**NEWS**

*Western Salutes Outstanding Teachers*
Commencement was a fitting time for WNC students to honor their top instructors. At the Fallon commencement ceremony, biology instructor Holly O'Toole, left, was named Teacher of the Year, as selected by the students. Mike Dugan, who teaches speech communication, and cinema as art and communication, was chosen as Part-time Instructor of the Year. President Carol Lucey presented English instructor Kathy Reynolds with the President’s Award for Academic Excellence. Congratulations to all! [http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-06-03a.php](http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-06-03a.php)

*Summer Graduation Deadline Nears*
Students planning to graduate upon completion of summer classes should talk to their academic advisor to determine that they have everything required. All summer graduation applications must be submitted to Admissions and Records office by Monday, June 16. The application is available on the WNC web site [http://www.wnc.edu/graduation](http://www.wnc.edu/graduation). A $20 fee receipt must accompany the application.

*Carson Campus Construction Project to Improve Student Access*
A major construction project is under way at the Carson City campus Bristlecone Building to enhance safety, and improve access for students with disabilities. At this time several entrances and exits have been closed or changed to accommodate the work. Project scope includes leveling the hilly handicapped parking area at the north end of the Bristlecone Building, replacing indoor staircases and ramps, installing ADA compliant lifts inside the building, replacing sidewalks that are too steep for wheelchair accessibility, and creating new handicapped parking on the west side of the Aspen Building. There will be a big push to finish as much work as possible before the fall semester begins. Thanks to everyone for their patience. [http://www.wnc.edu/ada.php](http://www.wnc.edu/ada.php)

*“Verbal Judo” Teaches Tactical Communication Skills*
Western is offering a free one-day training course to faculty and staff on “Verbal Judo.” Choose from sessions on Monday or Tuesday, July 21 or 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Carson City campus. The course teaches how to look creatively at conflict and then use specific strategies and tactics to find peaceful resolutions. Verbal judo teaches how to reach solutions while preserving individual dignity and organizational integrity. The principles and tactics calm difficult people, redirect the behavior of hostile people and diffuse potentially dangerous situations. Reserve a seat by contacting Counseling Services at 445-3266 or 445-3267.
IN THE ARTS

Art Shows Brighten Bristlecone Building

Whether your taste runs to a melding of art and prose or an organic infusion into mixed media paintings, the Carson City campus has two displays this summer designed to inspire. Both exhibitions will show through August 8 and are open during regular weekday business hours.

Brilliant photographs are the muse for WNC creative writing students who have produced literary pieces to accompany the images. It was on exhibit earlier this year and was brought back by popular demand for a summer showing.

In the Main Gallery, artist Naomi Nickerson’s paintings explore texture, technique and process. Her environment influences her work, and as a world traveler, her inspiration is huge. [link](http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-06-02a.php)

Carson’s Fuji Park Site of Quilt Exhibit

WNC counselor Sue Muller is one of many local quilters who will show their beautiful handiwork this month. The Carson Valley Quilt Guild event is Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22, at the Fuji Park Exhibit Hall in Carson City. The show raises money for charity work, national teacher lectures, workshops, and fine arts scholarships for WNC students. More than 100 quilts will be displayed, and some quilted items will be for sale. Admission is $5. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

PERFORMING ARTS

Audition for WNMTC’s “South Pacific”

When: Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m.  Where: Sarah Winnemucca Hall, WNC Carson City

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company invites auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, South Pacific. The show will play at the Carson City Community Center in nine performances, November 8-23.

The production calls for multiple featured leads, a dance troupe and a chorus. Auditioners should come prepared to sing a song under one minute long. They may bring a taped accompaniment or provide the accompanist with a musical score. Callbacks will follow on Thursday evening. For WNC performing arts information, see the web site at [link](http://www.wnc.edu/performing_arts/)
ATHLETICS

Wildcats Baseball

Western Player Named All American Honorable Mention

In only three years of baseball play, Western Nevada College has racked up several impressive feats, including a conference championship and multiple wins at the National Junior College World Series.

The announcement that catcher Chuck Howard has been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American honorable mention team proves the Wildcats have national caliber talent that is recognized by coaches around the nation. It is the first time a Western player has been named to an All-American team.

“Howard was voted the top catcher in the Scenic West Conference despite the fact the catcher was one of the strongest and deepest positions in the conference,” Western Coach D. J. Whittemore said. “I think the other coaches had a good deal of respect for Chuck’s ability to get the most out of a young pitching staff—not to mention he was the only catcher in the conference to call his own game from behind the dish.”

Western had two other players nominated for All-American consideration by the Scenic West coaches. Outfielder Brian Barnett, who was the conference’s Co-Player of the Year, and pitcher Kyle Farrell were suggested. Both of them put up some amazing numbers.

Barnett led the conference in slugging percentage (.652), total bases (79), runs scored (30), and home runs (11). He also had a batting average of .364 and 44 RBI. Farrell had nearly one strikeout per inning in a season where he was 10-2 with a 1.71 earned run average. He struck out 80 in 84 1/3 innings.

CAMPUS CORNER

Hold the Date: WNC Douglas to Host Tribal Powwow

When: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3
Time: Noon to 7 p.m.
Where: WNC Douglas - Bently Hall

In an effort to reach more Native Americans with information about college, the Douglas Campus, in coordination with college Outreach staff, will host a Powwow. There will be lots to see and do with dancing contests from tiny tots to golden agers, including men’s and women’s traditional, fancy, and grass, both individual and team dancing. There will be booths with information about colleges, a raffle, arts and crafts, and food booths. Sponsors include the Washo Tribe and the Suicide Prevention Network of Douglas.