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Growth Implies Untold Stories

Guest Editorial

By PETER ALLARD

Much has been and will continue to be said about population expansion in the Truckee Meadows. Growth is topic “A” around Reno, and no wonder. Every week new projects are announced, ground is broken, hoardings are held, and Vernes heralds another grand opening. Too bad that the Reno Evening Gazette and Nevada State Journal, Reno’s evening and morning newspapers respectively, seem to be missing out on a chance for journalistic growth.

Not very long ago the City of Trembling Leaves was a sensitive and tender island town with a couple of equally sleepy papers keeping their fingers on the pulse of the area. Now, those same sleepy papers are standing around scratching their heads while Reno explodes, and unless we all get up, they may find themselves swallowed up by some sharpshooter from L.A. or Vegas or God knows where.

With all the money (literally billions) pouring into this community, there just has to be a lot of handy-pandy going on, human nature being what it is. Money like that grows crooked politicians like a farmer grows carrots, and the time to start digging is right now, not after the crops have been picked. Yet there hasn’t been a single whim of impropriety, and I don’t believe a single paper has written an investigative expose that would be pretty much a fishing expedition, but around here few fish are too far gone.

NMG is the big story of late. So (for now, no shaky dealings implied) let’s assign our intrepid reporter to have a look. He’ll have to begin with a strictly factual account - planning and construction: who are the principal movers and shakers, how much will it cost, and where is the best coming from (stock issues? Investors? Profits? Loans? etc.), who are the prime and subcontractors, where they are from, how much of the pie are they getting, what are the label arrangements? And on and on and on. Glancing through this very incomplete list shows numerous juicy possibilities for landing a quite large fish indeed.

That would be a way to get the bait in the water. Anyone concerned about the environment and beauty, get the goods, then clobber ‘em on the front page every day for a week or two. My God, what fun!

...The deadline for the January issue of the ECHO is Tuesday the 14th. If you have any material to be considered for publication, please submit it typewritten and double spaced in Rem. 20767 by that date.

The WORK of EDITING

A letter to the editor from two student senators merits mention about the business of editing a newspaper.

Rejection by the editor of some copy submitted for publication is one of the necessary responsibilities of editing. The editor is not to be accused of suppressing facts in order to revise, delete, augment—to manage copy in whatever way editing demands. If editors ran everything as submitted, newspapers would rapidly degenerate into newspapers everywhere reject much more material than they publish.

By contrast a college newspaper such as the Echo, serving a relatively small student body, uses nearly all the material submitted.

The Echo’s problem is the Fall Term short copy. It has taken this year’s student body and faculty a typical, 2-month period to get acquainted with the Echo. That waiting period now appears ended. For the past three weeks a good flow of community news stories have arrived, indicating that this will continue. This issue is four pages larger than originally planned and several features have been carried over for publication in January.

Editorial Section

The newspapers reader often feels that their judgment should be a part of the editor’s. Editors are aware that this opinion nearly every day. It is most often comes from other students such journalists, political commentators, or state legislators. The newspapers’ answer to this criticism, of course, is to publish letters to the editor expressing opinion and criticism. The Western Echo welcomes such letters.

Letters to the Editor

If the screwy mechanisms in this machine are in need of help, I am running on actual death.

The Echo welcomes

Dear Editor:

We feel that the "Western Echo" has the potential of becoming an excellent and informative newspaper. Unfortunately, the staff and editor have been working in different directions. This lack of organization has proved itself in the appearance of the newspaper. We are wondering if a lack of submitted articles is the cause of large empty spaces. If the newspaper is lacking in material, then we feel that an appeal should be made to the student body for additional articles. Many students representing different factions of the student body are more than willing to submit articles but at this time are holding back because of editorial censoring.

We feel the students of WNCC are mature enough to make their own decisions and should be privileged to express their own opinions. Articles and should be equipped with both sides in order to draw their own conclusions regarding articles published.

Hopefully, the editor of this paper will see fit to publish this letter of criticism and prove that freedom of speech still exists in society today.

Sincerely,

Don Lynch

Webster Echo Advisor

Reno Student Senate meeting of Monday, Nov. 21, resulted in several important actions. The Senate named an acting student treasurer, appointed an Activities Board, established the student Judicial Court, rounded out an Appropriations Committee, and filled three other key posts as well.

