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A serious problem exists at the community college that must somehow be dealt with. Too often classes are cancelled at the last minute because of "lack of interest."

Perhaps "lack of interest" is just that, but it could indeed boil down to a "lack of interest" by the Board of Regents and Administration in providing the student in Straightening out his file.

If a class is dropped at the last minute because of a low enrollment, it is possible that few students have signed up for the course. The low enrollment figures may lie with the administration in how well it operates the registration procedures. A bit of misregistration can only be deemed inadequate to suit the needs of the student.

Most colleges and universities across the country have some form of pre-registration to protect their students from such disheartening consequences. WNCC remains one of the few schools not having adequate open registration procedures with regards to a student's class standing or G.P.A.

This is unfair to the continuing student who has his mind set on a specific course. The student gets bumped through no fault of his own.

A veteran student is perhaps the most affected by a last minute drop. His monthly education check is lowered, and in many cases may even be reduced several months in advance of the VA just technique.

This makes it not only financially difficult, but may contribute to psychological few problems as well. A veteran has worked hard for what little benefits he receives and can ill afford to have his education plans disrupted through a slip-up in the program he has selected.

It seems to me that the concerns facing veterans on P.I. Bill are overlooked by certain College policies.

For the first three semesters, for example, the photography I class has been cancelled. This was not an oversight, but a "lack of interest" on the part of the students.

The instructor had proposed the addition of sessions, because of the high enrollment and his request was denied. It was decided to simply cancel the course. Because of the enrollment in the course, it should have never been stated as "canceled, due to lack of interest."

Students support the community college with their hard-earned dollars, and should be given what they pay for—not closed-door policies.

Perhaps all this can really be blamed on the student, after all, too many of us are willing to take the time to change things. Lack of interest in students governing of their education is a common request for a lack of interest by administrators.

Apathy seems to be quite common in this country, for that matter. City council chambers are closed doors and all the decisions for the masses are made by a handful of favorable sons who are afraid of change.

Think about it; change could perhaps cure the ills of the rest of the country in adulthood. Wouldn't that be a switch?

Dan Wood

Welcome Students to WNCC

Open letter to the students of Western Nevada Community College, North Campus.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to the North Campus of Western Nevada Community College. We are pleased that your Student Government has committed its financial support and efforts toward the publication of this student bulletin.

Since the College opened its doors in 1971, we have attempted to appeal the goals of Washoe County with a wide variety of educational opportunities. Coupled with your educational experience are a wide variety of college services that I would like to highlight for you.

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is now available at WNCC. Through a series of five general area examinations students can possibly earn up to 30 college credits.

2) Students undecided about possible careers, desiring to change careers, or simply interested in knowing more about themselves are invited to take advantage of our Career Development class taught by the College Placement Department.

3) The Counseling Department also offers short workshops on study skills, test anxiety, job search techniques, and upon request, a seminar on returning women.

4) The College offers, for the first time this year, a placement service. Students are invited to contact the Placement Counselor for career planning, resume writing, assistance for job search techniques, and other related services. Additionally, some students may earn while they learn through the Cooperative Education Program and College Work Study Program.

5) The Financial Aid Office is still accepting applications for the many types of assistance available.

These are not a few of the opportunities at WNCC. We hope that you may find yourself to be the key contact to our staff.

We Need You

The Nursing Department at Western Nevada Community College is proud of its record. Since its first classes started in 1971, many graduates have been successful in their state board examinations.

The 15 Licentiate Practical Nurses (L.P.N.) and 16 Registered Nurses (R.N.) who graduated last spring are scattered from Alabama to Idaho to be patient in the Reno area. All of the 16 S.D.M. students passed the State Board Examinations this last year.

JIMI RUFFIN

Nursing Graduates Successful in Program

The Spring Semester Nursing Director, states the nursing classes offered at the college are able to meet the needs and demands of the community.

The programs aim, according to Mrs. Martin, is to develop individuals who are responsible members of society and of the nursing profession. The program is open to the young who are just starting a career and to people with some degree who are not satisfied with their work, and those who wish to reorganize their lives.

When asked if WNCC should offer more programs of this nature, Mrs. Martin stated, "There are really no facilities available for increasing such programs." Mrs. Martin spoke of her personal experiences in the medical field. Having worked in various occupations as a nurse, a nurse aide, and at Washoe Medical Center, however, this program is the most rewarding and gratifying work to Mrs. Martin.

Along with fulfilling their occupational goals, most students are homemakers, who have to work part-time.

WNCC offers programs for those students who desire education with a carer goal as a Nursing Assistant. A certificate as a Nursing assistant will be awarded at the completion of the 200-hour program.

