EVENTS

Support Wildcats Athletics
Fund-raiser to Feature Mark Kotsay
Friday, Jan. 18, 6-10 p.m.
Peppermill Hotel-Casino, Reno
Info: 775-445-3240
Admission: $100 or $700 for table of eight

Major League Baseball center fielder Mark Kotsay will be the featured speaker at Western Nevada College's fifth annual intercollegiate athletics fund-raising dinner. In addition, four local professional baseball players will be on hand to sign autographs, including Western alumnus Cole Rohrbough, who now plays in the Atlanta Braves organization.

Come help the Wildcats!

NEWS

College Employees Make a Difference for Kids
Western Nevada College employees may have given a bit of comfort to a child they'll never know. As part of the college's annual holiday potluck luncheon, faculty and staff members collected donations for Austin's House, a newly opened facility that provides emergency housing for children who are referred by Child Protective Services and the courts. In all, 46 WNC employees donated $735 to the Carson Valley center.

Spring Registration In Full Swing
More than 4,000 students have already registered for the spring 2008 semester that begins Tuesday, Jan. 22. Signups continue via Web-REG through the start of classes. Online registration hours: Monday-Saturday – 12:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday- 8 a.m.-8 p.m. http://www.wnc.edu/academics/schedule/
Fallon Students Earn Awards
Two Fallon high school seniors who are co-enrolled in classes at WNC have been recognized by the Fallon Optimist Club. Katie O'Toole and Christina Conner have been presented with the Optimist Youth Appreciation Award. 

ATHLETICS
Wildcats Baseball Team Earns National Ranking
In only its third year, Western's Wildcats baseball team is ranked No. 5 nationally as it enters the 2008 season. Collegiate Baseball made the preseason ranking for teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association. Western was the top ranked West Coast team in the poll. Western’s 2007 team finished fifth in the National Junior College World Series last spring. Play begins January 25 in Las Vegas against South Mountain Community College. See schedule at http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/season.php

ARTS

RENO ARTIST BRINGS TWO SHOWS TO WNC
Candace Nicol offers two exhibits at WNC Carson City in the coming months. "Waiting for the World" will show in the College Gallery January 22-February 22. "Assemblages" will show January 22-April 8 in the Bristlecone Building atrium. An artist reception is set for Tuesday, Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. She will offer a lecture and workshop from 1-3 p.m. in Aspen 210, which others are welcome to attend. Nicol teaches both printmaking and design at Truckee Meadows Community College.

CAMPUS CORNER
Donations Assist WNC Students
Sincere thanks to many community residents and businesses whose donations assist Western Nevada College students. Recent gifts include: automotive parts for the automotive department from Capital Ford; paint for the auto body repair program from Barrett Paint Supply; a HASS CNC machining center to the machine tool technology program from Diablo Industries Thin Film; and steel for the welding program from American Buildings Company.
Help Fernley Flood Victims
There are many ways WNC faculty, staff and students can help our friends in Fernley whose homes may have been damaged by last weekend’s devastating flood. Here is an option for donating funds:

American Red Cross, Northern Nevada Chapter Local Disaster Fund – account number 3062563352 at Wells Fargo Bank – any branch will accept a donation

Student E-Mail Addresses Changing
Western Nevada College student e-mail addresses are changing from username@wncc.edu to username@wnc.nevada.edu. Students may start using their new address immediately. The old address will continue to work until sometime in the first two months of 2008. At that time, mail sent to the old address username@wncc.edu will not be delivered but will bounce back to the sender.

Instructor Janet King Earns Accolades in Photo Contest
The 2008 Churchill County telephone book won't just have the phone numbers Fallon residents need. It will also feature community photography, including a striking image by Fallon campus psychology/sociology instructor Janet King. Her image of the Truckee River Bridge in Wadsworth will be printed inside the book. King, for whom photography is a hobby, won third place in a photo contest sponsored by CC Communications of Fallon.

Taking Action "Off the Job" – Valerie Andersen
On campus, WNC Librarian Valerie Andersen is active chairing the campus recycling committee. Outside of the office, she's also a vocal advocate for protecting access to open space in northern Nevada. Andersen is an executive committee member of the local Sierra Club chapter, and was recently quoted in a Reno Gazette Journal article on efforts to maintain access to open space and limit density in the midst of continuing population growth.