Dave Snyder was named acting Treasurer for the remainder of the fall semester. The senators are having difficulty filling this post and may ask for a special election in the early days of the spring term.

The new Activities Board consists of Larry Sheffick, Kim Webster, Barbara Cave, Jimi Buffum, Lynn Nelson and Jennifer Norris. The Senate will attempt to agree on Bob Forse as chairperson of the next meeting.

Rich Opperman, Mike Bridgeman, Jennifer Norris, Mike Shirley and Mike Powell compose the Judicial Court. The Senate agreed to permit the Justices to select their Chief Justice from among themselves.

Larry Sheffick, Virginia Logg, Sheila La Force, Jan Nachtendal, and Dave Snyder make up the Appropriations Committee. The student-at-large post remains open, so interested students should throw their hats in the ring as the student government office, Rem. 20767.

Kim Webster and Virginia Logg, with Royce Birk's chairing, are on the Ad Hoc Committee to review and update the by-laws of the constitution.

John May was named Parliamentarian, Lynn Nelson fills the newly created post of Art Consultant, and Felicia Braxton continues as USON coordinator.

The Senate also approved a letter to Nevada's House Representative, Jim Santial, expressing support for pending tuition tax credits on federal income tax returns.

Drama enthusiasts, take note: early in the school year, the student Senate applied for and received an appropriation for a Drama Club. According to Fred. Andy Guarda, no one has come forward as yet to take advantage of the appropriation. Students interested in organizing a club should talk to Mr. Guarda. Plans are being made to approach the Student Senate about the club.

The Senate asked the club to salvage as much surplus stage equipment from the doomed Billinghamurst High School as possible. The club will not have to be assembled totally from scratch.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, Dec. 19. Meetings of the Student Senate are posted on bulletin boards prior to meeting times. Watch for the next meeting and plan to attend. IT'S YOUR GOVERNMENT.

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PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULED

To: Dean Erdley
From: Associated Student Representatives

It has come to the attention of the Student Senate of WNCC, Reno-Sparks campus, that the parking facilities here on campus have become quite inadequate with the increased enrollment this fall.

We are sure you have noticed the dangerous conditions that exist at the present time. Some students, finding insufficient room to park their vehicle proceed to park anywhere there is sufficient room to slip their cars. This includes driveways, walking areas, "no Parking" areas, or even the streets. This of course presents a most difficult problem for the pedestrians who must dodge these vehicles and moving traffic.

While we realize that plans have been made to improve these conditions with the completion of Phase III in September 79, we feel that the State Public Works Board must be persuaded to release funds and/or grant permission for construction of additional parking immediately.

The paving of three (3) additional parking lots below the existing three, with construction steps from one level to another would be a major step towards the safety of our students.

Respectfully yours,
(1) Andy Guardia, President
(2) Mary Templeton, Vice President
(3) Bob Gruenhagen, Treasurer
(4) Felicia Braxton, Senator
(5) Rudy Rudy Calderon, Senator
(6) Barbara Cave, Senator
(7) Sheila LaForce, Senator
(8) Virginia Legg, Senator
(9) Larry Schell, Senator
(10) Kimberly Webster, Senator
(11) Hank White, Senator

Lenny motorist caught in act.

Note backdrop of empty spaces on lower turners.

The infamous "Two-Spot-Turkey" strikes again.

Spt. 16, 1977

The parking lot situation, everyone’s favorite topic, is inching toward improvement. Contractors’ bids were opened Dec. 6 for the paving of the lowest existing terrace, and grading and paving of a new terrace across the road. Frank Burnham, WNCC Director of Administrative Services, said that construction is scheduled to begin around the turn of the new year, but a completion date is subject to the vagaries of the weather. Construction of the foundation and base courses can be accomplished in relatively cold weather, but good paving practices demand temperature somewhat above Reid’s winter norm.

Bernham pointed out that parking citations have not been issued to motorists who use the "no parking" areas because of the current space limitations. Look for that policy to change when the additional areas are completed. The designated "handicapped" parking areas, however, are reserved only for those who are handicapped students. Those spaces nearest the building entrances are for students who require mechanical aids (such as wheelchairs, etc.), and the slots that are further away are reserved for those who get about without mechanical aids.