There is also a program for the student who desires a career as a practical nurse. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of one full year of the prescribed curriculum and the student will be eligible to apply for State licensure by examination and become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

The final program is for the student who desires a career as a Registered Nurse. The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing is awarded upon completion of two full years of the curriculum. The student is then qualified for application for state licensing by the State Board of Examination.

The occupational programs are coordinated by Dean Blythe. Bernardsee Martin is the Director of the nursing faculty which includes Mrs. Debbie Middletwicket and Mrs. Mary Ann Katchinski. Instructors for the program are Mr. and Mrs. Vanish, and Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Goff. The Practical Nursing is available at the North Campus.

With the recent growth of the Community College enrollment, more and more students are applying for acceptance into the nursing programs. The lack of classroom space of campus will make the program a limited number of students for each instructor keeps the class size for ADN nursing students to 20 and the LPN and Nursing Assistant students to 15.

Information is available through the office of admissions. The classes are open to all state students.
Alternate Registration Information Available

The fall alternate semester at Western Nevada Community College will begin with registration Oct. 21 and 22, and late registration Oct. 21 and 22. Some of the courses being offered will be extensions of those from the fall semester, for students who were not able to get those particular classes. These include bookkeeping I-III, Typing I, II, III, and Business Machines. The community service course offered will be machine embroidery, Mexican Cookery, Furniture Making II, Advanced Machine Embroidery, Introduction to Pinyon Needlework and Chord for the Guitar, Jazz-Rock Dance I, Modern Dance I, and Speed Reading.

There will also be individualized instruction offered in developmental English and Mathematics. Registration will be as follows:

- Hug High School I
- Industrial Arts Bldg.
- 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- late registration
- 1 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- 1 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- late registration

Dental Assistant Program Now Offered at WNCC

Western Nevada Community College is on record with the State Board of Examiners as being qualified to perform the training necessary to give instruction in these expanded duties. This new course is for students who have six months or more of actual experience. Dr. Clements and his associates have provided the necessary facilities for instruction at their offices and Western Nevada Community College is buying the suppliers for the course.

The new course in expanded chair-side duties earns three credits and is offered each semester. Hillgus said, "Advanced application is necessary to qualify for entry in this course."

Coop Needs Students

Cooperative Education offers a valuable learning opportunity to students at the college. It provides students opportunities to develop, for, and to work in the same satisfied and familiar occupational potential.

Through individual counseling and placement, paid, supervised, cooperative training opportunities will be available for students with their input of ideas, aims, goals, and objectives. Students are encouraged to find productive places for their work experience in the community. Successful students will meet their individual needs of life style, interest, and use of talents.

The object of the Cooperative Education Program is to help each student find an occupation or career which will bring him satisfaction and contentment.

Coop

Mathematics

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Geology Hillgus, associate dean for occupational instruction at WNCC, described the expanded dental assistant program, saying that it will be offered at Hug High School during the evening hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. The courses are "Certification Dental Assisting," "Dental Laboratory Procedures," and "Secretarial Procedures for Dental Assisting." An advanced course will provide "biography" of dental technicians of taking dental x-rays, will be offered during the second semester.

Hillgus also described the class of the year a 4th grade teacher at Florence Drake Elementary School. She plans the auto and singer. Class assignments include singing or playing your instrument and reading your poetry. For those who cannot read or write music, other members of the class are willing to assist. Another assignment pertains to rewriting known entertainers lyrics or music to your own ideas. Each class member is free to criticize the others work.

Many students in the class have serious plans of making a career out of songwriting. Mark, the instructor, hopes the class will be offered again next semester, as he enjoys teaching and meeting the creative people that take the course.

Nelson stresses that placing your songs can be difficult and sometimes discouraging. He has sold several records and enjoys rock music.

He is currently an elementary school substitute teacher, plays the guitar and sings and writes his own music, and is currently writing a book. According to Nelson, writing songs can be a very rewarding and short stories, its his business. But like all long range goals, you have to have staying power. "The ability to persevere until your turn comes."
Gym now open to public

The Billinghamurst Gym is now open as a public recreation center under lease by Western Nevada Community College," James Eardley, executive dean for the North Campus, said Friday.

It will be operated by Joe Ayarbe, WNCC director of student activities and formerly coach of the Wildcat's surprisingly successful basketball team.

Ayarbe said the gym will serve students and faculty of the college and any member of the community who would like to use its facilities.

It will be open every weekday until 4 p.m., he said, and every evening from 6:30 to 9:30 except Wednesday.

"We urge everyone interested to use the gym," he said, "and we would like to have people tell us what recreation they would prefer. Next semester we will hold regular physical education classes at the gym. We want to offer courses and programs that will serve the most people."

