

While snow brought beauty and a reprieve from studies, students, faculty, and staff had to make up the missed days during spring break. PHOTO: VOICE STAFF

New Mexico instructor visits WCC Writing Center

By KELLY LITTLE

On Friday, March 23, Ted Maier, English instructor from Clovis Community College (CCC), New Mexico, came to Wayne Community College on his spring break to find out about WCC's Writing Center.

Maier had e-mailed Writing Center Director Sharon Royal on March 7, requesting permission to observe the Writing Center.

Because his school is planning to establish a Center of its own, it sponsored his trip.

He was especially interested in the administrative and record-keeping aspects of maintaining a writing center, Royal said.

Maier said that CCC, with an enrollment of 4,000, is the only college within a 100-mile radius of Clovis.

Some classes meet weekly for 2 1/2 hours because of the long commute and farming schedules.

Maier, an instructor at CCC for about a year, has also been a Teaching Fellow at Miami University in Ohio and a high school teacher for 5 years at New York State.

As well as his visit to WCC, Maier also toured the writing/learning centers at UNC Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and Wake Technical Community College.

The Learning Center at CCC will be funded by the state for \$500,000, Maier said.

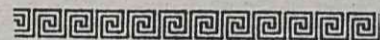
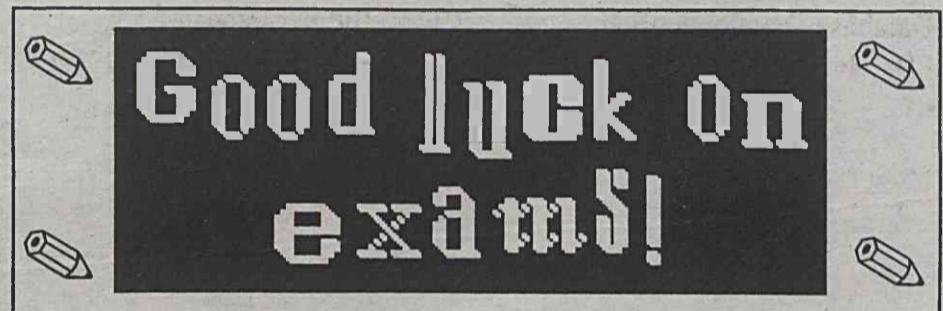
Its purpose is to educate students as well as people in the community. It will also help to retrain and prepare welfare recipients for the workplace.

Maier wants the surrounding community as well as CCC to access an Online Writing Lab (OWL) for "realtime" help on papers and other writing assignments.

With continued correspondence with WCC and the other colleges Maier hopes to have the Center up and running by August 2000.



Ted Maier, left, observes as Kathie Brown, right, assists Corey Howard with a composition. PHOTO: KELLY LITTLE



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