Equivalent spaces on the Rangeland campus have been and will continue to be cited when they park in the reserved areas.

AWSN Pres. Andy Guardia says that the Senate may soon act on the Board of Regents’ request for parking in current "no parking" areas to make room for further growth.

FREE WORKSHOPS OFFER TRAINING IN SEARCH TECHNIQUES FOR THE "HIDDEN JOB MARKE".

Today, the average person changes jobs at least three times during the lifetime. Often the moves are into divergent fields. Skills become more important than specific job titles. Considering technological and societal changes, a job that exists today may become obsolete in 10 years and new jobs will open.

It is estimated by leading job experts that on any given day, 80 percent of the jobs available are not listed in classified ads, employment agencies, or placement offices. These are what is referred to as the "hidden job market".

Where do you find out about this "hidden job market"? How do you know if an employer is qualified to hold one of these hidden jobs?

Some keys to the process are:

1. First, do a personal evaluation. Sit down and ask yourself: what do I do best? What are my real strengths and weaknesses? What do I really enjoy doing? Decide how much money you need; whether you can move; if you want to travel; what you want in other benefits, etc. Be fair with yourself—put yourself on the back for achievements. A pattern should emerge. These are the key to finding a career you will enjoy.

2. Next, thoroughly investigate in which you want to work. Geographic areas, types of employers (i.e., government, private agency); large or small; mainly working inside or outside, etc. When you have identified what you want to work and find out about the community, you can begin the job hunting process. Prepare a resume — a document that identifies your skills and background. For the job interview, prepare a list of questions to ask about the job, the employer, etc. For an interview, discuss your career plans, how you can help the employer get more workers, and how you can help the employer get more money.

3. Prepare a resume - Design it to fit a particular job. Get a job that seems to meet your needs. You may have three or four resumes which emphasize different skills you have for different jobs. The resume should include:

A. Name, address, phone number, message phone.
B. Job or career objective — be specific, tell the employer exactly what you want to do.
C. Qualifications — tell how you can do what you want to do. Include any skills, accomplishments (whether you were paid or not) which back up what you want to do. Use active verbs to describe the activities.
D. Education — must record first. Include credits at WNCC even if you have not completed degree requirements.
E. References — "Available upon request." Do not print names and addresses of persons to be sent out to employers — they will not want to talk about you after several calls. Be sure to get references OK.
F. Include dates only if they are relevant. If you think not — leave them off.
G. Type neatly (at least 30 words) or have it printed. Have it professionally duplicated.

4. Prepare a letter of application. Send it (and your enclosed resume) to the person identified as employing your kinds of people (whether you know there is a real job opening or not). Ask for an interview to discuss your career plans as they may be changed into that field. Check for the employer's interest in the job and the field.

5. Study in advance for the job interview. Find out about the company. Assemble all papers you will need: your resume, samples of work you. etc. Know the prevailing salary schedule for the job you want. Dress neatly, appropriately, do not bring your mother, but friend, or your kids. Don't discuss personnel, domestic or financial problems; defend what you learned from past mistakes — don't dwell on the mistake itself.

Ask when you will be notified of the employer's decision.

Evaluate each interview. Did I present my qualifications well? Talk too much? Too little?

Also evaluate the employer. Did I really like to work there? Were the people on the interviewer's side? Do I feel the people who would I work with? Does the person fill my needs for job satisfaction, earnings, and other avenues for further growth?

The Placement Office is offering five part workshops to fully discuss how you can design a job hunting campaign. You may attend one or all of the workshops listed below. The workshops are free and the room will be announced (just meet at the Counseling Office in the red floor). If you need more information, please call Carol Anderson, Placement Counselor, at 675-9686.

WORKSHOPS

John Hamer

PART I: Skill Identification
Friday, February 3, 1978 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PART II: Job Market Research
Friday, February 10, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PART III: The Resume
Friday, February 17, 1978 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PART IV: Letters of Application
Friday, March 24, 1978 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PART V: Interview Techniques
Friday, March 3, 1978 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 1978 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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WNCC OFFERS ACCREDITED DENTAL COURSE

By JIMI BUFKIN

WNCC North Campus is now offering an accredited, degree-granting program for the training of dental assistants. Tuition has been increased from part-time to full-time.