Ayarbe mentioned basketball, volleyball, jogging, ping pong and body conditioning as activities he expects to make available to the public right now.

WNCC Wildcats Line Up

New Coach - Mike Olivas
Returning Lettermen:
1-Dan Blake G 5'9" Soph.
2-John Howby G 5'11" Soph.
3-Gary Wright G 5'10" Soph.
4-Tie Fraser F 6'4" Soph.

2-Victor Talanceni 5-11" G
3-Jim Griffo 6'1" G
4-Gary Green 5'11" G
5-Paul Gray 6'4" F
6-Anthony Martin 6'6" F
7-Steve Cright 6'4" F

8-Gary Ramoccioli 6'3" F
9-Mark Grow 6'3" F

10-Myon McKinney 6'6" F

Anyone else interested in trying out for the team, contact Joe Ayarbe - 786-0711. Practice starts on October 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the Billinghamurst gym. Anyone trying out for the team must have a physical.

WNCC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1976-77

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Mascot: Wildcats
School Phone: (702) 972-0701

Sports

Wildcats facing tough season
Wayne Sampson

Fans who saw the Wildcats play last year are wondering how the team will do this year. The Wildcats basketball team finished third last year in their division. Without former head coach Joe Ayarbe, who resigned after a successful season last year, the Wildcats might be in for a tough time this year, keeping pace with last year's high scoring. However, the newly named head coach, Michael Olivas, has proven he can produce winning teams. Although the new coach will find college basketball more complex than high school ball, he is capable of making our team as productive as last year's 15-9 record.

Olivas led the Wooster Colts high school basketball team of Reno, to three Northern Nevada titles and two zone tournament championships, before coming to WNCC. He will be without aid from last year's starters Mike Jones and Bobby Walsh, who made the Golden Valley all-stars team, and Skeeter Douglas who now plays for the University of Nevada-Reno. However, Western Nevada had a record-breaking enrollment this year; moreover, there has been a good chance of getting some excellent local talent.

Victor Talanceni currently is attending Western Nevada. He, along with Jeff Ward (also enrolled at WNCC), led Reed High to its first zone title by beating the highly regarded Wooster team (coached by Olivas). Also enrolled is Gary Green, who played under head coach Mike Olivas last year.

There will be chances in this upcoming Wildcats basketball season, but the new coach and highly praised prospects promise to be exciting to watch. So, this year, take in a Wildcats basketball game and see the new talent.
WNCC HAS A NEW LOOK

Students and faculty will work in a visually stimulating atmosphere in the new building of Western Nevada Community College, North Campus. They will be surrounded by a beautiful structure, spectacular views and quite unusual architecture.

The building, located on the slope north of Reno and between Reno and Sun Valley, is expected to be completed and occupied before the beginning of the college’s second semester.

Exterior and virtually all interior surfaces are done with only interior finishing remaining to be completed.

From many of the rooms, large windows frame broad vistas of scenery, looking across Reno to Mt. Rose and south to Carson City, or East across Sparks to Lockwood. West and north huge windows look out on the scenic beauty of hardy windblown evergreens on stark slopes almost bare of vegetation.

The building, located on a slope and half on stilts, is entered up an oblique flight of stairs that run underneath the building and rise into the foyer area of the first floor.

The ground level (even with the foot of the stairs) contains only service and storage areas and provides a ground-level entry for the elevator which permits handicapped persons to move directly from an auto into the elevator.

The first floor, located at the top of the stairs, contains classrooms, administrative offices for the executive dean and other deans, some faculty offices and a conference room. Occupational instruction for business courses will be located on this floor.

Student services dominate the second floor. The offices of admissions and records, the counseling offices, the open student center area, student government, the student newspaper office, nursing and science laboratories, and classrooms are located on this floor.

The third floor accommodates the X-ray laboratory for radiological technology training, additional faculty offices, a conference room and additional classrooms. Secretaries are located in each area adjacent to the administrators and faculty members for whom they provide services.

WNCC Creates an atmosphere for expression
ASUNS FORMED

A new student organization was approved within the University of Nevada System last summer. According to its bylaws, the United Students of the University of Nevada System was established to promote and protect the interest and welfare of students in the state. USUNS, which combines the efforts of the student governments of the two universities, North Las Vegas, and four community colleges in the state, was initially funded by the Board of Regents in 1972.

Attorney General Robert List spoke before student representatives from the Universities of Nevada at Reno and Las Vegas, Clark County Community College, and Western Nevada Community College. North and South campuses at USUNS first conference in Carson City July 30-31.

