

WS Agriculture Club Holds First Ranch Rodeo

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CLUB HAPPENINGS

Agriculture Club Sponsors Ranch Rodeo to Raise Scholarship Funds

Walters State's Agriculture Club held their first Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, February 21 at the Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center in White Pine.

While most people think of a rodeo being cowboys risking their lives riding fierce bucking bulls and horses, this rodeo was a different twist. The ranch rodeo was designed around many of the activities that ranchers across the nation perform in the daily operation.

Teams of cowboys competed

in events such as wild cow milking, steer wrestling, branding (with paint), dressing calves in shirts and socks, and vaccinating cattle. There were also entertaining events such as donkey races and cowhide races where one cowboy lays on a cowhide with a rope attached and another cowboy ties the rope off on his saddle horn and pulls the cowboy down the arena, around a barrel, and across the finish line as fast as they can go.

Area FFA (Future Farmers of America) members were included

in the rodeo with competitions that included catching calves that were turned, catching a pig and racing to the finish line with it, catching chickens, and a goat race (actually using sheep)

with participants catching one in a pen and then running to the finish line with their "goat."

Children in the audience were invited to get into the action. Children had the chance to win \$20 by grabbing a bandana off the tail of a calf that was turned loose in the arena. Children were divided into several age groups with winners in each group receiving \$20 for their accomplishment.

Roger Brooks, Agriculture Club advisor, and the members of the members of the Agriculture Club should be commended for a job well done. The event was well received with the stands being full of exhibitors. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships for agriculture students.

Walters State Folk to Sponsor Bluegrass Show

The Walters State Folk is hosting a bluegrass show featuring Rough Edges on March 21. Showtime will be 7:00 p.m. in the Humanities Theater and admission is free.

For further information contact Chippy McClain, club advisor, at 585-6926 or by e-mail at Chippy.McClain@ws.edu..

Chess Club Open to Anyone Interested in the Game

The Walters State Chess Club is now an officially registered club of Walters State.

Taylor Richard, one of the club's advisors said "We are trying to get students who are interested in the club to help us determine a good date, day of week and hours, that would be best to have our first "open house" for the club. We will be having refreshments, door prize, free chess items, displays, etc.."

At present there are some beautiful chess sets on display on the

Sevier County Campus in the ACAD Building on the first and second lobbies. The club is not just for the experienced player but for the novice and anyone wanting to learn how to play the game of chess.

Anyone interested should contact Taylor Richard (Sevier County Campus) at 865-659-9634 or Joseph Combs (Main Campus) at 423-585-2676 and leave their name, telephone number, E-mail address, and best hours for them to attend.



These ornate chess sets are on display at the Sevier County Campus.



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April STATESMAN DEADLINE

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE STATESMAN IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THIS ISSUE PLEASE E-MAIL IT TO DIANNA.PEARSON@WS.EDU. THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Walters State Debate Team Brings Home First Place Honors from TN State Forensics and Debate Tournament

Although the team is full of rookies, Walters State's Debate Team won first place in the two-year college division and second place in the overall sweepstakes competition at the Tennessee State Forensics and Debate Tournament last weekend in Gallatin.

In fact, the team captured second, third and fourth debate in the novice division. This division included teams from two- and four-year institutions.

"When I realized that three of the four teams who made it to the semi-finals were from Walters State, I almost cried. To be able to say that I coached this team is a point of great pride for me," said Marci Nimick, instructor of speech communications and coach of the debate team.

Cheri Tinney and Matt Livingston won second place in debate; Bridgette Buchanan and Rick Testerman won third and Nick Gonzales and Sonya Cross placed fourth. In addition to the team awards, Testerman placed sixth among individual speakers.

"This is our best showing ever at the state tournament, and it is even more impressive that most of our students are new to debate," said Malcolm McAvoy, head of the speech communications department. McAvoy coached the team for many years and has watched team members go on to careers in law, business and many other fields.

"Experience in competitive debate provides an important component of a well-rounded education and prepares students to meet the future challenges of work and public life," McAvoy added.

Kimberly LeMarque, president of the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association, said this year's tournament drew the largest pool of competitors in many years. Volunteer State Community College hosted the tournament. Next year, Walters State will host the tournament.



Members of Walters State's Debate Team were all smiles following their first place win in the Tennessee State Forensics and Debate Tournament in Gallatin.

Transferring Students Need to be Aware of Deadlines

By Kayla Grubb

Many students do not choose to stay at one college or university during their time of study.

Jeannie Hopper of Walters State's Student Success Center reminds students that if they are planning to transfer to a college or university in the fall, they should be aware that most schools have transfer deadlines. Scholarship and admission applications must be received by a certain date in order to begin classes during Fall 2009. The following items will need to be completed: Submit application, request official Walters State Community College transcript be sent (Student Records), request high school transcript be sent, apply for housing if needed, and apply for financial aid (if applicable).