The college program will offer one-year certificates of achievement and two-year associate degrees. The student will have use of dental equipment, materials, instruments, and daily supervision by dentists. The program is fully equipped with the latest dental equipment, including X-rays, ultrasonic units, and dental chair. The equipment is always in use, and proper technician is required for student training.

A new course in expanded chairside duties will also be offered. A general dentistry class for the course is offered at night for six credits. Regular day classes are held on Monday through Thursday. The summer class has only seven students. With such a small class, students have plenty of opportunity to work on the techniques necessary for dental assisting.

Students also work with professional office personnel. The practice is not limited to only dental assisting duties. Students are able to simulate patient care in a real-world environment.

An alternative to the prostitution problem would be to make it legal with some restrictions. The prostitutes would have to be licensed, and a license would cost a fee. People would be able to choose whether or not they want to buy a service, but they would have to go through a legal system.

Registration Packets to be Mailed, Picked Up

Students attending Fall Semester and Fall Alternate Semesters will receive their registration packet, instructions, class schedule and dates and times for Spring registration.

NEW JOB BANK SERVICE

Job-hunters with Nevada Employment Security can be viewed daily on a microfiche machine in the Placement Office. If you find a job opening which is of interest to you, arrangements can be made to send you a job for an interview through the WNCC Placement Office.

The Placement Office will be open Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to accommodate those students who cannot drop by during the daytime office hours. Making an appointment to see the Placement Specialist is suggested. Phone 673-4666, Ext. 206 or 202.

Note to Teachers

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Flip Switches
Save $10,000

DIRECTOR OF Accounting, Frank Burnham, estimates that the potential savings from the plan represents an 8 percent reduction in the college’s electric bill—$57,000—which is nearly half the annual expenditure of $114,000 on electricity. Although the electricity bill amounts to 50 percent of the college’s utilities outlay, followed by gas at $22,000 (20 percent) and water at $2,300 (3 percent), you say, the college’s electricity account must fight for every budgetary penny each time the State Legislature meets, and another legislative session looms on the 1978 horizon.

By JIMI BUFKIN

During the course of the year, the Career Development Center schedules speakers from various firms and companies to come on campus and discuss career opportunities.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1977, the Internal Revenue Service provided speakers for a session titled "Job Opportunities in the IRS and Other Government Jobs." The IRS speakers were Myron Borehill, Le Anne Karner, and Bob Achauer, all representing the IRS in different capacities.

Borehill gave the class some insight into the types of positions available. The class asked questions regarding the many diversified positions. Internal Revenue Agents are professional accountants; they examine both individual and business tax returns to determine correct liability. Myron explained that tax auditors examine the tax returns of small businesses and individuals. They work directly with the taxpayers to eliminate unnecessary administrative and accounting questions regarding the determinations made.

Le Anne Karner, personnel management specialist, described her duties as being responsible for hiring within the IRS, and handling complaints. Le Anne is available to give information to individuals concerning the IRS and its function. She explained how to apply for positions, stating that nearly all federal agencies are based on competitive standards.

The Student Financial Aid Office encourages all interested students to apply for Financial Assistance. Contact 73-4666 or 73-6107 to arrange a meeting with a 1979 WCNCC Student Financial Aid Office, North Campus.

By JIMI BUFKIN

Most experts agree rape is an astonishingly common problem. A rape survivor has been quoted as saying, "It appears to be a dramatically nationwide increase in rape."" The FBI statistics for reported rapes—compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation—show a 30 percent increase in the number of rape cases for the previous year. Part of the increase is probably due to women’s growing willingness to report rapes. But there are also changes in the incidence of rape.

The new effort to reduce rape and minimize its emotional impact takes many forms. In New York City, for example, a Mayor’s Task Force on Rape, formed in 1973, helped to establish a nationwide rape crisis line. The squad works with the city’s sex crime analysis unit, a center equipped with the latest in rape detection equipment and staffed largely with female officers who are on call 24 hours a day to interpret victim's statements.

The Fresno-City College is offering a special studies course this semester, "The Sociology of America Rape," to help students understand the many facets of the victim: the sexual patterns of rape, psychological aspects. The San Joaquin Delta College, in Stockton, offers rape prevention programs through its Community Relations Crime Program.

