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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It’s hard to believe that spring 2013 is upon us. The college is once again setting enrollment records with 5,255 students enrolling for spring classes, a 1.53% increase over spring of 2012. Furthermore, plans are moving forward on the construction of a new Health Science Building on our main campus. Spirits are high for both employees and students, and opportunities are endless.

I am also thrilled to share news about our progress in Hood County. State Representative Phil King has authored House Bill 407, which would officially place Hood County in the Weatherford College service area if adopted. This piece of legislation is receiving extensive support from both the citizens of Hood County and the politicians that represent the interests of Hood County. Likewise, our new campus in Granbury enrolled 320 students during the spring registration cycle, once again breaking enrollment records for the third semester in a row. The future for education in Hood County is looking bright!

In closing, I would just like to thank all of you for your continued support. All of our accomplishments over the past few years would not have been possible without our extended family supporting us. Until next semester, best wishes and health to each of you.

Kevin J. Eaton, Ed.D.
President

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WC STANDS OUT IN FINANCIAL CONDITION RANKINGS

by Linda Bagwell

MONEY.

The very word – and that of its close cousins, such as funding, allotment, appropriations and the like – are enough to keep any college administrator awake at night.

Money – there’s never enough of it. Money – how do we budget it? Money – are we spending and investing it wisely? Money – are we being good stewards of taxpayers’ money?

The answer to that last question is one that Dr. Kevin Eaton, Weatherford College president, is glad to answer.

“Yes, we are definitely good stewards of taxpayers’ money,” he said. “We continually strive to do the best we can with the money we have, and we do a good job.”

That confident statement is backed by a recent report released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The report, “Financial Condition Analysis of Texas Public Community Colleges 2012,” compares the financial strength of the state’s 50 community and junior college districts, and Weatherford College stands at the top in the measurements examined.

Eaton proudly points out that WC is the only institution ranked at or near the top in each category examined:

• “Financial vulnerability,” which measures unrestricted money versus operating expenses. WC was the top college in this category, with Grayson College and Paris Junior College in second and third positions.

• “Primary reserves,” which looks at how long a college could survive without new money coming in. On a ratio that should be at least .13, WC scored 1.06 – Collin College was the only institution to score higher.

• “Viability,” or how much of its debt the college could pay off with the money it has now. The state recommends a score of at least .51; WC scored 4.79. Only Tarrant County College and Central Texas College scored higher.

• “Debt burden,” which measures how much of total expenses are for debt service. A healthy score is below five percent; WC was well below that at 1.1 percent. Only 12 out of 50 colleges scored below two percent.

“Return on net assets,” which measures the College’s total economic return as a means of figuring financial performance, WC’s 13.1 percent positive was in the top seven, along with Tyler, Temple, Ranger, Paris, Panola and Northeast Texas. Many other schools showed a negative return on assets.

The majority of the revenue that college districts receive is from state formula funding (driven by enrollment and contact hours generated), local property tax revenue, tuition and fees and financial aid revenue (again driven by enrollment) and auxiliary funding (bookstore, cafeteria and student housing revenue). State funding made up 16 percent of the College’s budget; tuition and fees, 21.4 percent; financial aid, 25 percent, and ad valorem or property tax revenue, 19 percent.

That’s how the College’s budget is made up, give or take a few percentage points each year. And the question now is, how does the College spend it?

Andra Cantrell, vice president of financial affairs, presents such a breakdown every month at the Board of Trustees meeting. Most of WC’s annual budget goes to educational matters, with the remainder going to operating expenses.
**Memories**

If you have any memories of this photo, please send a note to Katie Edwards at 225 College Park Drive, Weatherford, TX, 76086, or an email to kedwards@wc.edu.

**Last Issue’s Do You Know…**


**Attention alumni:**

We need your email address! Please send your email address to bbaker@wc.edu, so WC can send you updates, event notices, etc.

**Friends We'll Miss**

**Charles C. Brinkley** of Fort Worth passed away on December 29. He was 86 and Alumnus of the Year at Weatherford College in 1968.

**Irval Leona Van Hoosier Danilow** of Fort Worth passed away on December 9. She was 102 and six months.

**Robert Ray “Bob” Daugherty** of Aledo passed away on October 16. He was 85.

**Helen Frantz** of Austin passed away on October 21. She was 93.

**Edna Earle Grace** of Willow Park passed away on December 10. She was 80.

**Megan Lynn Harmon** of Cove passed away on November 4. She was 23 and a current student at WC.

**Kathy Lynn Carroll Hecox** of Weatherford passed away on November 22. She was 63 and had retired from Weatherford College in 2010, after serving as Continuing Education coordinator.

**Jill E. Holder** passed away on December 1. She was 48.

**Donald C. Parker** passed away on November 16. He was 66.

**Thomas Alvin Pitchford, Sr.** of Victoria passed away on September 30. He was 87.
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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

BROWN HONORED BY WC RODEO BOOSTERS

by Rick Mauch

Belt buckles are a symbol of success in rodeo circles. And, as rodeo coach for Weatherford College, Mike Brown enjoyed much success - and made many friends.

Brown was surprised with a silver belt buckle during a November meeting of the Weatherford College Rodeo Booster Club. It commemorated his long service to the school, including rodeo from 1983 to 2012.

For all the people Brown has made feel great over the years, the tribute was a way to say thanks.

