Editorial
Echo Thanks
Contributors

With this issue, the Western Echo goes into retirement until the fall semester. The staff and advisors of the Echo take this opportunity to thank the students and faculty of Western Nevada Community College-North Campus, for their contributions during the past year. A special "thank you" is extended to the WNCC Student Government and to the Administration for their financial support, encouragement and help they have given to the beginnings of our newspaper.
Journalism, as well as a Publications' Workshop, will be offered in the fall. You don't have to be enrolled in the Journalism class to work on the Western Echo Staff. Keep this in mind and if you have an inkling to be an aspiring journalist, join the Echo staff in the fall. Better yet, double your fun by enrolling in the Journalism class AND the Publications Workshop to gain a first-hand knowledge of newspaper techniques.
Creativity is an ongoing process. If any students have poetry, short stories, news articles or items of interest during the summer they can leave them in the basket on the bookcase in Room 3007-D for publication in the fall. SEE YOU IN THE FALL! HAVE A NICE SUMMER!!

Debbie Dicks
Debbie Dicks, personal secretary to Dean Pat Millenburger, has been appointed a secretary in Washington's office of U.S. Senator Paul Lazell. She will be working in Washington the next 4 years in the nation's capital.
Debbie, a native of Elko, Nevada, has been with the college for 8 years. Before her job with the college, she attended UNR. Debbie worked part-time at a trucking company; she has also held a position as a reservation clerk at Harrah's in Reno. Her major experience has been as a secretary.
Debbie is driving to Washington with her mother and plans to return to Reno around Christmas for a visit. Goodbye Debbie and good luck. We are all very proud of you and wish you lots of success in your new position.

Debbie Dicks Lands Washington Post
By Jimi Buirkin

Earning up to 30 college credits by exam and discovering more of your strengths are just two possible results of the many testing services offered by WNCC Counseling and Testing.
The counselors emphasize that the primary function of their job is to assist students in reaching their educational and personal goals. As an adjunct to counseling, test results may help students in identifying and exploring their interests, skills, abilities, aptitudes, and academic strengths.
"It is one of the ways by which students can discover personal characteristics and confirm the ideas that they have about themselves," said Char Bowen, director of counseling. "We consider testing an important resource in both career planning and personal growth," Ms. Bowen adds.
WNCC testing services stretch over a wide range of student assessment. Through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) students can earn 6 college credits in each of five general areas for a total of 30 credits. The examinations cover material in Natural Science, English, Mathematics, Social Science-History, and Humanities. The credits may be applied to general education requirements at WNCC.
Some subject examinations are also accepted by the WNCC Business Department toward business occupational degrees. CLEP examinations are available to anyone in the community who wishes to take them. The cost of the exams is $20 for one test, $30 for two tests and $40 for three or more tests. More information is available through the counseling staff.
As a contrast to CLEP, other types of testing play an important role in choosing an occupation. In a cooperative effort between a student and the counseling staff, various characteristics, needs, and values of the student are explored through interviews and testing.
"Students, particularly older students, are not aware of the many transferable skills that they already possess," said Carolyn Kelly, Placement Counselor.
"We use one test called the "Job-Hunting Manual" to help students classify their skills in job-related terms," she said. It's not actually a test, but an inventory checklist that categorizes skills according to functions that a student has performed.
The counselors currently work in conjunction with the Reno Employment Security Office for evaluation of a student's aptitudes. However, plans are being made to increase aptitude testing services in the near future.
Interest tests serve a variety of purposes for the student who is in the career choice stage. "One of the most difficult tasks a student has in choosing an occupation is finding the names of jobs that comprise an occupational area," stated Ms. Anderson. Interest tests aid a student in identifying clusters of occupations.
When a student has selected career possibilities, she is then directed to the Career Center for research about job duties, salary, training requirements and the outlook for employment in the field. Ms. Anderson emphasized that many occupations have changed so rapidly with technological advancement that the average person is often unaware of the many new and unusual job titles that have developed in the last few years.
Some interest tests are aimed at identifying certain job characteristics that a student prefers and certain work traits and temperaments that a student possesses. Surveying the job characteristics and matching those characteristics with the worker's traits and temperaments will enhance the chances of future job satisfaction. Still other interest tests are based on research about the kinds of occupations that attract certain types of personalities. These inventories match a student's pattern of answers on the tests with jobs held by people with similar personalities.
"Guiding a student through the career choice process is one of the most satisfying aspects of the counseling staff's activities," said Ms. Bowen. "The student finally gets turned on to the opportunity of putting all their self information together and is successful with realistic occupational choices."

