



Mustang Express

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Western Wyoming Community College

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Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept. 6

- Labor Day Holiday, No School!

Tues. Sept. 7

- Intramural co-ed flag football at Baseball Field
- Intramural Men's and Women's
- Tennis Singles at Tennis Courts
- Women's soccer vs. Northwest College 3 p.m., Home
- Men's soccer vs. Northwest College 5 p.m., Home

Weds. Sept. 8

- "Active Reading Techniques" 11 a.m. Rm 2027
- Global Competition for Energy Panel Discussion 3:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 9

- "Active Reading Techniques" 11 a.m. Rm 2027

Fri. Sept 10

- Women's Volleyball vs. Eastern Wyoming College, 7 p.m., Home

ASG Elections

- Deadline for ASG Candidates to complete petition is Sept. 10, 5 p.m.
- Elections will be Mon. Sept. 13 & Tues. Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Winners announced Fri. Sept. 17

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WWCC named 15th best in nation

By SHELBY ROSSER

Western Wyoming Community College participated in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement that has been taken for several years.

WWCC President Karla Leach agreed to give her insight about the survey and her feelings about Western being in the top 15. "'Washington Monthly' took a similar survey that used the graduation date and graduation data. I am honored that Western fell into the top 15 in the results of the survey," she said.

Leach also said the credit goes to the faculty because of their ability to work well with their students and their ability to try to adapt to many different learning styles. Leach said that the faculty is a big part of student engagement and student success.

Anne Shipman, a graduate of Western, said she is glad to be a part of the student engagement and success.

"It is not easy going to school at Western, but it's worth the challenge," Shipman said. She graduated from Western in May.

Sarah Van Riper, another graduate of Western, attended Western for two years, and said, "It's a great school because every student has the option of getting one-on-one time with their professors unlike some of the bigger colleges across the United States."

Van Riper said it doesn't surprise her that Western is in the top 15 because "they have a great community when it comes to students and residential advisors, and that is Western's main priority."

"I will never forget the great experience that I had at Western," Van Riper said.

The results of the survey will be posted in the September issue of 'The Washington Monthly' for those that are interested in seeing all the results.



Kick up your feet at Kick Off Week

By TEMI OSIN

It's the beginning of a new semester and students are excited because they are leaving home for the first time or getting to see their old friends again. Some are feeling sad because the summer break is over and some are feeling nervous because they are far away from their families and friends.

Starting the new school year can be scary for some students because of all the new things: new roommates, new teachers, new friends, and a new environment. To make students feel less scared, home sick, more welcome and adjust properly to the school residence life, resident assistants and some faculty and staff came together to put a couple of activities.

Check-in Day was Aug. 22 for the students living in the residence halls. At 8 a.m., students started arriving on campus accompanied by their parents to be checked into their various rooms. The check in process ended at 4 in the evening. Students were given an hour to rest and get settled into their rooms.

At 5 p.m., there was a barbecue behind Mitchell's Cafeteria for all students to get to meet new people. After the barbecue, students were directed to the theatre for a mandatory residence hall orientation. The director of housing, Dustin Conover, as well as the vice president for student success service, Jackie Freeze, welcomed the students and gave them some advice.

The resident assistants also acted some skits portraying how some students might be feeling on the first day of school and how to cope with these feelings. After the skits, students were divided into their various residence halls along

with their resident assistant to get to know their fellow residents and also to go over some additional ground rules the students should know about the residence hall.

Kick-off Day was Aug. 24 which started with students checking in for the program. The session started at 9 a.m. with President Dr. Karla Leach and Freeze officially welcoming all students to the fall semester 2010.

Another skit was acted which was entertaining, informative and even funny – although part of it dealt with more serious issues than others. After the skit, there was a motivation speech, "Engage. Inspire. Empower," presented by a guest speaker Josh Shipp.

Students were then divided into different groups and got the opportunity to partake in various games. Some of the games played were Reality Town and the famous televised Minute to Win It game. The winners of these games were given prizes after the session.

Students were also told to write a letter to themselves saying what they want to have accomplished at the end of the semester and address the letter to themselves. These letters will be kept by the faculty and



Photo by Luke Nielson

Groovin' and movin' at the dance.

staff and mailed back to the students at the end of the semester.

All through the week, students were entertained in the evenings with movies shown in Rocky Commons, Wind River Commons, and Aspen Commons. There was a lot of food and drinks for students, and there was a great turnout. Some of the movies shown were Jonah Hex, Robin Hood, Prince of Persia, Shrek Forever After, Killers and Iron Man. On Friday, there was a dance in Wind River Commons.

Kick-off week is over and hopefully students have gotten the opportunity to make new friends, adjust to the new life they find themselves in and also they have a good knowledge of what college life is all about.

My advice to students is to be open to experience what college life has to offer and also to make an effort to find this fall semester a fun filled, educational and informative one. Try to attend all activities offered through the semester and you have no idea how fast the semester will go by.

Have a successful semester!



Students rock out at a dance put on Kick-off Week by the Residence Life Department. Photo by Luke Nielson

Q&A with New Housing Director: Dustin Conover

By TEMITOPE OSIN



The Housing and Student Activities Department at Western Wyoming Community College was renamed to Residence Life and Student Activities.

This is not the only change in this department. A new director was appointed after Jon Schrade, who was director of Housing and Student Activities for 34 years retired on of June 30. The new director is Dustin Conover. He was formerly the coordinator of GEAR UP.

Dustin Conover gives Mustang Express an insight to his new position.