On the local scene, the Rape Crisis Center in Reno is working to counter the unbelievable increase in rape. Judith Helms, one of the four volunteer workers, says rape in Nevada has increased each year. The crisis center volunteers serve on lines connected directly to their homes. The program is understaffed and heavily in need of volunteers. Anyone interested can be available for rape victims to rely on. The volunteers go to the hospital with the victims, accompany them to the police department, and try to prepare them for questions they will be exposed to and lengthy medical examinations. They are also available to prepare the victim’s family concerning the crime.

The common misconception is that rape is a sexual crime; rape is an act of violence and aggression. It is a violent act, one in which the victim is only a means to an end. Statistics prove that in eight out of ten cases, the intent to rape is premeditated.

A psychologically destructive and emotionally devastating. The psychological scars far outlast the physical. Rape victims, who do not report the crime, suffer in silence. Those who do report it, many times endure the embarrassment of questions from insensitive officials. And for those who wish to prosecute, there is the humiliation of a court trial which, until recently, their sexual past was displayed for all to see and their morals judged as if they were on trial.

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"News Is Not Made Up Of Just The Issues"

There, the reporter edits the visuals, records the voiceover portions of the report, and puts it together for the director to fit into the evening lineup. Back in the newsroom, the reporter writes the anchor script, and there you are. Each story in the program is almost entirely the result of the responsibility of individual effort; and that, Ms. D’Atri says, "makes the job fun."

"News is not made up of just the issues," she asserts. "Human interest and feature stories are necessary for balance," and when pressed, she admits to favoring what she calls the "Charles Kuralt" approach. One of her first assignments was to cover a story about the use of insects as a potential food source. To close her report, she sampled one of the preferred delicacies. Eight months later, strangers still ask her if she really ate that horrible bug. Yes folks, Jan D’Atri had a roasted caterpillar for lunch. I asked her how it tasted, but just then the newsroom police monitor crackled, and out the door she went, running down another story. I’m not so sure I wanted to hear her reply anyway.
Reno Effort Tries To Alleviate...

Story compiled by P. Allard from class materials submitted by Mary Ann Cervantes & Dennis Stegner

Child abuse may not be a common conversational topic, but that may be changing. Vicki D’Atri, coordinator of the Washoe County Health Department’s Child Neglect and Trauma Center in Reno, states that so far this year there is a ten to fifteen percent increase in reports of suspected abuse or neglect over last year. In 1976, the Washoe County Welfare Department received about 700 calls; and the actual countywide case load helped rank Nevada depressingly high nationally in reported abuse and neglect cases.

The problem is nothing new (see related story), but public recognition of it is. According to Ms. D’Atri, increases in reports reflect a growing public concern about neglect and abuse, for it strikes without regard to religion, socio-economic status, age or intelligence.

Ms. D’Atri says child abusers generally fit one, or some, or all of four identifiable categories. If you were abused as a child, chances are you have a poor self-image and may in turn abuse your own child. Social isolation, a symptom of our mobile lifestyle, may separate you from friends or family who can help with the heavy demands of a small child. If you are young, immature, or insecure, you may not understand your child’s behavior or needs. Or, you may have unrealistic expectations of your child, requiring adult behavior of him regardless of his age or stage of development. It becomes obvious that we all have some degree of potential for child abuse, especially if financial, marital (wife abuse in particular), drug, or alcohol related problems exist. The resultant stress reaches a crisis pitch, and BAM—we strike out at the next target, too often our child.

Help is available in our area for abused children and their parents, and reporting the case of child abuse to the people who can help is the vital first step. Immediate treatment must be given for urgent problems such as physical injury or malnutrition. Follow-up support from visiting nurses, social workers, and relatives is important, and extended counseling for children and parents is a must. Because the problem develops over a long period of time, it necessarily requires long-term professional treatment.

If you have a problem, or know someone who does, give Vicki D’Atri a call at the Center. She’s a 1973 graduate of UNR in social sciences and corrections, with an additional two years of nurse training. She listens with understanding and compassion, and she can help. Her number is 780-4290.

The Suicide Prevention and Crisis Call Center also handles these types of calls (they took 44 of them in October). Call them at 323-3011, or their toll free rural number, 800 992-5727.

COPE (Channeling Our Parental Energies), a parents’ self-help group, welcomes calls at 326-9022.

Call now. You may save a family... or a child’s life.