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We hope the talks and question and answer period were informative, it was for our group. Our initial objective was to talk to the younger kids with the hope that we may deter them from criminal acts that someday might put them behind prison walls. After talking with your students and others, we have realized that the older person as well as the youth need to be informed as well. They also know of young kids, (maybe their own) with whom to relate our purpose.

In conclusion, the group has learned something because of your interest in your students. The "TII" group wanted me to let you know how grateful they are to person(s) such as yourself.

Sincerely,
Ms. Straub

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The Eyes Have It!

Condensed from a book by Robert L. Whiteside

NOSES

Commercial Minded Cynics. The Roman and hawks nosed, good sense of money, just the person to ask where the bargains are. May seem impersonal and businesslike. Minimizing Conceal. This type is anxious to help. Little interest or knack with money. If you have this nose, guard against people taking advantage of your spontaneousness.

EYES

Emotionality and affectation are indicated outwardly by large irises. To these people, you should be friendly, pleasant and smiling. They take everything you do and say as an indicator of whether you like them. If you are this way, they have an open personality but should be careful in business. Hidden emotionality and a more matter of fact nature are indicated by smaller irises and more white showing. Don’t expect this person to show sentiment easily. Gloominess and melancholy is shown by white showing under the iris. This person is laboring under heavy problems and will be grateful for the opportunity to unload his woes if you give him the proper chance. High magnetism is indicated by the twinkle in their eye. Here is someone with an alert nature, interested in life and could be a lot of joy to be with.

Analyticalness is shown by upper eye lid hidden by a fold that comes down over it. This person has to know why and wherefore before making a move.

Little Analyticalness is the nature of the person whose eyelids you can plainly see. These are direct actionists.

Expressiveness is what goes with the “wavy lines” between the eyebrows. This person is on the funny side.

Humor is indicated by the laugh lines that fan out from the outer corners of the eye. This person should share his gift to brighten the day for those around him.

Santa Cruz Beach
by Ethel Pittman

Leaving the asphalt jungle, the noon-lit steps lead to the sand bars. The white capped sea, impatient with the surf, thrusts beneath the quiet gray fog. A foghorn, echoing from afar, interposes the muted conversations of early beachcombers. Through the lifting fog a faint odor of fish drifts. On the horizon gulls glide over boats, laden with fish, triumphantly approaching the wharf. Beneath the cliffs of the north point, surfers romp the joys of each restless wave. As the golden sun rises, a serenity settles over the beach. Waves gently caress endless stretches of sand, glistening with sticky white shells and other treasures left by the warring sea. The noise of a distant concrete city breaks the solitude. People racing to the sounds of rumbling trucks, honking horns, barking dogs, and crying babies invade the beach at Santa Cruz. The wings of gulls overhead fly ecstatically in union with the flapping of tarp and blankets on the beach. Patch by patch the endless stretch of sand transforms into an endless stretch of humanity. Through the scrambled conversations mixed symphonies vie for center stage position. A frigate’s “moan” overhead becomes synonymous to the fading sounds of the sea. The treasure laden sands, etched by the sea, vanish into a memory.
Creativity

This is What It's All About

We lose so much only to find we've gained so little.
To love and to lose... no bitter are the rewards of self denial.
Such is the price we pay when our souls are on trial.
If joy is our sorrows unmasked,
then pain must be love unmasked.
The circle must be completed to need and to be needed.
We are born.
We love and lose.
we pick and choose.
We make mistakes and we have regrets.
We have to remember.
Because nobody forgets.