"I've been here 35 years and I've known Mike a long time. Along with what he's done for the rodeo program, he's been a really good friend," said WC athletic director Bob McKinley.

As he took the rodeo program from a club sport to a part of the WC athletic program, over the past eight seasons it gained national acclaim. He sent a competitor to the College National Finals Rodeo each season, and even produced a pair of national champions with Cody Tew in 2007 and Arena Roberson in 2008.

The buckle Brown received had a pair of stones in it, one for each national champion.

Savannah Todd is currently in her third season on the team, having spent the first two years competing for Brown before Johnny Emmons took over as coach this year. She said meeting Brown was meeting a friend for life.

"He's just a good guy. He doesn't have this 'I'm your coach' style about him," said Todd. "We'd sit and talk about rodeo or class, and he'll always help any way he can. And he's always open just for conversation."

Brown also brought Emmons to the program one year after it became a college scholarship sport. After seven years as an assistant, Emmons took over as head coach this season, with Brown continuing as an agriculture instructor. But Emmons said much more than mentoring him as a coach, Brown and his wife Sheryl were more like parents.

"He and Sheryl have been more like family," said Emmons. "I didn't know anything about coaching before I came here, but I've learned more about life from him than anything else. He's just a good person."

Brown stood admiring his buckle, an award that he said will always stand out above others.

"This really is something special, and as much as they appreciate me, I appreciate each one of them just as much or more."

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activities, which includes a wide range of expenditures for instruction, student services, institutional support, maintenance, scholarships, staff benefits and the like. The rest is spent on capital outlay, debt service, and reserves.

"Our Board of Trustees voted four or five years ago that at least 20 percent of our ensuing budget be allocated for reserves," said Cantrell, "and we meet and have exceeded that in the last five years."

Increasing enrollment and necessary expansion of College programs and facilities are a challenge each year as state funding continues to decrease.

“But we've learned to stretch a dollar as far as it can, and we have dedicated employees who collaborate and cooperate to make it easier to continue to provide and service the needs of our students and community,” said Cantrell. “WC will continue to thrive and set an example of fiscal responsibility.”
1. "And they’re off!” Hundreds of runners showed up for the annual Coyote Chase 1-mile and 5-K Race in November. Mary Martin Elementary took home the trophy for most runners.

2. Tom Pauken, Texas Workforce Commissioner, signed the celebratory check, granting WC’s Workforce and Continuing Education department funds to train more than 200 workers at Perry Equipment.

3. Pat Hamilton takes a swing during the annual WC Foundation golf tournament, which raised more than $25,000 for the WC Foundation’s “The Time is Now for Your College” Capital Campaign.
In an emotional Veterans Day ceremony in November, outside the new Academic Building, WC faculty, staff and students, as well as community members, honored "past, present, and future" veterans. Pictured are Ed and Patti Kramer, for whom the new Ed Kramer Veterans Flag Plaza is named, and Sonny Burgess who sang a moving rendition of "Proud to be an American" for the crowd.

The new Wise County Campus officially opened last fall with a ribbon-cutting. L-R: Kevin Burns, Wise County Commissioner; Frank Martin, WC Board of Trustees chair; Wise County Judge Bill McElhaney and WC President, Dr. Kevin Eaton.

A community-planned scholarship fundraiser netted more than $86,000 for Wise County scholarships, adding to WC's "The Time is Now for Your College" capital campaign.
Emily ('02) and Jack Christopher Blair ('99) welcomed newborn son Austin Brooks on Jan. 3. Emily is a licensed professional counselor and Chris works at Lockheed Martin in Ft. Worth as a contract auditor.

Aaron Jones ('10), placekicker for the Baylor University football team, now holds nine individual kicking records for the Bears, including the status as Baylor's all-time leading scorer. He broke the 29-year-old scoring record during the second game of the 2012 season, and kicked six extra points in a 49-26 victory over UCLA in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

Garrett Jones ('09) was voted Homecoming King at the University of Texas at Arlington in November. The Willow Park native is on track to graduate with his bachelor's degree in May and plans to continue to work on his master's degree.

First Lieutenant Jack L. Knight will be one of approximately 16 individuals permanently recognized in a Medal of Honor Memorial at Fort Wolters Historical Park in Mineral Wells. The memorial is being built to recognize Medal of Honor recipients who were trained at Camp Wolters/Fort Wolters. Knight was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for meritorious valor exhibited on Feb. 2, 1945 in Loikang, Burma. The Weatherford native single-handedly destroyed two Japanese pillboxes, and despite being wounded, led his platoon in an attack on other enemy positions before he was killed.

Jennifer Kurzwarth ('12) was honored by Texas Workforce Solutions with an award of excellence as the “Adult Participant of the Year.” Kurzwarth graduated from WC with an associate’s degree in accounting in August.

Ashleigh Portales ('06), crime scene investigator for the Decatur Police Department, helped break the case of a home invasion recently. Portales, named the top graduate of WC’s Forensic Science program in 2006, created a composite drawing of the Decatur suspect so lifelike that when the suspect saw the drawing, he called and turned himself in. Decatur police credited Portales with breaking the case.

Robin Sterling and Christopher Brian Scott were married on Oct. 7 in Peaster. Christopher is back at WC preparing for pharmacy school, and Robin is an assistant store manager at a retail store in Arlington.
Benefactors ($10,000 and above)
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