Students who are transferring must complete applications on time and send them in before the deadline, or else the college or university may not accept late applicants. Applications may be obtained from the Student Success Center, from the admissions office of the four-year school, or in many cases from the internet. If there are any questions about the transfer process, please contact Jeannie Hopper, College Center 259, 423-318-2564, or at mary.hopper@ws.edu.

Car Care Tips Provided by Trackmaster

By Doug Keith

Walters State Trackmaster

Most modern day vehicles are electronically fuel injected which requires much higher fuel system pressures than in years past. To achieve this pressure, manufacturers have gotten away from mechanical pumps and now use electric pumps that are mounted inside the fuel tank.

These modern electric pumps become quite warm while doing their job and require the fuel in the tank to keep them cool. Therefore, it's a good idea to always keep a minimum of one-quarter tank of fuel in your vehicle to act as a cooling agent for the pump assembly. A vehicle that is frequently run with less than one-quarter tank of fuel may experience premature fuel pump failure. Since replacing the fuel pump can cost over \$500.00, it is well worth it to fuel up when your gas gauge reads one-quarter tank.

Services Help Disabled Students Make Their Academic Pursuits A Success

Walters State's Office of Services for Students with Disabilities provides services to assistance students with disabilities in order to help make their academic pursuits a success.

Bill Edmonds, associate director of Disability Services/Financial Aid Liaison, explained that each semester, as instructors begin their classes, they include as a part of their course syllabus, a notation that our office is available to those student who need assistance. It is great that they do this because they are often the first to recognize that a student might be having difficulties.

"However, some faculty may be reluctant to call attention to a problem for fear that it may embarrass the student. In this case, unless the student takes the initiative, he will most likely struggle and possibly fail the course. We do not want this to happen and can probably be avoided," Edmonds said.

"If you have a physical or a mental problem that interferes with your ability to perform well in your class; if this problem has been diagnosed or treated within the last two years, we may be able to offer some assistance to you," Edmonds said. He went on to add, "Some of these problems may be hearing or visual in nature,

which are two of the most obvious. There are others more subtle but just as obtrusive. If you are not sure you meet the criteria for eligibility, contact us anyway."

The Office of Services for Student with Disabilities, OSSD, can assist with a variety of accommodations in the classroom that might help students have better access to material being presented. They may have an injury that temporarily affects their ability to write or walk from their vehicle to class. We may be able to assist these students.

Edmonds explained, "Not every problem you have will make you eligible for services from our office, but if it interferes with your work in the classroom, there may be other individuals who can suggest some intervention strategies."

Edmonds office is located in the Counseling & Testing Suite room 207 College Center and his telephone number is (423) 585-6803. He is at the Sevier County campus each Thursday from 9 am until 2 p.m.. Please come by or call for an appointment.

"It will be helpful if you already have medical documentation that addresses your issue," said Edmonds.

Certified Nursing Assistant Courses Help Meet Community Training and Educational Needs

The Office of Continuing Education & Economic Development will be offering several courses in the near future to meet the training and educational demands from the community. One way of meeting the demand will be to offer more Certified Nursing Assistant courses. Local nursing homes, doctor's offices, and hospitals have run employment ads searching for qualified candidates. A course will begin in Newport on March 17 consisting of 130 hours. Classroom lecture will consist of 90 hours and clinical skills exercises will be 40 hours. The clinical skills exercises will be conducted at the Convalescent Center in Newport.

A Phlebotomy Technician course will begin March 16 in Newport consisting of 90 hours. The field of Phlebotomy has greatly expanded in the past several years, and the role of this integral member of the health care team has recently been brought into much sharper focus. Phlebotomists are employed throughout the health care system – hospitals, neighborhood health centers, medical group practices, HMO's, public health facilities, veteran hospitals, and

insurance carriers. A clinical skills course will be available for students who complete the course to achieve their 100 supervised sticks towards a national certification.

Another course in demand by employers and job seekers is EKG Technician. EKG Technicians are responsible for performing electrocardiogram tests in order to monitor and record electrical impulses transmitted by the heart. They assist a physician in diagnosing and treating cardiac and blood vessel irregularities. EKG Technicians work in physician offices, hospitals, clinics, and for insurance companies to establish health and life insurance policies. The EKG Technician course will begin on March 9, 2009.

LoSoking for that special certification, then register for our Chiropractic Assistant and Dialysis Technician course. The Chiropractic Assistant course will begin May 11 preparing students for administrative front office duties; chiropractic and patient education issues; anatomy and physiology; chiropractic terminology; chiropractic billing and coding; and the legal aspects of chiropractic care.

Dialysis Technician course will begin June 16 educating students on how to operate kidney dialysis machines, which filter normal waste products and excess fluids from the patient's blood. While it is troubling that kidney failure is a growing national health problem, kidney disease continues

to drive the growing demand for Dialysis Technicians. Both courses are 50 hours.

