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The Winner!
And Only Surviving Candidate!

VOTE APRIL 19-20

Election Special
Each person reading this article probably has three questions in common: 1) Who is Felicia Baxton? 2) What are her plans? 3) What is the “Baxton Challenge?”

Let’s start with, “Who is Felicia Baxton?” Originally from Denver, Colo., I settled in the Reno area four years ago. I have been attending WNCC for three semesters and have been involved in student government for that length of time. I began as a student at large and served on both the Activities and Appropriations committees. In April of ’77, I was elected to the Senate. This past year, I have chaired both the Activities and Constituency Revision committees. I feel that one of the most important contributions to this college has been through USUNS. As USUNS coordinator, I have had the opportunity to represent our students on a statewide level. I’m a political science major and plan to pursue a career in criminal law.

This coming year, there are several things I would like to accomplish. Activities which are student-oriented are my main concern. I will be planning more of the country jamboree, end of the year picnic, and discount movie ticket-type activities. I hope to include a Christmas party, guest lectures, and musical entertainment.

I know you will all agree with me when I say that communication between students and student government officers has room for improvement. I propose a bimonthly newsletter (to supplement the Western Echo) containing a list of upcoming activities and the necessary information of time, place, date, etc. This could be very useful in keeping students informed about the problems and issues that student government is currently dealing with. Students would then be able to keep in touch, with me and be informed on what I’m doing.

Transportation is currently one problem our campus faces. Car pooling is one possible solution. Working jointly with this community’s mass transit system, to work in a WNCC route would be great.

Textbooks will continue to pile up in our homes until a profitable way of disposing of them is organized. My solution is a textbook resale. Students with last-semester books could sell their books to students enrolled in the same classes the following semester. With no middleman involved, one can make a profit. UNLV ran a similar program this year and their resale rate was 84%!!! I see no reason why our students couldn’t take advantage of this same opportunity.

USUNS (United Students of the University of Nevada System) will be playing a very important role this year. USUNS is a coalition of all student governments statewide. Plans for a lobby in Carson City during the upcoming legislative session are beginning to materialize. USUNS represents nearly 40,000 students — voting students — and has the potential for being the state’s strongest political force!!! No other political organization represents as many people!!!

What this means is that, as students, we can have direct input on all levels!!! Our continued support of the USUNS is of vital importance if we are to continue to up-grade our system of higher education at this college.

The “Baxton Challenge” is simple. 1. Become aware — Do you know that 50¢ of every credit taken (with the exception of community services classes) is allocated to student government? Are you aware of how this money is being spent? 2. Become involved — You can be involved on many different levels, depending on how much time and effort you wish to expend. There are several openings on the student senate, and being a senator requires a good deal of time. If you have less time there are student-at-large positions on all senate standing, sub and ad hoc committees.

The student judicial court has several openings also. Faculty provides for student representation on the following committees: Academic Standards, Professional Standards, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid-Scholarships-Veterans, and Curriculum. USUNS is another organization where you can have a voice. Let your fellow students, faculty, administration, city and state officials know you really care about the quality of your education and student life. I challenge you to have a voice, air your opinions, and get involved.

3. Elect the person most qualified and experienced to represent you. Experience is an invaluable tool in any organization. Let my experience work for you. On the 19th and 20th of April, elect Felicia Baxton ASWN President and we will be one step closer to attaining those activities and programs which will profit all students alike. If you have any further questions or if you may be of help in any way, please contact me through the secretary in the student government office.

Thank you for your support.
Felicia Baxton
Candidate for ASWN President
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TO: WNCC Student Body
FROM: Mark Rea, Candidate for ASWN Treasurer

I’d like to say that it has been a rough year for campaigning for all of us running for office at WNCC. I’m sorry to say, though, that student government offices in many cases, seem to be as popular as submarines with screen doors.

I don’t think that most students realize exactly how important student government is, and how much we really accomplish.

My plans for next year, as treasurer, will mostly center around gaining more student involvement and holding more activities. Holding activities will most likely mean holding a few fundraising events, but I’m sure with your help and suggestions we will be able to accomplish this.

Since this semester is drawing to a close, I’d like to say, have a good summer, and I hope to see you up here again next year.

Mark Rea
Candidate for ASWN Treasurer

ECHO Photos
Candidates

Although there is a minimum interest displayed for most of the ASWN offices, you should be aware that an interesting race for President has taken place. Both candidates have worked hard and have demonstrated much interest in the student government program.

I strongly encourage all students to make an effort to cast a vote for the candidate of their choice. Maximum input by the students will insure proper representation in the governing process at WNCC Reno/Sparks Campus.

Much work lies ahead for student government in their contribution to the college as it continues to grow and better serve the community.

If I can answer any questions about the election process or any student government/activities matter, please contact me. My office is located on the second floor of the Reno/Sparks Campus building, Room 2007-B, phone 673-4666, extension 310.