Historic Problem Of Child Abuse

By ROGER YOUNG

Punishment of children was common through the centuries, appearing as nothing new in modern times. “Spare the rod and spoil the child” is a philosophy still in use today.

During the 19th century, children were whipped on Innocents Day in order to make them remember the massacre of the innocents by Herod. Beating existed as a method to drive out demons in cases where epileptic seizures were attributed to demon possession. In India, a sacred chain was employed expressly for exorcizing rats of the possessed.

As time moved on, urbanization and the industrial age brought about severe child labor abuse. Pauper children from workshouses who had no one to protect them worked sixteen hours a day, often with iron shackles on their ankles to prevent them from running away.

Child labor laws began emerging in 1802, aiding pauper children immensely; however, the rights parents had over their children permitted, thus replacing pauperous paupers in labor markets with parented ones. These parents had no concern for their child’s welfare, so did not condemn the abuses by their employers.

In 1871, the SPCA, of all people, responded to the pleas of church workers and intervened on behalf of a young girl who was being abused by her parents. Claiming that she was a member of the animal kingdom, and that her case should be included under the laws against animal cruelty, the Society moved on the parents. The result of this case brought about the founding of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which, in turn, sparked the formation of many organizations with aims of protecting children.

The burgeoning industrial revolution in this country brought with it widespread use of children in manufacturing, often under appalling conditions. Public outrage followed revelations made by the popular writer of the day, and the Progressive Movement was able to enact strict legislation outlawing child labor.

Lately, again on the strength of public sentiment, programs are being initiated to treat the problem of child abuse and neglect at its source... the family unit. With a little luck, and a lot of hard work, child abuse will no longer be an aspect of the human condition.
**BRIEFS:**

**ATTENTION: All Financial Aid Recipients**

The mid-semester checks will not be released until a student has had his/her instruction in the WNC Financial Aid Progress Report. In the event a student does not have the Progress Report signed, it indicates that the student is not progressing satisfactorily, the checks will not be released to the student in question.

**ACT TEST DATES: Western Nevada Community College - North Las Vegas**
- January 28, 1978
- February 17, 1978
- April 15, 1978
- July 8, 1978

Please call the Office of Counseling and Testing (Ext. 234) if you desire more information.

**FLEISCHMANN SCHOLARSHIP Applications are now available in the WNCC Student Financial Aid Office, North Campus, Room 219, Tel. 672-6606**

Students in need of Financial Assistance, John, Grants, or Loans should contact the Student Financial Aid Office, Room 219 or call 672-6606, Ext. 219.

**SPRING SEMESTER 1978 CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Available

**VETERAN’S CORNER**

Effective Oct. 1, 1977, new legislation allowed for a 5% increase of educational benefits to veterans. Other legislation if the list has not yet been distributed, but if you have questions please call Veterans Service.

If you are unsure about the remaining requirements in your program, course applicability to degrees, GPA, etc., for clarification contact the Office of Veterans Services, Room 207, Ext. 672-6606 or Ext. 219. If you are interested in the programs, contact Veterans Services, WNC for further information. Phone 672-6606, Ext. 207, or stop by at Ext. 219 or 309-310. In other words, the VA will not provide benefits for courses which do not specifically apply toward degree requirements. Don’t jeopardize educational benefits because of rumers, misinformation, or incorrect assumptions.

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CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

By ANDY GUARDIA

I'm sure that you've all seen the bumper sticker:

"Found It" on cars throughout the community.

And, you've probably asked yourselves what he or she has found - the car, the sticker, the bumper. 

Well, I have one of those stickers and I can tell you what I've found. The answer is simple: Jesus Christ. 

Now, you're probably thinking, "I'm a Christian."

That's true, but I'm afraid that I'm a religious fanatic, weirdo, O.K. Think what you like. 

All I simply claim to be is a Christian.

The recent popularity of Christianity throughout the country began with the "Found It" campaign and has blossomed with the help of well-known figures claiming their beliefs. Along with the campaign trinity Jimmie Carter told the world, "I am a born again Christian."

Ed Ridge Cleaver found his salvation through Jesus Christ, and so on and so forth.

Along with the Christian movement some cool groups have become popular. Their main purpose is to announce the Lord and Christ to our nation. I'm sure it was the Iowa of some messianic followers being brainwashed.

