

Observation Deck Built At WPCC

Western Piedmont Community College recently completed construction of an observation deck on the roof of "A" building, the tallest building on campus.

The primary function of the deck is to serve as an observatory for the astronomy and physics courses.

The college has a Questar telescope for which there is a pier mount on the rooftop deck. This portable telescope gives very sharp views of celestial objects.

Students in the astronomy and physics courses also are constructing a larger telescope system with the aid of the machine shop. When completed, this system also will be mounted on the rooftop deck. It will consist of a large and powerful, eight-inch, reflector telescope, a six-inch wide angle telescope and several accessory instruments.

Citizens in the area will have an opportunity to look at the new facilities and equipment in two public programs.

One program will be held Thursday, Aug. 10, and the second on Monday, Aug. 14. Both will begin at 8 p.m. in the teaching auditorium at the college.

The two programs will consist

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of slide and movie presentations and, weather permitting, observing sessions on the rooftop deck. The public is cordially invited to attend the programs.

Giles Shepherd, who teaches the physics and astronomy courses at the college, will be in charge of the programs.



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An observation deck on the roof of "A" building at Western Piedmont Community College has been completed. There is a pier mount on the deck for a portable Questar telescope. Giles Shepherd (above), whose physics and

astronomy courses will be using the deck and telescope, will be in charge of two public programs on Aug. 10 and 14 in the teaching auditorium, with observing on the deck if weather permits.