

Steel going up for diesel technology addition

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add room to work on about eight trucks or four-wheel-drive tractors. Each side will have a 16-foot-by-20-foot door. Inside, he said, the walls will be 22 feet high.

"We will have an electric hoist that will run the full length and full width of the addition," Barricklow added.

He said the end wall of the current shop will come out to allow access to the existing floor area.

That will allow projects to be brought in through doors on both ends of the shop, he said, adding that a door had been added on the south side of the shop.

Barricklow, who has been teaching at the college since 1974, said when the diesel program moved into the building in 1978, it was plenty big.

They could handle any size of truck or tractor being made at that time.

"Today, we have trouble getting some of the larger trucks and four-wheel-drive tractors in because they won't fit in the doors," he said, "and we are cramped for space to have enough vehicles for the students to work on."

He said there are 21 second-year students and 15 first-year students. He said they kept the number of first-year students down because of the lack of space, and he hopes with

the addition, they can expand the class.

Kaus said he was a student when the building opened in 1978, and is pleased to be back in Goodland. He had been a shop foreman working on Detroit Diesel engines in Colby.

Unger moved from Oberlin, where he had been a John Deere mechanic for 12 years.

"We teach the theory, and then do it in the shop," Barricklow said "We work on about any kind of tractor."

He said the student's parents, grandparents and uncles help round

up tractors for them to work on.

"We do the repairs as we go through the program," he said. "We may work on transmissions one month and something else the next month. We do not stop the class to repair a tractor if it not part of the ongoing class work."

"The students will work on a wide variety of diesel equipment," Barricklow said. "I usually have them work on lawnmowers to give them an ability to handle the small engines they may see from customers."

He said the program used to be 11 months, but it was expanded to two years to give the students more time to learn.

He said the shorter time was re-

ally pushing the students through, and the longer program gives them a better chance to be hired once they leave the college.

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Winter storm closes roads

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man for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton. U.S. 40 was closed east and west from Oakley to the Colorado line, she added.

There was plenty of room for everyone trapped here, though. At 11:15 a.m. Saturday, there were 132 motel rooms still available in Goodland, a county dispatcher said.

The storm had cleared up by late Saturday afternoon. By Sunday, the roads were open and the sun was shining. I-70 and K-27 were open at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday according to the state. U.S. 83 between Selden and Oakley and U.S. 24 between Colby and Hoxie remained closed into the day.

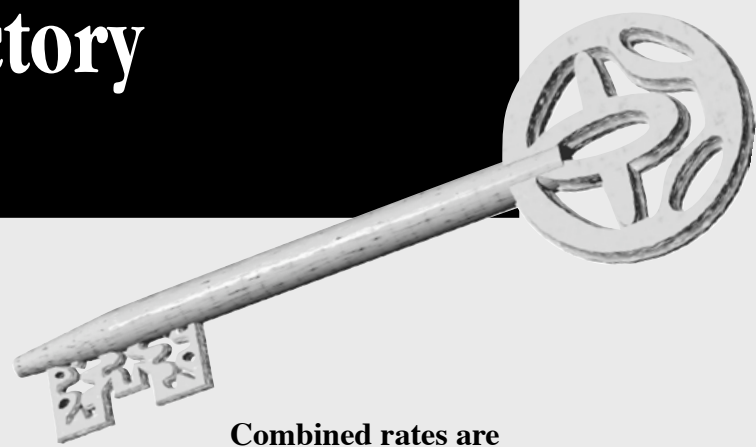
The heaviest band of snow was from Dundy County, Neb., to Yuma County and Kit Carson, Colo., with four to five inches of snow, said Lockhart.

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