Contact Matt Berger at 423-585-6843 or look online at www.ws.edu/ceed, click Morristown, to review all upcoming courses related to the health care field.

Tutoring Services Provided Free at All Campuses

The Office of Student Tutoring is located in the Jack E. Campbell College Center Building in room 261. Extended hours are offered at all campuses. Sunday tutoring is available in the R. Jack Fishman Library from 1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Tutoring services are provided free of charge to all Walters State students both on- and off- campus. The Office of Student Tutoring provides tutorial assistance to all students who have an academic need and request the service. Tutors are committed to help all students succeed in their academic endeavors. The Office of Student Tutoring is here to help the student improve their grades, prepare for quizzes and class exams, and learn good study

habits. The office tries to effectively relate to traditional, non-traditional and students with disabilities in spite of obstacles that often serve to discourage students. Tutoring is available in remedial and developmental courses, as well as college-level courses.

Contact for more information: Mary Breedlove, Director of Student Tutoring, 423-585-6920; Barbara Bishop, Tutor, Greeneville/Greene County Campus, 423-798-7982; Sharon Duff, Tutor, Sevier County Campus, 865-908-5494; Kimberly Wilder, Director of Claiborne County Center, 423-318-2712; Learning Lab Technicians: Candice Justice, English and Writing, 423-585-6970; and Beth Dixon, Mathematics, 423-585-6782.

Handgun Carry Permit and Motorcycle Safety Courses Set for March

Spring is in the area and will officially be here on March 20, 2009. Beginning February 28, 2009, the Office of Continuing Education & Economic Development will offer its one day Permit to Carry course.

The Permit to carry course will be offered once a month starting February through November of 2009. The course cost is \$85.00. The course is a one day course broken into two halves. The first half is classroom lecture that discusses safety and Tennessee laws. The second half is located on the firing range off campus. Please contact Matt Berger for registration or class dates at 423-585-6843 or www.ws.edu/ceed, and then click on the Morristown tab.

Motorcycle Rider Education courses will begin on March 7, 2009. There are three different courses offered for motorcycle riders. The Basic Rider, a two day course, is for

those just learning to ride and need more traffic riding skills. Experienced Rider course, a one day course, was developed for riders with more than 1500 hours riding their motorcycle and looking for a refresher and to learn advanced skills. Some insurance carriers will give a yearly premium discount once the course is completed.

The only specialized course is for Trike riders. Trike riders can take a one day course to learn how to better maneuver their three-wheeled cycle in traffic, best driving practices, and emergency situations. Each course is priced as follows: Basic Rider is \$225.00, Experienced Rider is \$95.00, and the Trike course is \$95.00. Each course is limited to 12 students so contact Matt Berger at 423-585-6843 or review the scheduled online at www.ws.edu/ceed, and then click on the Morristown tab.

Annual Honors Day to Recognize Outstanding Student Accomplishments

Walters State's annual Honors Day Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. in the "Z" Buda Gymnasium and Assembly Hall.

The ceremony recognizes students who excel in the classroom through the academic awards. Students are nominated in the various academic disciplines based on their academic standing. Nominees receive certificates in recognition of their nomination and recipients are awarded plaques.

Students who have served as presidents of student organizations are recognized for their service to their respective organizations.

Members of the Student Government Association are recognized for their work in serving as representatives of the student body and the Statesman Staff members are recognized for their work in the creation of the college's student newspaper.

Students initiated into Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Beta Delta, and Lambda Beta honor societies.

Students who have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College are presented their certificates for having been named to the elite group.

Students who excel at athletics and in the classroom are recognized through the outstanding student athlete awards. Recipients are recognized for each sport and cheerleading.

The President's Outstanding Student Award is presented to a student who is considered outstanding according to the established criteria. Students who are nominated for this award have excelled academically and are involved in extracurricular and community activities.

Walters State students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the ceremony as well as the friends and families of students who are being honored.

OFF-CAMPUS CORNER

Wide Variety of Special Interest Courses on Schedule for Sevier County Campus

A wide variety of special interest courses are on the schedule for the Sevier County Campus.

Social Networking for Businesses-Online phenomena like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Podcasts more than the latest electronic fads. They are useful

resources to enhance your business and marketing techniques. Learn more about how these online tools can jumpstart or revitalize your business or organization. This insightful, new four-hour workshop has been designed for hospitality, entertainment, non-profit professionals, or anyone interested in learning the ins and outs of these influential new media!