JIMI BUFFIN

Abandoned

Abandoned by the tide,
Sand, alone,
No longer caressed by the sea,
Hardened by the elements
No longer smooth under my bare feet.
Like an abandoned soul
Waiting for a gentle caress
To smooth the hurt of losing
Of being lonely
Of being afraid to love again.

Ethel Pittman

My Darling Lovely Lady

My darling lovely lady
my love for you has grown,
within such a time I met you,
you've held me near your throne.

I know no truer beauty
than you and you alone,
within God's quiet wisdom
You are my realm of love.

As though a dream in passing
In peace we are to part—till
time in love remembered brings
you—nearer to my heart.

A quiet night—
the moon fullbright
a morning with no end.
Perhaps someday I'll
hold you with love to
never end.

Lance Jerome

Trochaic

Dogs on
Plains of
Sage and
Fire.
Lost their
Pelts to
Suit the
Hunter.

by J. Nelson
Expresses itself ...

A Dream

When you’re alone you start to remember all the times of trouble and heartache. You think of all the people you used to know and love, but they are gone. Their silhouettes are faint in the background of your mind. You wonder if you’ll ever see them again?

The sadness of not having them near brings the love for them back to your memories. Their smiling faces are distant and faded. They call to you and you reach out to them. But their shadows are no more as someone breaks the silence of your memories, and they are only to re-appear in your silent, distant thoughts as you drift off into the stillness of a dream.

P. Balloli
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Between Lovers

I’m between lovers right now. I don’t know why. I don’t know if it’s worse in the winter or during the summer. I think I’m always lonely in the fall, and I can remember one summer, I had nobody at all. Once I had two lovers at the same time, and they knew about each other. And once this guy was mad about me—but I was in love with his brother. It seems so long ago. I like to think about it anyhow, but I said in the beginning I’m between lovers right now.

Jimi Buffkin

MEMORIES ARE THE FUEL THAT ALONENESS BURNS ON

Today

Frisbee

A frisbee gliding free between two young men taking from one to the other friendship and fellowship—a feeling of freedom

Ethel Pittman

Seasons

On a soft spring night
I dream the wine of moonlight,
heard the music of the stars,
touched the good green earth,
And was made whole.
On a crisp fall day
I looked up at the
tangled skeins of wild birds
Against a clear blue sky
And cried aloud at the iron bonds
that held me fast bound to earth.

C. West

My Mother’s House

If I had known my mother’s house
busied, safe, full of love
Would I have let it so many times?
Never knowing when I would return.
Leaving for the last time,
Knowing when I return my Mother
won’t be here.
Never again will I see her house.

Ethel Pittman
A Clown For All Reasons
by Roselyn Richardson Weir

"Getting paid to be a clown is like paying to be a grandmother." "It's really not something you think about," said Ethel Pittman, being a clown like so many other things she does in life, is a natural extroversion of herself. Ethel is a full-time student at Western Nevada Community College, majoring in Business with special interest in Drama and Journalism.

Coming from a large family, Ethel learned at an early age the benefits derived from doing for others. "When I was a little girl, I would dress up as a clown every chance I got, using my mother's powder to make me look white or dipping my face into the flour bin. I looked pretty good until the wind started to blow."

Ethel was often ridiculed by other children because her family was poor and she grew up with that special quality which only clowns seem to capture—the ability to laugh at themselves. "As a clown, I can express my true feelings without ridicule."

Actually, Ethel and Mimi le Clown are two different people. Out of makeup she is a serious-minded student continually striving to achieve the goals she sets for herself. As Mimi, she is jubilant. "People react to a clown to what they are and not what they are expected to be." "I entertain others by just being there," replies Mimi, who tries to relate to people and bring out the humor that so many repress. "To be a clown is to be free in your expression and free to do those things which please others." Ethel says clowns should be uninhibited, if they are to be successful.

To Experience...

"Some clowns are the same all the time, but I am like Emmett Kelly, who completely changes when he goes into his makeup. I do things as a clown that I would never dream of doing as a person."

Although the clown was always there, it wasn't until last June that Ethel became a professional. She joined a local group and with the help of Allen Tuttle, who is now a clown with the Ringling Bros. Circus, she learned the delicate techniques of clown makeup. "The face of a clown is his trademark," says Ethel. After discarding several faces, Mimi, the feminine French clown was born.

