The Tidal Wave
A Student Newsletter
From the desk of Jason McGill: Spending my teenage years in Silver Springs, NV, came with a lot of unneeded stress. All teens have it rough, but I honestly didn’t know what I was going to do with my life. All I knew was that I wanted to fit in. I wanted to do more with my life other than just going home every day after school. I wanted to be involved in some way. Then one day, halfway through my sophomore year of high school, I decided to once again throw my name into the hat to be in student government, and since then I haven’t looked back. I finished my career at Silver Stage High School as Senior Class President having previously served as Student Body President and had my sights set on going to college. Joining student government was not in my immediate plans, but before you knew it, I was a Representative in Associated Students of Western Nevada. Then I became a Senator, and later, Student Body President once again. College has been amazing, and my time served in ASWN was miraculous and I was ready to move on; but I was asked to serve as ASWN’S assistant while their advisor went on maternity leave. I accepted. I am now currently engaged to the love of my life, Kayla Dixon, and soon will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno, full time to get my degree in psychology. I will never forget my time as a Western Nevada Wildcat!
Wildcat Productions’ weltanschauung is to create events and publications to entertain and edify students and community. It was several years ago that Valerie Andersen, our esteemed librarian, got together with ASWN (Associated Students of Western Nevada) here at WNC and created Open Mic Night. More recently, Valerie created a successful film festival for the students and community. Those Open Mic nights continued for a few years. It was Howard Collett of Media Services who noticed my interest in these kinds of events and suggested that I pick up the ball and run with it; I did just that (incidentally, it is because of Howard’s professional efforts in Media Services that these kind of events have succeeded) and that energy has evolved into Wildcat Productions.

“These kinds of events” now include Poetry Share’m Night and Political Shout Night (now called Shout Night). Comedy Night is in the works, billed as “Calling All Comedians.” Also developing are two publications: The Wildcat Review, a WNC on-line poetry publication by poets of Nevada. It was Professor Chad McCully that initiated this online, and is now being adopted by the WNC Webmaster; and The Tidal Wave, a newsletter mostly by and for the students of WNC, hopefully to come out in the fall of 2012.

After a few Open Mic Nights, Doug Barrett, Instructor of English at WNC, suggested expanding productions by introducing Poetry Share’m Night. We had students, Ash Canyon Poets and teacher readings; we have had two successful shows and hope to continue them. The readers were filmed and the tapes are being sent to The Wildcat Review Webmaster.

We also hope to collaborate with ASWN in any way possible to help these events continue to succeed. A past Open Mic Night was made part of student activities week and a group dance is still being talked about.

By Doug Barrett

I see Wildcat Productions as a vehicle for creating some of the out-of-class enhancements to education that one finds at larger colleges: convivial activities such as Open Mic Night and Comedy Night, intellectual stimulation via Poetry Night and The Wildcat Review, and intriguing encounters such as Political Shout Night. I hope that through creative brainstorming, judicious promotion, and appropriate rewards, we can generate more student involvement in these productions. I’d especially like to see The Wildcat Review take its place among poetry journals in the Western U.S., and move to print format eventually. For the Review to expand beyond its current Nevada-oriented on-line format, we will need more student involvement, especially in the preliminary consideration of submissions.

I would like to thank, especially, Doug Barrett and Joliene Dexter for their good work, as well as:

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For their support...

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SAFETY UPDATE by BRIAN CROWE, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

WNC’s NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Western Nevada College is planning to add another form of emergency mass notification in time for the fall semester. CodeRed, a high-speed voice, text, and e-mail messaging system, will be utilized for campus emergencies and for some exercises and drills. CodeRed is being made available to WNC with the assistance and cooperation of Carson City, whose emergency management teams have utilized CodeRed for years to notify emergency responders and residents about emergency situations.

“Having a second mass notification system is essential to support the intent of the federal Clery Act, which addresses emergency response for colleges,” said Jack Plirainen, WNC Director of Public Safety.

WNC also believes that text messaging is a valuable method for communicating with today’s students. CodeRed has a unique feature so if a caller misses the CodeRed call or wants to hear the call again, he/she can redial the number that was received and hear the latest CodeRed message. The college can also publish the CodeRed numbers that calls will come from so individuals can program them into their phones in order to identify any CodeRed call. The voice message will typically have more complete information than the text message.

TOP OF THE TIPS: Take your dog to North Shore,

If you find yourself on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe, and have a dog, go to the Village Market in Incline Village, near the Post Office. They have packages of cutaway meats for about $2 that don’t need to be cooked: the dogs love it; also, good dog bones for about $5 (They go fast). While you’re there, go to the Village Green, next to the Hyatt—two creeks and a big field to enjoy; then, go to Carnelian Bay for stick-swims in the lake—both places are very dog-friendly.

THE STUDENT PAPYRUS: by Renne Parkison

Do You Believe?

Are you a believer in ghosts or not? There are many thoughts on the paranormal and if it exists. People claim to have had an apparition experience, and others argue a scientific explanation, while some just don’t have an opinion. The popular television show, ‘Ghost Adventures,” use a lot of devices to detect activities in the spiritual world to prove them to be true.

They use Static Night Vision cameras, E.V.P. devices, and heat sensory equipment to debunk the activities they catch on camera. The TV crews are out to catch the spirits, also trying to find other answers to what they see and hear. Personally, I have come across some unusual happenings while working at the Delta Saloon behind the bar. There was a tap on my shoulder and my name was called out in a man’s voice; so real I turned around and answered; no one was behind the bar with me and there were two customers. Weeks later, a woman came into the saloon, as she walked
as she walked through the front doors, there was a shadow behind her. The woman said she was being chased by a female apparition down the boardwalk. I told her that it was still behind her, I saw it with my own eyes. I asked her to please leave. Other bartenders at The Delta have similar experiences, but no one talks about it much, because it sounds crazy…

CHECK OUT THE FACILITIES ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING; GOOD PLACE TO HANG OUT: EXERCISE ROOM, TV ROOM, SHOWERS, ETC

COMEDY HOUR

—“Sorry I can’t stop coughing.”
—“What’s up with that, anyway”?
—“Well, a piece of a chicken bone got stuck in my throat, so I went to the Doc.
—“What’s the verdict?”
—I said, “Doc, I can’t stop coughing, and it hurts when I breathe in.”
—”Then don’t do that”!

ONLY THE SHADOW

THE MORE UNINTELLIGENT SOMEONE IS, THE LESS MYSTERIOUS EXISTENCE IS.

French Style Pork Roast

To a six pound pork roast,
Cover, entirely, with margarine, salt and pepper. Make six large holes and insert pieces of garlic, salt, pepper, and thyme.

Also, cover the whole roast with thyme. Cook in the oven in a covered roasting pan for about three and one-half hours, at 325 degrees. You may add Madeira wine as a marinade at the beginning, and more if you like.

If this is cooked well, you may become famous.

The Fortune Cookie

Help! I’m trapped back in the kitchen here. Please call the cops. I have to work like a slave sixteen hours a day, no days off, no medical benefits, no overtime, no tea breaks. Help! I have a wonderful wife, two kids, a dog, a turtle, and I always give to charity. I like baseball.
WILDCAT PRODUCTIONS COMING EVENTS:

SHOUT NIGHT: 10/4/12 - MARLETTE HALL

OPEN MIC NIGHT: 11/1/12 AT DINI

POETRY SHARE’M NIGHT: 11/29/12 AT DINI

CALLING ALL COMEDIANS: 4/1/13 AT DINI

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