Blood Drive Set for WSGC

February is American Heart Month. Just like they have for the past couple of years, Greeneville students are going to celebrate by hosting a community blood drive this month that is open to both Walters State students and non-students who wish to donate. In recent months Medic has experienced a shortage of all blood types and has advertised an emergency need for donors. Last year during the February blood drive, Walters State students offered over 60 units of blood. In October that number grew to almost 100. Our goal for this month is to achieve over 100 units of blood donated. Come out to the Greeneville Campus on Tuesday, February 24; the Medic Blood Mobile will be there in parking lot number two from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 p.m. the evening. Donors must have a valid ID and will receive a free T-shirt for donating.

Pizza Available at WSGC on Mondays and Tuesdays

Greeneville students are hungry. They asked to have something that they could get to eat on campus to supplement the well-stocked vending machines. Apparently, they had gotten tired of Snickers bars and Fritos. Late last fall the Greeneville campus SGA representative, Mariska van der Merwe began buying pizzas at Papa

John's in Greeneville and selling them on campus for one dollar per slice. The students responded by buying them up most days until they are sold out. They got a delicious hot lunch, and they don't even have to leave campus, which they really appreciated on those bone-chilling cold snowy days that we had this winter. Mariska is raising a little bit of money for the Greeneville campus, which she plans to use to provide a special treat for the Greeneville students this spring. This semester, the pizzas are available in the student lounge on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. until they are all sold out.

WSGC Donates Funds to United Way

Greeneville campus SGA representative, Mariska van der Merwe recently presented the local chapter of the United Way with a generous check. This came as a result of the silent auction that was held at the Greeneville campus just before the Christmas break. Several items were brought in for the sale by faculty and staff, and many others were donated by local and area businesses. For example, Dollywood donated one day passes and Splash Country T-shirts and water bottles. Oil Express in Greeneville donated an oil change and Three Blind Mice donated a mechanical snowman. The auction was a great success with bids being won by students, faculty and staff.

Participants can select from any one of the following workshop dates: Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 19, 1:00-5:00 pm; or Tuesday, March 24, 4:30-8:30 pm.

Workshop Fee: \$79 (plus \$6 registration fee) Download a printable pdf registration form.

Workplace Spanish® for Hotel and Hospitality Professionals-This course was developed for hotels, motels and other hospitality properties where basic, effective Spanish will improve communication and teamwork with Hispanic associates, resulting in higher quality service and property maintenance. A manual and two audio CDs come with the course and contain more than 1,000 Spanish terms and phrases used frequently in the hospitality industry. Students do not have to learn grammar or memorize language rules, and no prior Spanish training is necessary.

The class meets Mondays, February 23-May 4, 2009 (class will not meet on April 13), 6-8 p.m., Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Board Room, Gatlinburg. The instructor Kesi Garcia, is an instructor of Spanish at Seymour High School.

The fee for the course is \$229 (plus \$6 registration fee) Registration was due by February 16.

Beginning Sign Language-Have you ever wanted to learn how to communicate with the deaf and hearing impaired? Join this exciting class in beginning Sign Language to learn a broad range of signs and basic communication savvy in American Sign Language. The course will cover finger spelling, numbers and basic vocabulary and expressions.

The class meets Tuesday evenings, p.m., February 24, March 3, 17, 24, 31, & April 7. The course fee is \$79 (plus \$6 registration fee) and you can download a printable pdf registration form.

Excel QuickCourse and Lunch-Back by popular demand, this workshop and lunch will provide a

jumpstart on your Excel skills and a delicious lunch prepared by the Rel Maples Culinary Arts Institute. Join us for three hours of intensive, introductory Excel training and a gourmet meal. Participants will receive an Excel Quick Source Guide.

The class will meet on March 4, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Training runs from 8:30 to 11:30 am and lunch is served until 1:30 p.m.) with a fee of \$79* (plus \$6 registration fee)

Certified Nursing Assistant-New, Monday/Wednesday Evening Class, March 23-June 29, 2009, 5-9:30 p.m. with a course fee of \$360.

Interviewing and Resume Writing—Two New Classes-How To Improve Your Interviewing Skills, (Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 9:30 – 11:30 am) and How To Write the Resume for the Job You Want (Thursday, March 16, 2009, 9:30 – 11:30 am.) are on the schedule with a course fee of \$30. Call (865) 774-5851 to learn more!

Presentation Skills for Everyday Use-Whether it's a 30-second announcement or an hour-long program, speaking in front of a group can seem daunting. This six-hour workshop will help you to improve your public communication skills with a focus on understanding your audience, achieving "poise and presence," overcoming anxiety, preparing appropriately, and making your message memorable. Students will receive a personalized DVD recording of their short speech assignments for self-analysis.

Dates for the course are April 6 & 13, 6:00-9:00 pm Please Register (by calling 865-774-5851) by April 1.

The course fee is \$69 (plus \$6



Sevier County Campus Opens Student Recreation Center

The Sevier County Campus unveiled its recently opened Student Recreation Center on February 2, 2009.