Mimi's favorite fans are the Senior Citizens, whom she entertains at every opportunity, and young children who are awed to realize that clowns are people. The past two years she has shown kindergarten students how to apply makeup and turns them into miniature clowns. Although Mimi is a separate distinct personality she is still a part of Ethel. "I sometimes find it depressing to take off my makeup and set aside Mimi for another time—another place."

You must take a chance

Apart from being a clown, Ethel keeps busy with school and service projects. She does volunteer work for Senior Citizens, Retarded Citizens, Salvation Army, the Special Olympics, Planned Parenthood and the Northeast Co-op Nursery School.

Even in her few spare moments she is kept busy taking tap, jazz, and ballet two nights a week. She doesn't want to be a dancer, but feels the flow of movement will benefit both Ethel and Mimi le Clown. Twenty-nine years after graduating from high school, Ethel has found her niche in life.
All That Glitters

Las Vegas is glitter-town-au-bourgeois, dispersed across barren wasteland, separated by broad vacant lots, marked by 'islands' of green felt, snug 'shacks' in city itself, with a unique character, and with its own personal complexion, at a generally shop-chained by the masses of Eastern tourists.

At the same time there is an energy shortage up in Reno, Vegas remains so hot that it now is no longer possible to visit. There is no water shortage in Las Vegas...Colorado River should been given graciously and generously, without the asking.

Now that casinos have been unincorporated in Las Vegas, you'll be happy to know that no one ever has to ask. The question is..."Do they work?!" If you're in doubt as to how to answer that question, then go to Vegas, see for yourself. You'll see that employees are as out-spoken and bony as the bosses themselves, and their discontent to tourists riding on the relation service in Las Vegas as an instant, provided you flash a shiny silver dollar in the warden's face.

If you take a plane to Las Vegas, don't forget your Master Charge or Bank American Transportation is either too expensive or slick. Since a taxi can cost about ten dollars to get to the airport, it's cheaper to rent a car. But make sure your car charge card has at least $50 worth of credit on it to cover the deposit. If you're at your limit, then don't even bother to offer the cash, since cash is not accepted!

Here at Las Vegas Reno learn all-too-well that First National Bank of Nevada is a foreign bank in Las Vegas, if your branch is in Reno. A check cashing card and a dollar just might buy you a cup of coffee, but don't count on it to cash your checks. They will call central credit for a mere five dollar check. You will be scrutinized and found guilty of something by the government. And since Nevadans that visit Las Vegas from another part of the state are consid-

PHILOSOPHY OF THE WEEK

"Today's battles today; Tomorrow's battles tomorrow."

ANONYMOUS

Dear Gabby,

I enjoyed very much reading The Literary Talents page, and I would like to see it as a regular feature. However, I found Geographical Age of Women not only in poor taste but a personal attack in the evaluation of women in general. I will say though, that it was a very popular item seventeen years ago, when I was in the seventh grade.

Gabby

Dear Gabby,

Gail Winowski spoke the truth. (Working Man vs. Career Girl) and it remains the truth only because we, as women, allow it.

THE TRUTH HURTS

Dear Hurts,

Women are in the background and will stay there until THEY do something about it. They have used this position to their advantage through the manipulation of one attitude: Gail Winowski left out: He pursues. She snare. And now let's call a truce.

Rosen are red
Sagebrush stinks
Let's face it!
We're all fools

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

Don't be a bump on a log

The problem of finding ways to encourage youth to complete high school is one of the most crucial issues in American society. The message has been repeated with so much emphasis that the government has invested in programs to rescue former dropouts and to rehabilitate potential ones. The mass media have joined in, along with social agencies in campaigns for a return to high school.

It you know of a youth who is in school and thinking of dropping out, you can do something by going to school; to stick it through, and benefit to the fullest from his education. It may not seem important to him at this point in their lives, but education is a must and there is no substitute for good education. If you care, get involved. If you can't care, don't. If you can't care, don't care, if you can't care, don't care.
Goodbye and Good Luck
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