Mustang Express: Can you tell us what positions or duties you had at Western in the past?

Dustin: I was the GEAR UP coordinator, and before that I was the Daniel's Fund coordinator. I have also taught Spanish at Western for the past 5 years.

M.E: How are you adapting to this new position so far?

Dustin: Using the knowledge that I have from being a resident assistant and hall director, and also working for Western, I feel I am filling the position and fulfilling the duties the college has for me at this time.

M.E: How do you feel given this position with the new residence hall -- Aspen Mountain Hall -- added to your responsibilities?

Dustin: I find it very challenging and exciting at the same time.

M.E: What changes or additions have you made so far to the residence hall?

Dustin: Well, with the addition of the new residence hall, it has caused us to add a hall director and four new resident assistants.

M.E: What other changes do you plan on making in the future?

Dustin: Not many at this time. There were some new rules put into place that we have to follow, especially with the alcohol policy adding the fine policy along with probation. Other than that, I am going to give it one year and see if there are any rules that need to be changed for next year.

M.E: What should we expect from you this school year as the new director of residence?

Dustin: I want to continue with the great work that Jon Schrade did before me and incorporate new activities and ideas to take the residence halls to the next level.

M.E: How are you coping with the staff in the residence life?

Dustin: The resident assistants and the new hall director are wonderful staff and I am really impressed with their dedication to their jobs.

M.E: Do you intend to involve faculty and staff in the events you have in the residence hall this year?

Dustin: Yes, especially the staff members from the Student Development Center, and hopefully other faculty and staff as well.

M.E: One of your duties with your new post is being an adviser to the student government?

Dustin: Yes.

M.E: What are your plans for the student government?

Dustin: To allow ASG to bring in presenters or other acts they feel are appropriate for the WWCC student body, while maintaining some of the tradition that ASG has had in the recent past.

M.E: Tell us something interesting about yourself that people do not know about you.

Dustin: I was a student in Western and I served as a resident assistant, a senator on the student government, an ambassador and also the RHA president when I lived in the residence hall, so I understand the student perspective of it all.

M.E: What advice do you have for students living in the residence hall?

Dustin: First of all, the residence hall office is doing all we can to make students feel like they are at home away from home, and we want to remind our residents that success in the classroom can be achieved by taking advantage of what the residence halls have to offer.

NEW SOCCER COACHES



Ashley Thomas

- Assistant Woman's Soccer Coach
- 23 years old
- From Rock Springs
- 4 years of college soccer experience
- Attended LCCC and UTEP Colleges



Kelsey Allen

- Assistant Woman's Soccer Coach
- 21 years old
- From Rock Springs
- 1 year college soccer experience
- Attended Westminster College

Very Punny!!!

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The LDS Institute: The building across the street

By SARAH DEGRAW

On the first Thursday of the semester, the LDS Institute had an opening social for anybody interested in having a good time. Whether you were a member seeking to enlist in classes, or someone that just wanted to hang out with buddies, eat, and listen to music or possibly dance, all were welcome.

The institute in general teaches about things pertaining to the Bible and or The Book of Mormon. Although most of the classes are based on these things, different classes are offered.

For example, "Mission Preparation," "Teachings of the Living Prophets," "History of the Church," and "Devotional" are additional courses offered. If you enjoy singing, they even have a choir. You have an opportunity to schedule around your classes as some Institute classes are earlier or later than others. If you choose to take an afternoon class, they feed you lunch afterward.

Even if you have to miss a class due to college curriculum scheduled at the same time, they still encourage you to take at least one of their courses. If need be, you can negotiate what time you are going

to come.

An example of this is that you come to the morning class one day but then come another day to an afternoon class of the same course at a different time. If you don't feel like taking a class, there is a student church ward with mostly young single adults on Sundays which starts at 11 a.m. and ends around 2 p.m.. It consists of a sacrament meeting with speakers, a Sunday school class, and a Relief Society for women or a Priesthood meeting for men.

With a strong belief in "Unity is Power," the institute is always hosting fun activities for anyone who is interested in coming. They promote a warm, friendly environment to all who enter the building. A few of the major activities that they offer are "Family Home Evening" on Mondays and "Fun Night." Family Home evening takes place at 8 p.m. but Fun Night activities vary on times and days—depending on which activity is planned.

If you wish to find out more about the institute or what it is about, feel free to talk to Brother Andrus at the LDS Institute, 1900 Gateway Blvd.

Let's Not Forget About Our War

By JOSE T. VALDEZ

In Afghanistan, four soldiers died on June 7, 2010 from the Army's 101st Airborne Division in Konar.

As of June 4, the death toll was up to 4,409 soldiers; 13 were from the Defense Department and 4,396 were U.S. service members.

In Afghanistan, 1,028 have died, two being from the Defense Department and the rest from U.S. services.

Since 9/11's divesting incident, the U.S. waged war on Iraq for their involvements on the 2001 attacks. On Dec. 30, 2006, Saddam Hussein was executed for the crimes he was

found guilty of.

Yet, the U.S. felt it was not sufficient enough and remained in Iraq and later on, moved to Afghanistan to fight terrorism.

In the early part of 2008, the U.S. decided to continue its fight with terrorism and move onto Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is where Osama bin Laden is suppose to reside, or at least have some type of ties there.

Two years later and still no Osama bin Laden.

We can find someone hiding under ground, but not someone in a cave?

Do you like to write?

Sign up for the Mustang Express class today!

COMM 1370 (Thurs 12 - 1 p.m.)