Questioned by students, List confirmed the existence of student governments as legal entities. List also offered USUNS further legal assistance as needed.

At its first conference, USUNS ADOPTED BY-LAWS, ELECTED OFFICERS, ESTABLISHED AN EXECUTIVE BOARD AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

Jim Stoic was elected president, Bobby Sheppard, CCCC vice-president; UNLV, vice-president; and Pam Hysall, UNLV, treasurer.

The various committees include constitution, communications, lobbying and censure.

The executive board will consist of the four officers of USUNS and the student body presidents of each school. Membership will consist of four voting delegates from each campus within the system.

The next conference held in Las Vegas November 11-12, will include the writing of the constitution and problems to be student lobbying goals for the 1973 session of the state legislature.

WE NEED YOU

Western Nevada Community College student government is actively seeking students who would be interested in participating in the governing of student affairs.

Elections for student senators will be held during the third or second week in Nov. The deadline for applications will be midnight Oct. 29. Those students interested, may pick up applications at either the Stead Campus or the Nugget Center.

Student government exists for the benefit of all students, no matter what race, creed, age or sex. We need you to take an active part. It's your money that goes into the student account. Become concerned where it goes.

Night students are needed in these senate seats also. Meetings will be adjusted to your schedule, whether you're a day or night student, whether you work full or part-time, whether you're single or have a family.

We need input from all of you. Don't delay fill out an application today. Being involved in student government is a great way for personal growth, in areas of leadership, management and communications. Many opportunities for success can be found in becoming involved.

Recently the State of Nevada formed the United Students of the University of Nevada System. This is made up of the student governments of the four community colleges and the two universities in the state.

This organization will be the first of its kind in the state and possibly in the region. A lot of important people are looking to see if it obtains its credibility.

Before this organization can become effective, and it has the potential of becoming a powerful student group, the student governments within each campus needs to become active.

Intramurals and Sports Activities

Joe Ayarbe, Director of Student Activities and Athletics announces that the Bethune Gymnasium on Monroe and Plumas Streets is open to students and student groups. Students desiring to participate in an intramural sports program can contact Joe Ayarbe at the Bethune Gym.

Cheerleaders Sought

If you are interested in being a cheerleader for the WNCU Wildcat basketball team, please contact John Housby, Student Body President, at 354-9677, or Lee Fraser at 830-1771. Deadline is Nov. 1.

Newspaper Staff Needed

Students interested in participating and seeing communication between students and WNCU grow are encouraged to participate in their student newspaper.

Along with the practical experience in news gathering and writing, this opportunity will offer creative expression for students interested in expressing themselves.

Those students wishing to devote time, energy, and talent may contact Roselyn Richardson at 320-8679 (leave message) or 786-6805 after 5 p.m.

There will be an additional publication workshop class offered during the fall alternate semester. A class will be taught from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Nugget Center. This will enable night students who cannot attend the regular Wednesday classes to participate.

The Wednesday afternoon class will also be opened for registration during the alternate semester. This class will be taught at the Stead campus from 2 to 4 p.m.

These courses are two credit courses and students may enroll in either class or may consider enrolling in both classes for four credits.

The courses will consist of individualized instruction in the ability to gather news effectively and accurately, in writing news, features and editorials and in beginning layout and design which encompass the composition of a student newspaper.

Students may register for this class during the alternate semester registration Oct. 21 and 22 and Oct. 24 and 26 at the Nugget Center or the Stead Campus.
Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office would like students interested in applying for financial aid to contact the Financial Aid Office at the Stead Center, in the Roberts Bldg., Rm. No. 1, or call 972-0701.

Financial aid applications, basic grant applications, and financial need analysis will be accepted through March, 1977. Financial aid is available through work programs, loans, or grant monies.

Loans

The National Direct Student Loan Program is for students who are enrolled at least half-time and who need a loan to meet their educational expenses. The Guaranteed Student Loan Program enables you to borrow directly from a bank or other participating lender who is willing to make the educational loan to you at a low interest rate.

Grant Monies

The Basic "Educational" Opportunity Grant Program makes funds available to eligible students. These funds do not have to be repaid. You may apply for a basic grant if you are an undergraduate student enrolled at least one-half time in a program of study which is six months in length or longer.

Attention Graduates

Students who anticipate graduating from Western Nevada Community College this Fall Semester must apply for graduation no later than Nov. 1, 1976. Students may file their applications (with a $10 fee) with Lee Ann Love at the South Campus and with Debbie Dick at the North Campus.

Any applications received after Nov. 1 will be processed with the Spring Semester graduation applications, and diplomas will not be ordered until that time.

If there are any questions, please call Debbie Dick at the Stead Center; 972-0941, Ext. 41.