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Academic integrity involves students

By **STACY MACK**
Staff Reporter

Every instructor has an individual policy concerning academic integrity, a statement made at the beginning of the semester letting their students know their policy on cheating and what consequences apply if a student is caught plagiarizing.

But according to Dr. Royce Ammon, chair of the academic integrity committee, this is not enough to ensure the student's understanding on what academic integrity means at Western Nebraska Community College.

Dr. Tim Alvarez, dean of students, feels that academic integrity is much broader than what goes on in the classroom. He feels character and integrity outside the classroom plays a large role in individual considerations.

"It's not only what you do in the classroom, whether you cheat on a test, or whether you plagiarize, but it goes on to bigger things once you get out of here," said Alvarez.

The main focus when considering integrity should be about how WNCC and its students can improve each other and the society, says Dr. Dan Doherty, dean of instruction.

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Free newspapers for students



COURTESY PHOTO

WNCC students Brittany Isakson, Keith Buehler and Cassidy Blackburn take advantage of their free time to check out the local and world news. The newspapers are provided to students through the new Collegiate Readership Program.

The Collegiate Readership Program is now on campus

By **TAMARA SIMMONS**
Staff Reporter

Have you noticed anything different in "the pit" lately? The outside world is being brought to campus via good, old-fashioned newsprint and a pilot pro-

gram sponsored by USA Today.

On Jan. 19 the news racks were put in place, along with recycling bins, to begin the month-long program. The three papers currently being offered Monday through Friday are *USA Today*, *The Omaha World Herald* and the

Star-Herald.

The Collegiate Readership Program has been introduced to Universities since its conception in 1996 by Graham B. Spanier, the president of Pennsylvania University at that time.

Dr. Tim Alvarez, dean of stu-

dent services, first became aware of the readership program at a conference, and thought it would be a good opportunity for Western Nebraska Community College.

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