On behalf of the college, your enthusiasm is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dave Wood, Director
Student Activities

Larry Schefcik
Candidate for ASWN President

TO: WNCC Student Body
FROM: Kim Webster, Candidate for ASWN Vice-President

Running unopposed for political office is one of the most unsatisfactory experiences I've had in a long while. What do you do with 2000 campaign posters? Where to store 1000 T-shirts, complete with slogan and photo? When I think of all the time I spent writing eloquent speeches, guaranteed to bring a tear to the eye...the hours I stood in front of the mirror practicing that perfect smile.

Seriously, I hope that as a result of our 76-77 ASWN administration, student involvement will be such that no candidate, whether for executive or legislative office, will have the easy ride into office that I did. I feel it's important for students to take an active role in student government, whether it be as an elected officer, student representative on a faculty committee, or just somebody who stays informed and aware of how his or her student fees are being spent.

I feel that I have the experience necessary to execute the office of vice president. I hope that you, as a student, will be interested enough to check it out and see if I'm doing the job the way you feel it should be done. In the meantime, if you hear of anybody who wants to buy 1000 T-shirts, will you let me know?

Kim Webster
Candidate for ASWN Secretary

Concern

During the past year, I served on the ASWN Senate. During this time I became increasingly frustrated with the lack of involvement of students, and the lack of the Administration's responsiveness to student needs. Recognizing these needs, I have worked toward a better overall campus newspaper, toward the establishment of a student bookstore on the WNCC Campus, and have served as a USUNS delegate for both WNCC and UNR.

Since my interest in WNCC Student Government and its needs has steadily increased, I believe the best way to accomplish my goals is to serve you as ASWN President. United Students of the Universities of Nevada System, was formed in 1976 to give the students of Nevada a united voice for higher education. This organization is extremely beneficial to the students of all campuses. We are presently in the process of setting up a lobby in Carson City and to unite the voices of the campus presidents at the Board of Regents meetings. As your president I will serve on this board. This will assure ASWN the direct input it needs.

Our Book Store is planned in phase three construction. Such programs should be controlled by the students. The profits realized should be returned to the students in the form of lower prices on books or in the subsidization of student activities. I will work closely with the Administration to accomplish this goal.

Approximately $3,000 of your money is spent annually on the publishing of our campus newspaper, The Western Echo. Western Nevada Community College is in great need of an informative, useful newspaper. The potential is there and must be taken advantage of. I will work closely with the editor and journalism classes to give us the newspaper we need.

Having the qualifications, the ambition and the time to devote to accomplishing these goals, I feel I would do the best job of serving your needs in the position of ASWN President.

Do you sincerely want more activities, more student involvement and a more concerned ASWN government?

Then elect LARRY SCHEFCIK when you vote Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday. April 20th.

By Larry Schefcik
Candidate for ASWN President
Andy Guardia
ASWN President
Bids Farewell

It has truly been a pleasure serving you, the members of our student body, here at Western Nevada Community College. Reno/Sparks campus. During the past year we have tried to provide you with activities and events that would give you a break in your rigorous academic routine. The governing body has experienced internal structural growth of extreme proportions. This growth should provide future governments with the benefits of governance needed to meet the student body's expectations.

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Election Briefs

Candidates for ASWN President:
- Felicia Branson
- Larry Schubel

Candidate for ASWN Vice President:
- Kim Webster

Candidate for ASWN Treasurer:
- Mark Rea

The candidates for student senate as of April 12 are:
- Lynne Nelson, Patty Peterson, Jerry Bowes, and Lance Peters.

Past ASWN Presidents
- 1972-73: Stan Smith
- 1973-74: Chris Chambers
- 1974-75: Mike Nolich
- 1975-76: Mike Nolich
- 1976-77: John Housby
- 1977-78: Andy Guardia

In order to run for president and vice-president, candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and must have completed twelve credits at the time they file the application. For candidates for treasurer, they must have completed three credits, one in accounting and at least one in bookkeeping, and must also maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

To run for senator, candidates must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

There are nine senators elected at large in a plurality vote in the general election. Any elected official must maintain enrollment in six semester credit hours while in office.

Leadership is action, not position.

At every moment of our lives we should be trying to find out, not in what we differ with other people, but in what we agree with them.

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Records Office, Reno/Sparks Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
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The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances."

The election process, as established by the Constitution of the United States, is in essence "people Tillable assemblly to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Candidates, in their campaign, are entitled to the "right of freedom of speech" when they state their platform. The newspaper, through reporting and editorial writing in coverage of the campaign and election, is exercising freedom of the press.

The newspaper has two jobs to do when a political campaign begins. First, try to give reasonably fair coverage. This means ready access to newsmen by all serious candidates, a chance to reach the audience. Second, the newspaper is obligated to make recommendations of the reader, to inform the reader. It is an obligation of the newspaper to find out the qualifications of candidates and to inform the readers of those qualifications, the caliber and quantity of support, the background of the person involved and the position he takes. Through editorial, the newspaper can inform the reader.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Let the people know the facts, and the country will be safe." Through the recommendations, reporting and writing, the newspaper does this in an election campaign.

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