

Western Piedmont Provides Opportunities For All Persons

MORGANTON — Western Piedmont Community College was initiated, is operated, and continues to plan with the focus on the student as an individual today and a successful, contributing citizen of the world tomorrow.

The college provides an opportunity for all interested persons to become students in one of its planned curricula — college parallel, technical, and vocational — and the total program is being designed with the student as an integral component of the plan and the emphasis is on his optimum development.

The college, located in the rapidly developing Piedmont Crescent, has inaugurated a number of innovative student-centered curricular and extracurricular programs.

One of these, which has received much attention, is that of the developmental studies in which students with inadequate backgrounds in reading, writing, or mathematics take developmental work in the respective areas to strengthen indicated weaknesses prior to taking regular academic courses.

Such a guided program tends to develop the competencies needed to insure successful achievement in the students' chosen educational fields.

Another area receiving student-oriented emphasis in the college program is that of defining the task of learning in terms of what students are expected to know or be able to do — behaviorally defined objectives — prior to the students taking the course or courses. Such an approach provides a structured basis for the college counselors working cooperatively with a student to match his abilities with the stated objectives.

COURSES

Western Piedmont Community College, situated in historic Morganton is developing a comprehensive curriculum to meet the demands of its many students.

In the two-year academic program, courses are offered which will enable the student to transfer to a senior college or university of his choice with a minimum of transfer credit loss and the maximum chance to succeed in his selected field.

In the two-year technical and one-year vocational programs, the curricula and experiences are designed to prepare the individual to enter into his chosen occupation in a responsible position upon completion of the studies.

The varied curricula of the college are supplemented by many-faceted extracurricular program, developed in such a manner that every student is encouraged to actively participate.

Undergirded by a strong student government association, there are general and special groups which are civic, social, and academically oriented. There is an ever-widening schedule of activities, including sports, publications — newspaper and annual, music drama, nurses' club, and class organizations.

Western Piedmont Community College is committed to discovering the best concepts and procedures in the teaching-learning processes and adapting them to the best interest of the curricula.

This recognition of the extreme importance of flexibility in the modern educational program allows the college staff and students to be involved with a variety of classroom research projects or innovations without limiting the participants to one particular educational direction or theory.

Supporting this approach, modern equipment, materials, facilities, and educational concepts are being utilized throughout the college to prepare the student in a minimum of time with the maximum of marketable skills needed to enter into and succeed in today's technologically oriented world.

CAMPUS

In the construction of the college's new campus, the media-oriented, multi-faceted learning concept of the institution is readily apparent.

The facilities feature a large-group teaching auditorium, programmed instruction with individual study carrels, portable rear-screen projection units for classroom usage, with progressing plans for a T.V. studio, designs for T.V. outlets in classrooms and provisions for telephone lectures.

The key to the level of attainment of all teaching-learning situations, regardless of the modernistic degree of the facilities and total environment, is the strength of the faculty and staff.

The faculty of Western Piedmont Community College comes from all areas of the country with a commendable variety of educational background and experiences.

The members include nationally recognized workers with interests in curriculum, audio-visual communications, and philosophy. This educational staff represents many ideas from major institutions

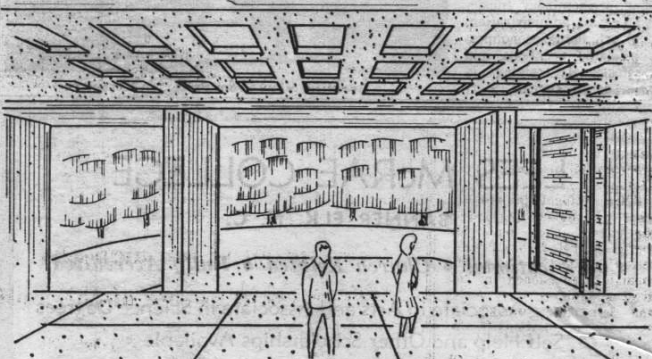


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