

Special
points of
interest:

- NTSO Banquet held on Sept. 8th
- New NTSO Officers introduced
- Join the Non Traditional Student Organization and "Get Connected"
- Commuters' cold weather checklist in "Commuter News"

The next NTSO Meeting is January 20, 2007 1:00—5:00pm at the ASU Lake House: Membership Drive/ Family Day

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Breaking Tradition

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First Ever NTSO Orientation Banquet a Huge Success

On September 8th, the Le Grand Alumni Center played host to the first ever Non Traditional Student Orientation Banquet. Students who are at least 24 years of age, have a spouse or a child, have been married, are a caregiver to a family member, or commute more than 35 miles to attend ASU attended the banquet which included a dinner, guest speakers, the introduction of new NTSO officers and a virtual tour of the campus.

Guest speakers included Dr. Hindman, President of the university and Dr. Joe

Munoz, Asst. to the President and Advisor to the Non-traditional Student Organization. A special presentation was made to



ASU's Le Grand Alumni Center

John Dehnel, the past president of NTSO and the catalyst to the development of the organization. During the presentation it was noted that his determination and desire to see

through NTSO's beginning provided the strength necessary for the organization's continued success.

According to Drs. Hindman and Munoz, non-traditional students are a strong part of the fabric of ASU and all universities today. As an "ex" non-traditional student, Dr. Hindman understands the challenges and empathizes with this group of students. He believes that NTSO will provide an opportunity for these students to interact with other students and strengthen each others' college experience.

New NTSO Officers say "Hello"

The new officers for the Non-traditional Students Organization were introduced at the NTSO Orientation Banquet. These folks wanted to take a minute to say "Howdy" and welcome.

President—Barbara Lambert

Ms. Lambert is an ex-truck driver and mother of 3 children, plus many adopted campus "children". She grew up an Air Force brat, graduating from Kubasaki High School in Okinawa. She also served as a Naval Reservist

during the Desert Storm era. She is proud to say she will be turning 50 next year and "looks forward to the next 50". She is also an avid football fan.

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Get Connected



The Non Traditional Student Lounge

If you are at least 24 years of age, have a spouse or a child, have been married, are a caregiver to a family member, or commute more than 35 miles to attend ASU, the Non Traditional Student Association might be the group for you. As a student at ASU there are multiple areas and organizations in which you can choose to be-

come involved. There is something for just about every interest. If you are interested in joining a group that offers opportunities for leadership on and off campus with people who share like-interests with you, consider this one. Unlike many other student organizations on campus, the Non Traditional Student Association plans

fun activities and community service projects that are geared toward families as well as individuals. Mindy Lusk, the Coordinator for Student Development in the Office of Student Life is your liaison within the University. Feel free to visit her office in the UC or to contact her at 942-2191 or via email at non.trads@angelo.edu.

I would like to see NTSO grow to be the most recognized organization not only on campus, but as we are nationally recognized, in the USA"

Val Gartman, NTSO Secretary



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Ms. Lambert is currently shifting her vocation from truck driver to school teacher. She plans on graduating in May of 2008 with a Middle School certification.

Vice President—Paul Thorpe

Mr. Thorpe is a retired Army Sergeant who is currently working two jobs. He has four children and one gorgeous granddaughter as well as many adopted students from the campus. He plans on graduating in December, with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology, with a minor in Criminology. He plans on con-

tinuing his studies by beginning his graduate program in Public Administration.

Treasurer—Alecia West

Ms. West is a 26 year old non-traditional student who started her college career in 1997. After a divorce that left her a single parent, she decided on a total life change. She remarried and competed her studies at the junior college level, with no expectation of continuing. Life changes, as do plans, when she received a scholarship from an international

honor society which led her to Angelo State.

Secretary—Valerie Gartman

Ms. Gartman is a 24 year old single parent of a beautiful daughter. She was raised an Air Force brat but chose the Army straight out of high school. She has always aspired to run her own small business from home which is what inspired her to return to school. She is a Business Major with high hopes for NTSO, aspiring to see it become one of the strongest organizations on campus.

Commuter's News...

Cold Weather Safety

With winter weather already upon us in some parts of the country and quickly approaching in others, GEICO would like to offer a few tips to help ensure you and your vehicles safety throughout the coming winter months.

Prepare your vehicle for cold weather driving:

- Have your battery serviced
- Check all fluid levels
- Check all lights and windshield wipers to make sure they are in proper working order. Change them if necessary
- Examine your tires to ensure maximum performance

Having your tires checked is very important, especially during the winter. Are your tires rated as all-season tires?

Are they properly inflated? The answer to both of these questions may very well be no. Remember, your tires are your first and last defense against bad weather. Have them checked!

Be prepared for an unexpected emergency

Always carry with you a winter car kit in case of an unexpected emergency. Here are a few items that are essential to a quality kit.

- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Several blankets
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Small shovel
- Jumper cables
- Bottled water and canned fruit and vegeta-

bles

- Always remember to keep your gas tank at least half full

Slow down and allow extra time

The biggest hazard of winter driving is slippery roads. Drive carefully and defensively. Always keep in mind how far it takes to bring your car to a stop on dry pavement. In winter conditions, allow at least three times that distance to reach a full stop and avoid skidding. This means your safe distance behind the car in front of you should be three times as far. And you must begin braking three times as far away from the stoplight or corner where you turn.

“As a student at ASU, your attendance at these events is paid for by your fees. So take advantage of this”

What's going on around here?

As a commuter, it can be challenging to use the campus to its fullest. Take advantage of your student privileges. Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming events around the campus. From sporting events to comedy and musical talent; from guest speakers of current topics of interest to self improve-

ment and career development programs, ASU has it all and as a student, many of these events and activities are free or at a low cost. With the Fall semester quickly drawing to a close its time to start thinking about “finals”. If you need a quiet place to study remember the Nontraditional Student

Lounge, located under the stairs in the UC. If you're like many of us and the end of the semester means working on that “big” paper, the university has plenty of computers and quiet space to get creative and study. Don't forget too, to get ready for the Spring by registering for those classes.



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Angelo State University was founded in 1928 and has been striving ever since to provide a quality education to its diverse student population. With more than 60 academic undergraduate and graduate programs and more than 100 various student clubs and organizations it's safe to say, ASU offers something for everyone. Angelo State University is committed to providing a wide range of high quality academic programs and strives to develop in its students those qualities which will enable them to enrich their personal lives, improve their abilities to serve and contribute to society, and become leaders in their professions and in their communities.

For more information about ASU, contact our admissions office at 1-800-946-8627 or www.angelo.edu/dept/admissions.

