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SC technical programs benefit from \$291,000 Whitney gift

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Thanks to a \$291,000 gift from Whitney Benefits, Sheridan College technical programs have upgraded equipment and laboratories in time for the new school year, according to a report at Thursday night's Northern Wyoming Community College District Board meeting.

The donation, given in May, was earmarked for upgrading equipment, such as machine tools in the diesel and welding programs, according to Dean Fisher, a technical department representative.

As the college gears up for the new academic year, preliminary enrollment numbers are up, according to Zane Garstad, director of admissions.

All three campuses in Sheridan, Gillette and Buffalo report growth, Garstad said, with the district total of new students increasing by 9 percent.

Garstad added that the district has a 5-percent increase in re-enrollment, as well.

According to a news release from the college, however, enrollment numbers still have not reached 1994-1995 figures.

Separately, don't be surprised if calls to SC are directed to an extension you didn't dial. According to the college's new president, Kevin Drumm, new telephone systems were just installed yesterday.

Extension numbers have changed, but Drumm said the old extensions will remain active for another year.