The center is located in Room 116 of Maples-Marshall Hall, the former dining room. The recreation area is currently equipped with a foosball table, a ping pong table and a portable popcorn machine and provides a place for students to hang out and engage in some friendly competition between classes.

Funds for the equipment were provided by the student activity fee which is administered by the Student Affairs Division.



Laura Gossett (left) and Olivia McCarter (right), scholarship students who work in the administrative office, check out the games available in the new Student Recreation Center. Funds for the facilities were provided by student activity fee funds.

Walters State Community College 2009 Schedule of Events African-American History /Diversity Announced

The Month of February 2009

Frameworks Custom Framing Gallery Display
Ms. Vickie Conner
Knoxville, Tennessee
R. Jack Fishman Library,
The Greeneville/Greene County Center for Higher Education
Lobby and
The Sevier County Campus
ACAD Building

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

The Freedom Writers film presentation
Greeneville/Greene County Center for Higher Education
Lounge Area, throughout the day

Thursday, February 26, 2009

The Austin-East Performing Arts High School Dance Troupe
Sevier County Campus

Friday, February 27, 2009

11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Unity Luncheon
Duggins Foundation Room
Dr. Jack E. Campbell College Center

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

10 a.m.
Atahualpa Flute Music (Ecuador)
Judge William H. Inman Humanities Complex Theatre

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

1 p.m.
Atahualpa Flute Music (Ecuador)
Sevier County Campus

TBA

Austin-East Performing High

School Choir performing on the Morristown Campus March 2009.

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Kenichi Ebina and Company: New Dance Moves and Tumbling
Jack E. Campbell College Center Gymnasium

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

10 a.m.
Kenichi Ebina and Company: New Dance Moves and Tumbling
TBA
Greeneville, Tennessee (location to be announced)

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

10 a.m.
Zambian Vocal Group
Judge William H. Inman Humanities Complex Theatre

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

1 p.m.
Zambian Vocal Group
Sevier County Campus

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

TBA
Zambian Vocal Group
Greeneville, Tennessee (location to be announced)

April 13 or 20, 2009

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC – HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
Information about the trip will be announced later.



SPORTS UPDATE

Busy Senators Baseball Season Underway

By Kelly Sanders

The Senators opened their season with a trip to Florida for an invitational tournament. The hosts for the tournament even helped the team out with some of their expenses, providing motel rooms for the team.

The Senators quickly got down to the business at hand,

starting the season 3-0 after the tournament.

The Senators batting at home put an end to their four-game losing streak, by toppling Tennessee Wesleyan's junior varsity team in a twin bill. In the first game the Senators won with a score of 12-0 in five innings and then turned around and won again

11-1 in six innings improving their standings to 5-4.

The third-ranked Senators extended their winning streak to four with a TCCAA doubleheader over Roane State, with scores of 5-2 and 14-3 in five innings, these victories put the Senators at 7-4 overall and 2-0 in conference action. The following day the Senators added a third win in their sweep of Roane State with a 7-1 win in six innings.

The Senators could not out bat the Wilkes (N.C.) cougars dropping their five game winning streaks. The Senators lost with a final score of 15-11 changing the stats to 8-5 on the season.

Freshman Sam Munson who

plays shortstop for the Senators has been named the TCCAA Offensive Player of the Week, by the Tennessee Baseball Report for his weekend performance against Roane State. Munson is from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and is hitting .419 with 2 HR and 11 RBI's thus far this season.

At the time of this writing, the Senators will be on the road for the next three games, with a two day stop at Chattanooga State and then on to Spartanburg. The Senators return to their home field on the February 27.

Admission to baseball games is free, so students and their friends are welcome to come out and support the Senators.

Walters State Community College Senators Baseball Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | H/A | Time |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| 24 | Tue | Spartanburg(2) | A | 1:00 |
| 27 | Fri | Southwest Tennessee(1) | H | 2:00 |
| 28 | Sat | Southwest Tennessee(2) | H | 12:00 |
| MARCH | | | | |
| 9 | Mon | Florence Darlington(2) | A | 1:00 |
| 3 | Tue | Roane State (2) | A | 1:00 |
| 13 | Fri | Jackson State(1) | H | 2:00 |
| 14 | Sat | Jackson State(2) | H | 12:00 |
| 18 | Wed | Milligan (2) | A | 1:00 |
| 20 | Fri | Cleveland State(1) | A | 2:00 |
| 21 | Sat | Cleveland State(2) | A | 12:00 |
| 24 | Tue | Tusculum(1) | H | 3:00 |
| 27 | Fri | Volunteer State(1) | H | 2:00 |
| 28 | Sat | Volunteer State (2) | H | 12:00 |
| 30 | Mon | King College(2) | H | 1:00 |
| APRIL | | | | |
| 3 | Fri | Truett McConnell(1) | A | 2:00 |
| 4 | Sat | Truett McConnell(2) | A | 1:00 |
| 7 | Tue | Tennessee Smokies (Exhib) | A | 7:00 |
| 10 | Fri | Columbia State(1) | A | 4:00 |
| 11 | Sat | Columbia State(2) | A | 12:00 |
| 14 | Tue | Wilkes(2) | A | 1:30 |
| 17 | Fri | Motlow State(1) | H | 2:00 |
| 18 | Sat | Motlow State(2) | H | 12:00 |
| 21 | Tue | Tusculum(1) | A | 4:00 |
| 24 | Fri | Dyersburg State(1) | A | 2:00 |
| 25 | Sat | Dyersburg State (2) | A | 12:00 |
| 28 | Tue | King College(2) | A | 3:00 |