Within our community Christians are often seen as a separate group, and hence, not to be taken lightly.

Some would like to find out what is happening on both sides, please direct all comments and information for publication to the student editor.

J. Reed

... PETER ALLARD

Crime Does Pay at High Levels

Crime does pay. That statement has been credence as never before by the recent wave of escalating crimes. Tainted, iron clad, dyed-in-the-wool crooks have managed, with the media as eager accomplices, to paint a portrait of their crimes that has managed to elude the eyes of the public.

Richard C. Nash, Jr., a crook, as he is often referred to, has reaped the lion's share of the booty. Not only have his friends (TV Guide's Walter Annenberg among them) fronted him furtively the "free" television and book publishing industries have engaged in frenzied bidding wars that may ultimately weaken the trickster's ever-growing power. Nash's turn to the tune of a million dollars or more.

The latest entry in this seemingly endless orgy of creative capitalism is ABC's marketing gimmick WASHINGTON: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, a documentary miniseries clothed in the diaphanous disguise of fiction.

"In an attempt to hold at bay the legions of defense lawyers with litigious hearts, many of us who followed the Vietnam war and Watergate scandal with interest have difficulty assessing WASHINGTON as pure drama. We find ourselves feeling anew the old anger, disgust and revulsion that plagued us for over six years."

That we can get into the spirit of things in this way, however, must be regarded as a tribute to the writer, who contributed the script. They have provided us with both good drama and a valuable historic document. The performances of Behrman, Vaugan and Robert Duvall evoked the complex mood of the Nixon years with little room for criticism, and the supporting roles are, for the most part, played with comparable skill. There are small lapses in story and characterization. The parts of Agnew and Ehrlichman are conscious of their roles, yet the story is as much a vehicle for them. The critics will no doubt find much to cavil about, but they will be unable to reasonably dispute the overall excellence of this fine effort.

Finally, WASHINGTON may serve a higher purpose than perhaps its producers intended. It can serve as a vehicle to remind our people of the many possibilities for moral and political reform in government, and the need for the public and private involvement in the Vietnam war. There are of course, many who have never seen the picture. We take comfort in the knowledge that we can always throw the bastards out.

KARATE

Fate knocked on the door, hope answered and no one was there.

J. Reed

Black History

Class Revived

By Jerry Bowen

When pressure appears during midterms and finals, dropping out of classes is a very common thing around campus.

An academic class hammering a student is often the one to be dropped first. Yet this is probably the one class which should not be dropped. Going through a course only to drop it before the final is a rough way to get through school. A personal meeting with the instructor may reveal better prospects than one had hoped for.

The main reason for dropping classes often involves social entanglements—relationships, family problems and most of all, work. Of course, some students have more than their share of problems but often staying with the class work will relieve them from constant thoughts centered around their problems.

We tend to let pleasure come before business. If pleasure is a constant companion of yours, perhaps you should evaluate yourself to see if you are ready to buckle down to college work.

If grades have gone haywire, hang in there. There may still be time to bring the grades up as the semester ends. Let your instructor know your concerns, and unless you have been advised to drop the class, stick with it to earn your credits.

Footnote: WCNC fall semester registration showed 20,110 student credit hours dropped according to Ken Johnson, Director of Registration.

DUE TO THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

The typographical error is a slippery thing, and aiy.

You can have 'til you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by.

"Til forms are off the presses, it is strange how still it keeps.

It shudders down, a corner and it never stirs or peeps.

That typographical error, too small for human eyes.

"Til the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.

The boss, he stars in horror, then he grasp his bald head and promote some skills of thinking and communication necessary for his welfare in America and elsewhere.

Charles Twine.

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OLIVAS READIES TEAM TO PLAY SEASON OPENER

By DAVE CALOIBAO

They are gathered before the supreme master. Coming only to perform, they will go beyond endurance to do only what must be done. And in the end, only the finest will survive and make the long, rough journey.

Actually, the situation may not be that dramatic, but it's close. In reality, WNCC Basketball Coach Mike Olivas has an enthusiastic attitude towards the pre-season to see who will be his warriors when the WCNN Wildcats open the 1977-78 basketball season against Modesto Junior College Friday, December 9, at the UNS Gym.

