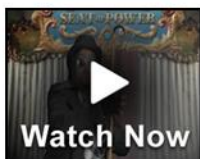


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It perfectly illustrates the story at right:



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XA Newsletter

WSC Chi Alpha campus ministries

Chi Alpha on WSC campus

Well, I'd hoped to tell you all about a huge event that connected us well on the campus with every student, returning and new. Unfortunately, my Chi Alpha kickoff for the WSC campus was delayed. Keep it in prayer as we still see a huge opportunity to meet the new students this year.

In my last letter, I shared how I really connected well the head of campus life at WSC. I don't know the circumstances, he left under, but he is no longer with the college and they have yet to replace him as of writing this.

I spoke with the administrator who is in charge of filling the vacancy and that position will be filled within the next week. Until then, however, she has prohibited me from doing any events on the campus so that this new director can have us much control over the situation as he or she wants. PLEASE keep that in prayer. As frustrating as it is to be suddenly pushed back to Step #1, I am most concerned about the college getting the right individual in that will be open to a move of God on the campus. Trust me, our campus needs it. Right now, we are functioning like a small group would within a larger assembly; that has its pros and cons (exposure/visibility being a con-



Getting coffee with some of the Christian students at WSC. Matt (future youth pastor) in the middle and David at right.

cern).

One big positive outcome with the huge staff turnover that took place this summer at WSC is that they have a new President. I've gotten to chat with him several times. I don't yet know his exact position of faith, but I am encouraged that he graduated from a seminary in years past and one of my XA students feels that he genuinely cares about his students.

Experience On Campus So Far This Year

ders, and XA helps that.

You may know that Kelly is also attending classes at WSC, and this really helps get a feel for the college and make some connections. On her first day of classes she met a teacher who is an example of why our schools need Christian community on their campus. Within minutes, while flicking off the class he rattled off every vulgar form of speech he could think of, branded

people with money as the enemy, and stumbled around the room inebriated while giving the students every reason to enamor him.

Our campus needs prayer and it needs action/support! Please remember us as we continue to work at WSC. God has a plan here, and I am praying that even this teacher will want to be a part of it.

Bright Future for WSC...

The direction of Williston State College is looking better than ever. The last institution that the new President worked at had a number of great things happen to its programs.

Already, it appears that many of those same things are in the works at WSC with the broadening of some existing programs and the increase in enrollment. There are plans for massively expanding the student life needs (such as a multi-

million dollar building plan for new dormitories.) The future at WSC looks very bright.

All signs point to a huge vacuum that could occur in the midst of all that, however. Pray that we are able to freely move on campus and work to fill that void that could occur when students have too much time and nothing positive to spend it on.

Support continuation

We also hope and pray that you will remain on board our support team if you are already (or consider joining it.) Through the course of the last year and all of it's economic woes, more than half of our support has dissipated.

If you share our vision and compassion for college students, please consider a faith promise or donation. Also, you could ask your pastor to consider inviting us for a service.

Prayer Needs

Positive relationships with new admin staff members

Pray for the teachers at the school, that they would be receptive to our mission.

Pray that the school would be successful and continue to attract new students.

Pray for XA's visibility!

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