MAY

May 1 - 6 TJCCAA Tournament @ Columbia St

May 15 - 16 East Central District TBA

May 23 - 30 World Series Grand Junction, CO



Will Skinner crosses home plate to add a run to the Senators scoreboard in home baseball action. photo by Kelly Sanders

Lady Senators Winding Down Regular Season and Preparing to Head for Tournament Play

The Lady Senators have had a phenomenal season, with a record of 24-0 in the TJCAA and 6-0 in the NJCAA at the time of this writing. The Lady Senators will be participants in the NJCAA Tournament taking place in Cleveland Tennessee on March 2-9 of 2009.

This team is made up of part of last year's championship team as well as some new blood. The freshmen have really brought their efforts and skills to this team as well.

The Lady Senators making up the team include sophomores: Allysia Bailey is a 5'5" guard from Bearden High School. Allysia had a slow start to her season due to an illness early in the season, but that hasn't slowed her down on the court. She always seems to be where she is needed most to help assist the Lady Senators on the road to a perfect season to date.

Chantel Johnson is a 6'4" post from St John's (SC). Chantel is as graceful as a gazelle, with the agility of a jaguar. When it comes to rebounding the ball not many get by her. Chantel is also deadly when it comes to scoring for the Lady Senators.

Derika Mooney is a 5'5" guard from McMinn County. Derika is always full of surprises, one minute she is shooting for two and the next minute she is wrestling on the floor with some of the biggest players on the opponent's team for the ball. When it comes to the bigger players Derika shows no mercy.

Shawnta Shelton is a 5'8" guard from BL Smith (NC). Shawnta is a true team player, she plays every game with intensity and every game is a new change and Shawnta never misses an opportunity to show what she is made of. Shawnta doesn't know the

meaning of me, she always adds me to team and she is part of the reason the team is where it is.

Rhon'Neisha Taylor is a 5'8" guard from Nashville Maplewood, Rhon'Neisha has true leadership skills, whether it is a practice game or the real thing, she always gives 110 percent. One day before a game you may see her icing an injured calf muscle and the next day in the game you will see her playing like she was never hurt. She doesn't even know the meaning of the word injury.

Shakira White is a 5'10" post from Jasper County (SC). Shakira is another one of those players that always seems to be right where she is needed, whether it is rebounding the ball, assisting, or shooting her own three pointers you can always bet that Shakira is going to be there to back her team mates.

Ashley Whitmore is a 6'0" post from Antioch. Ashley is a very diverse player, whether she is jumping for the opening play or in position to shoot the lay up from under the basket, it is always going to be an exciting play

when Ashley is involved in the plan of things. Keeping up with Ashley on the court can be a task, because she is always on the move.

That rounds out the sophomore players and the true foundation for the Lady Senators who along with the talents provided by the freshmen help make the Lady Senators the team they are.

Freshmen members of the team include: LaKrystle Goss is a 5'7" guard from Austin East. LaKrystle is a very intense player, with stamina and determination. As a freshman LaKrystle is always one of the starters for the Lady Senators, and is quick to add her points to the board, as well as being there to assist.

Jama Hammontree is a 5'8" guard from Greenback. Jama blew her knee early in the season and hasn't gotten to see any court time in this season, but this hasn't stopped her from being at every game supporting and cheering on her team mates.

Melanie Hemphill is a 6'0" forward from Howard. Melanie is a very good team player always there to lend a helping hand or two. When Melanie is on the court she is a one women show, from three pointers to rebounds to assists nothing seems to get in her way to keep her from her goal.

Chanelle King is a 6'2" post from Jasper County (SC). Chanelle is a very ambitious player which brings a lot of talent to the team, unfortunately Chanelle has been plagued with bone spurs that have kept her off the court a lot this season, but it has never dampened her spirits, or her support of the team.

Jessica Jones is a 5'11" forward from Brainerd. Jessica is a key asset to the team and is very quick on her feet. One minute she is shooting three pointers and the next, she is under the basket retrieving rebounds and getting the ball back down to the other end of the court in record time.