In preparation for the league opener, Coach Olivas will stress ability, attitude and hustle in the pre-season. "The single most important aspect is ability," said the present school teacher at Wooster High School, "After ability is attitude. Attitude and hustle come in the same class. I've had teams in the past that have had good ability, but no attitude. A combination of both is very essential. The contributing factor is very important." To many players and coaches, the pre-season is a waste of time. But not to Olivas, who bases how the entire pre-season can reflect on the upcoming regular season. "The pre-season is very, very important," he said. "You base the whole regular season on pre-season. Fundamentals are very, very important as well."

Said Tony Usery, who will try out for the team, on his view of pre-season: "As far as the practicing is concerned, I feel it is important because of the conditioning, especially of the mind and body. This is the time when you should get your head together. Going all out when practice starts is the name of the game.

Everyone wants to make the team, and they should prepare for it." According to Olivas, approximately 20 people will try out for the team. "Some may drop out about half way through (the season) for personal reasons, but if they are willing to play, they will make the team."

When asked to evaluate himself as a coach, Olivas promptly said, "I'm a very easy going guy. I'm not really strict, although all of my teams have played with discipline. My strong point though, is my ability to communicate with the players."

And that's every coach's dream.

The WCNN Wildcats open their 1977-78 basketball season Friday, December 9, against Modesto Jr. College Saturday, December 10, they host Delta San Joaquin College. Both games are at UNS Gym. Game times are 7:30 p.m.

Let's all get behind our team and support their efforts for a winning season.

CALLING ALL GIRLS! CALLING ALL BOYS! Do you like to jump? Do you like to yell? Where is your school spirit? Apply NOW for cheerleader. Contact Margie Lish at Student Finance 4th floor and Kim Webster at Student Government.

WESTERN NEVADA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1977-78 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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MAIL LETTER TO SUPPORT TUITION BILL
Act To Provide Tax Credit For School, College Tuitions

Senators Launch Campaign Seeking a $500 Tax Credit for School, College Tuitions

WASHINGTON
Two Senators have launched a campaign to give a tax credit for tuition paid from kindergarten through college.

The House of Representatives has opposed seven Senate attempts in the past to give families tax credits for college tuition bills.


Beginning Jan. 1, 1980, the credit would be available for any part-time or full-time student who paid tuition at an accredited secondary, or vocational school or any college or university. Taxpayers could also get refunds if their credit was greater than the amount of taxes they owed.

As evidence of the need to give taxpayers some break on tuition payments, Senators Moynihan and Packwood cited a more than 50-per-cent increase in costs at public and private colleges over the past five years, as well as a 15-per-cent drop over the last decade in enrollment in private elementary schools.

An aide to Senator Moynihan acknowledged last week that the measure was aimed not only at giving tax relief to middle-income taxpayers, but also at finding a constitutional way to provide federal aid for private elementary and secondary education.

Some constitutional experts, however, said Moynihan's measure, such as Mr. Moynihan's-in which a relatively small part of the benefits would go to enhance private, church-related education-might withstand court tests more easily than some state laws to aid private education that have been declared unconstitutional in recent years.

Although the Senate Finance Committee will hold hearings on the Moynihan-Packwood measure, S 2142, in January, there are few signs of support for tax credits in the House.

Rep. Al Ullman, Democrat of Oregon, and chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, is a strong opponent of such measures. One reason is their price tag.

Senators Moynihan and Packwood estimated that their measure would cost the Treasury $4.7-billion in tax revenue in 1980.

Dear Sirs,

I am respectfully request that you support the proposed Tuition Tax Credit Act of 1977, introduced by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, Democrat of New York, and Sen. Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, which would allow up to $500 in tuition expenses per student to be deducted from what taxpayers owe the federal government.

In the interest of promoting higher education and in stopping the declining enrollment of 20 percent in the last decade that has plagued higher education, passage of this bill is of vital importance.

Your support of the Moynihan-Packwood measure, S 2142, in January will be and is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.

Signature

(1) Student of Western Nevada Community College, North Campus, Reno, Nevada
(1) Non-student of WNCC, but enrolled at
(1) Non-student, but interested in promoting education

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New Classified Ad Section!

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PERSONAL ADS 25 cents—any length up to 50 words—additional word, $0.25. All personal and doublespaced to Journalism and Student Newspaper Office, Room 2907D. Will be edited prior to printing.

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Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year Too!!