admitted free.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Cheerleading

Tryouts

Saturday, April 24

WTC Gym

10am to 2pm

Application Deadline is April 23rd. Applications can be picked up in the WTC human resources office or downloaded from www.wtc.edu.

Send to:

Western Texas College
 Attn: Cheerleading Coach
 6200 College Avenue,
 Snyder, TX 79549

Scholarships Available

Geology Class On The Hunt For Fossils



Troy Lilly, Associate Science Professor at WTC, took his Geology class to the Caprock Escarpment at Fluvanna.

Lilly said, "This is an ancient reef or shoreline of an old inland sea. It extends from around Matador down to about Stanton. We are lucky that a large part of it goes through the northwestern part of Scurry County."

The land they were on is owned by Bob Jordan. "He has always been



very nice to let us take trips out there," said Lilly. Sediments there were deposited about 250 million years ago during what is known as the Permian Period. The class was looking for, and found, fossils that were indicative of that environment. Lilly and students make the hike up the steep Caprock on foot and then back down again.

Lilly takes his Geology class on this trip every semester to give them a hands-on experience in finding fossils.