Shy Marsh is a 5'4" is a guard from Austin East. Shy is the thief on the team. If she can get her hands on the ball that is all she wrote. Shy is leading the stats in steals and when you see her in action you would think that the opponents came to the game with grease on their hands. One minute they have the ball and the next they are looking for the ball.

Ambrea Owens is a 5'10" guard from Glencliff. Ambrea is a very aggressive player who keeps her eye on the ball. Ambrea plays a very hard game where very few players play with the intensity and determination that she does; always striving to be the best player she can be.

Aubrie Pryer is a 5'7" guard from Karns. Aubrie is a three point shooter. When Aubrie sets up for a three pointer and executes it, the ball seems to just float into the basket. Aubrie is equally comfortable from the free throw as well as the layup.

Patrice Talley is a 6'0" post from Easley (SC). Patrice is another player with a lot of talent, and if her last name sounds familiar there is good reason for that. Her brother, Chris, is one of the leading scorers for the Senators. Patrice excels from under the basket making the layup look easy.



Coach Dave Kragel and several of his Lady Senators celebrate a win at the conclusion of a recent game. photo by Kelly Sanders



Jessica Jones goes up for a shot as defenders scramble to block her attempt. photo by Kelly Sanders

Walters State's Golf Team Preparing for Upcoming Tournament Action

By Kelly Sanders

Walters State's 2009 Senators Golf Team is made up of nine talented young men.

Head Coach, Bill Gardner said the team "is looking forward to having a great season." He went on to add that "we have some quality players so it will be a dog fight to see who gets to play for each tournament since only five can play."

Team members include sophomores Jeremy Cason, Luke Fullen, Jackson Newgent, Tyler Nix, David Strader, and Caleb Whaley. Freshman team members are Jeremy Beachner, Will Jarnigan, and Matthew Smith.

Beachner is a graduate of Jefferson County High School and is a business major. During his senior year, his team went to TSSAA State Golf Tournament. His hobbies include playing golf.

Cason is a graduate of Jefferson County High School majoring in business at Walters State. In high school, he finished All Conference 5-A during his junior and senior years and qualified region during his junior and senior years. During his college career, Cason has played in the NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship in Phoenix, AZ, placed 5th at the LUM Invitational (69,71) and played in State Ametues (2008) and made the cut. Cason's

hobbies include church, working out, golf, and tennis.

Luke Fullen graduated from Greeneville High School and is a general studies major at Walters State. In 2008, he was Ping 2nd Team All American and tied for 16th at the Nationals-NJCAA in Phoenix, AZ. In his spare time, Fullen enjoys working out and fishing.

Jarnigan is a Rutledge High School graduate. He was valedictorian of his senior class and district 2A Player of the Year twice (07-08) and TSSAA State three times. During summer play he won four TAG events (Link Hills, Virginian, Woodlake, and The Country Club). Jarnigan's favorite hobby is golf.

Newgent was home schooled and hails from Knoxville. He is undecided as to what his major will be and his hobbies include church, computers and family.

Nix graduated from Greeneville High School where he made All Conference and All District during his senior year. His junior year team went to State Competition and finished fifth. He is majoring in business at Walters State. His hobbies include golf, food, and rock band.

Strader graduated from Roane County High School and is greenhouse/landscape major. In high school, he

finished All District his sophomore, junior, and senior years. During his time at Walters State he has made the Dean's List and finished T52 in the 2007 National Tournament (NJCAA Scottsboro, AL). His hobbies are golf, TV, and watching movies.

Smith is a Rutledge High School graduate and has not declared a major at Walters State. In high school he went to the State Tournament for three years and was All State for three years. He was also 1st Team All District for three years and two times was 1st Team All Knoxville News Sentinel Prep Xtra. His favorite hobby is playing golf.

Whaley graduated from Coker County High School and is working towards a degree in accounting at Walters State. His hobbies include golf, basketball, and girls.

The Senators Golf Team is in for a real treat during spring break. The golf team has been given the opportunity to play in the Kauai Collegiate Cup in Kauai, Hawaii. These dedicated young men are paying their

own transportation expenses so they can participate in this tournament. Due to the many budget cuts that have been implemented this year and in the coming year, the only way the golf team was able to go was to help with their expenses.

