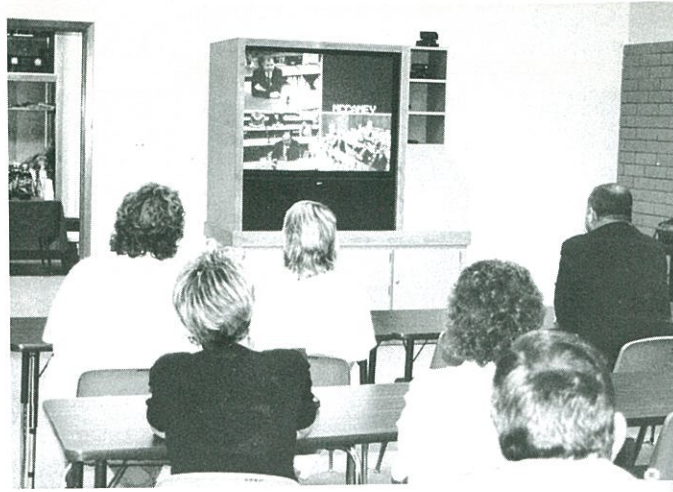


The F U T U R E is NOW

Interested parents and school personnel meet for a preview of the distance learning system on the day before school begins.

Distance learning students Tina Wilson, Desiree Bickle, Brandon Jones, Pat Gray, Amber Loftin, Alan Watts, and Mandi Haring visit with their English instructor Ms. Katherine Keen, during a field trip to Odessa College.



Students quickly adapt to classes offered over a giant television screen that allows them to see their professor as well as what is going on in classrooms in McCamey and Pecos.

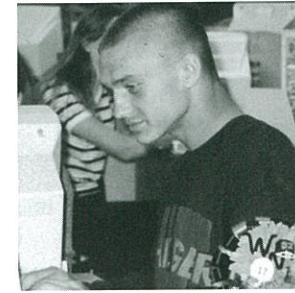


WHAT DOES DISTANCE LEARNING HAVE TO OFFER? Hours of College Credit



"Upon graduation in May I will have 9 hours of college credit, and with the classes offered this summer, I will have 15 hours when I enroll at Abilene Christian this fall."

~ Tina Wilson, senior



"I can't think of any drawbacks to Distance Learning. The professors work hard to fit each person's individual schedule, and the only time I have to spend really studying is for tests."

~ Alan Watts, junior



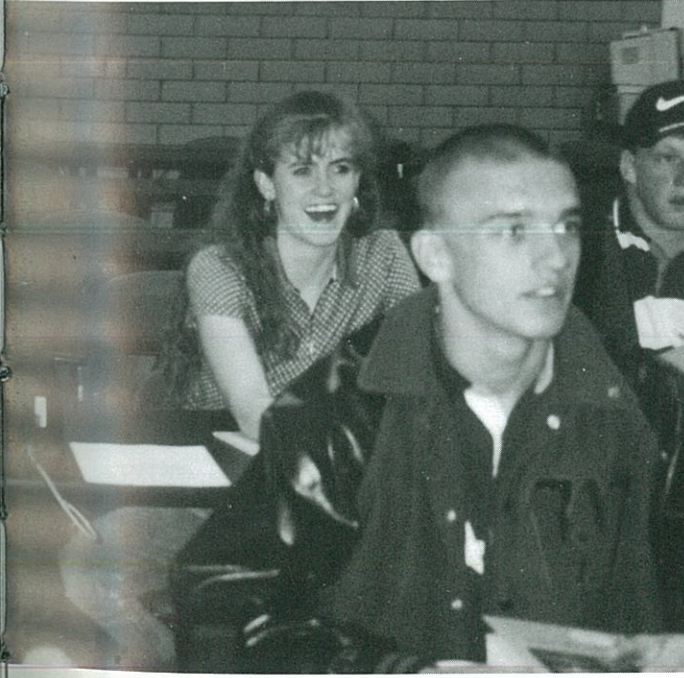
"It's great to get dual credit for a class while getting my college basics out of the way. I do miss face to face contact with my professors, but if I need help, I can ask over the TV."

~ Mandi Haring, junior



"It's fun to interact with students from other schools. Plus, I think I'm getting an idea of what college will be like. I plan to have 24 hours accumulated when I enroll!"

~ Desiree Bickle, junior



The W.L.I.S.D. school board took a big step toward putting the district on the cutting edge of technology in education when they approved approximately \$50,000 to connect WHS directly to Odessa College via a high speed communication cable known as a T-1 line. Now eligible high school students, as well as people in the community, may take courses for college credit. This technology, called *distance learning*, first came to the Permian Basin three years ago when Texas Tech University expanded its campus to the TTU Health Science Center in Odessa.

Superintendent Maxie Watts, along with administrators for the McCamey and Pecos school districts, recognized this as the coming thing in education for remote areas of Texas and proposed distance learning for their campuses. These districts, in conjunction with Odessa College, now lead the state in what promises to be an ever expanding area for excellence in education.