The Golf team will be participating in six tournaments this season starting with one in Greeneville which is the closest they play to home. The team will also be playing in the Goose Pond Spring Fling, Southeastern KY Intercollegiate, Union College Invitational, and the NJCAA Division I National Championship, as well as the Kauai Collegiate Cup.

| Walters State Community College 2009 Golf Schedule | | |
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| Date | Tournament | Location |
| March 7-8 | Tusculum College Spring Invitational | Link Hills Country Club Greeneville, TN |
| March 13-14 | Kauai Collegiate Cup | Wailua Golf Club Kauai, Hawaii |
| March 19-21 | Goosepond Spring Fling | Goose Pond Colony Scottsboro, AL |
| March 30-31 | Southeastern KY Invitational | Crooked Creek London, KY |
| April 13-14 | Union College Invitational | Wasioto Winds Pineville, KY |
| May 17-22 | NJCAA Division I National Champ. | Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Owens Crossroads, AL |



Coach Bill Gardner



Jeremy Beachner



Jeremy Cason



Luke Fullen



Will Jarnigan



Jackson Newgent



Tyler Nix



Matthew Smith



David Strader



Caleb Whaley

WS Softball Team Open Season in Winning Style

By Kelly Sanders

Coach Larry Sauceman, Lady Senators softball coach, signed eleven new talented girls to this year's lineup, just having seven returning from last season. The Lady Senators finished off the season with 32-16 last season.

The Lady Senators Softball is starting their season undefeated. In the season opener against Ohio Valley the ladies defeated Ohio Valley 5-3, starting off their winning streak.

The ladies put a hurting on the team from Pfeiffer, beating them 3-0. It seems the combination is proving to be a very good meld between his returning sophomores and the new

freshmen.

Even though the ladies have yet to play at home this season that hasn't inhibited them in any way. Moving on the game three, the ladies tromped on Tusculum with an 8-0 verdict, placing them 3-0 on the season.

In game four the ladies faced off against Glenville State battling their way to a 9-5 victory.

The ladies were on the road for the next three games, and return to play at home on the February 24 at 2 p.m..

The softball field is located next to the mall and the WSCC campus. Admission to Walters State Lady Senators softball games is free.

Senators Struggle to Regroup With Loss of Key Players

By Kelly Sanders

The Senators have had a very up and down season thus far, with a record of 18-10 at the time of this writing.

It has been a real challenge for the Senators to work as a team, with the loss of some of the team's key players. The Senators have had to struggle to fill those gaps in their team.

The team has relied heavily on the sophomores for their leadership to guide the freshmen. The team is moving in the right direction with their win over Hiwassee on the February 14. Kyle Upton chipped in 16 points and Marsallis Malone netted 12 points. Michael Jenkins pulled down 11 rebounds, with the help of Trey Fields, David Joyner and Trey Payne all with 5 assists.

The man of the hour was Rande Sibley with a career-best 18 points. Rande is a very quick guard and is tuff to handle on the court.

The Senators will be attending the TJCCAA-NJCCAA tournament in Cleveland Tennessee the week of March 2-9.

The Senators had a real tuff match-up with Roane

State on the February 18, but the Senators met the challenge defeating Roane State 65-57.

The team pulled together and played a very good game. The future is looking brighter for the Senators, with the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament just around the corner.



Marsallis Malone gets a little altitude during the jump ball. photo by Kelly Sanders

Walters State Community College 2009 Lady Senators Softball Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | H/A | Time |
|-----------------|------|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| Feb. 24 | Tue | Truett McConnell | H | 2:00 |
| Feb. 28 | Sat. | Georgia Perimeter Tournament | A | TBA |
| MARCH | | | | |
| Mar. 3 | Tue | Spartanburg Methodist | A | 2:00 |
| Mar. 6 | Fri | Wallace State Tournament | A | TBA |
| Mar. 7 | Sat. | Wallace State Tournament | A | TBA |
| Mar. 8 | Sun | Wallace State Tournament | A | TBA |
| Mar. 10 | Tue | Virginia Intermont | H | 2:00 |
| Mar. 12 | Thu | Truett McConnell | A | 2:00 |
| Mar. 14 | Sat. | Aiken Tech | H | 2:00 |
| Mar. 21* | Sat. | Volunteer State C.C. | A | 1:00C |
| Mar. 24 | Tue | Chattanooga State C.C. | H | 2:00 |
| Mar. 26 | Thu | Roane State C.C. | A | 2:00 |
| Mar. 28* | Sat. | Motlow State C.C | H | 2:00 |
| Mar. 31* | Tue | Cleveland State C.C. | A | 2:00 |
| APRIL | | | | |
| April 3* | Fri. | Southwest Tennessee C.C. | H | 2:00 |
| April 4* | Sat. | Dyersburg State C.C. | H | 1:00 |
| April 7 | Tue | Hiwassee College | H | 2:00 |
| April 9 | Thu | Virginia Intermont | A | 2:00 |
| April 10 | Fri | King College | H | 2:00 |
| April 14* | Tue | Chattanooga State C.C. | A | 2:00 |
| April 17* | Fri. | Jackson State C.C. | A | 2:00C |
| April 18* | Sat. | Columbia State C.C. | A | 2:00C |
| April 21* | Tue | Roane State C.C. | H | 2:00 |
| April 23 | Thu | Cleveland State C.C. | H | 2:00 |
| April 25 | Sat. | Milligan College | A | 2:00 |

Spring Break
is March 9-13
Have a safe
and happy
one!