Library & Student Center Taking Shape

WNCC students are only months away from studying in a larger library and socializing in their own student center. Construction is in full swing at WNCC Carson City on the 35,000-square-foot facility.

The college celebrated in August with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Joe Dini, Jr., Library and Student Center. About 150 people attended.

Frankie Sue Del Papa, Attorney General for the State of Nevada, introduced Assemblyman Joe Dini, Jr., whose efforts helped make the library possible. Other speakers included Senator Bill Raggio; Dr. Jane Nichols, UCCSN chancellor; college President Carol Lucey; and Leoney Berg, WNCC United Students Association president.

The 1999 Nevada Legislature appropriated $6.9 million to build the facility, when Dini was the Speaker of the Assembly. Dini, 73, is retiring from politics this year.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Dini said, “A good library makes a school. It is time for WNCC to get a modern library. As the state grows, we need to make sure these institutions have the necessary money put into them for growth.”

The facility will be the first free-standing library and student center at WNCC. It will provide additional library and study space for students and feature four study rooms, a video presentation room for satellite downlinks, and a hands-on computer teaching room. One floor will be dedicated to student activities which are expected to include student government offices, a lounge area, game room, fitness area, and Internet café.

The library will be completed late spring 2003 and will open to the public in summer.
New Bike on the Block

Helaine Jesse hopped on a Harley-Davidson V-Rod motorcycle in November to help raise funds for the Jack C. Davis Observatory at Western Nevada Community College.

Harley-Davidson Financial Services donated the new high-tech 1100cc, 115-horsepower V-Rod to the WNCC Foundation during a ceremony at the Harley-Davidson store in Carson City. The bike will be auctioned for the observatory under construction. Jesse expressed the hope that the auction will raise $25,000 to help finish the observatory.

Bids will be opened at the Observatory’s “First Light” opening celebration in May.

Forms for the sealed bid auction may be obtained from the Foundation Office at WNCC Carson City, 2201 W. College Parkway. For more information, call (775) 445-3240.

REACHING SKYWARD

As the Jack C. Davis Observatory at WNCC nears completion on the Carson City campus, there is still an opportunity to “purchase” a planet on the planetary walkway winding from the central campus up to the observatory. At this time, Saturn and Pluto remain available. Each of the solar system’s nine planets will be represented on the walkway by a beautiful sandstone monument that will have a color image of the planet, facts about the planet, and a plaque with a message from the donor who purchased the planet.

“This is a great opportunity for people who want to support WNCC and own a piece of prime interplanetary real estate,” says Helaine Jesse, vice president of Institutional Advancement. “Saturn, the most beautiful planet, after our blue-green jewel, is available, and so is Pluto, the most distant and most recently discovered planet.” For information, contact the WNCC Foundation at (775) 445-3239. Also on tap is a grand opening event in the coming months to celebrate the observatory’s “First Light”.

Saturn
WNCC Foundation Awards $70,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS

The WNCC Foundation made college life a lot easier for 88 students this school year, awarding more than $70,000 in scholarships. The foundation’s third annual scholarship reception to honor donors and recipients took place November 14 at the Carson City campus. Individual scholarship awards ranged from $200 to $3,000.

Donations to the foundation come from corporate partners, charitable foundations, professional associations, community service clubs and individuals. The foundation currently holds more than $400,000 in endowments for scholarships.

The scholarship reception provided an opportunity for donors to experience the gratitude of the worthy, hard-working students who benefited by their generosity. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to personally thank those who assisted them.

WNCC 2003 Arts Calendar

December 5- January 30
Textile in Two & Three Dimensions
by Joan Arrizabalaga
Stillwater Art Gallery, Fallon campus

January 21- February 28
Paintings by Deb Peabody
College Gallery, Carson City campus

March 3- April 11
Loren Staley
College Gallery, Carson City campus

April 14- April 25
Recycled Articles Contest/Exhibit
College Gallery, Carson City campus

Construction continues on the new college observatory. Donations are still gratefully accepted!

Name _________________________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________ City _________________________
State __________________    Zip ___________________ My check for ____________ is enclosed.
Please charge my ___ VISA or ___ MASTERCARD     Amount ______________
Credit Card Number ___________________________ Expiration Date __________

Please return this form, along with your check, if applicable, in the enclosed envelope. If you would like further information on the observatory or donating, contact the Foundation Office at 445-3240.
Kerri Angel – (’91 AA) Kerri is in her eighth year as Science Department Chair at Churchill County Junior High School. In her own words, “WNCC gave me the confidence to realize my potential and live my dreams!”

Carla Sells – (’01 AAS Nursing) Carson-Tahoe Hospital is fortunate to have Carla on their staff. She is enjoying her position there as a labor and delivery nurse.

Sally Zola – (’96 AAS Juvenile Justice) Sally has been named to the Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee. She is a paralegal with Crowell, Susich, Owen & Tackes, Ltd and serves as a Justice of the Peace Pro Tem for Carson City. She is also an alumna of the National Judicial College in Reno.

CAMPUS CHAT

is on the Air!

Television viewers in the WNCC service area now have a chance to catch up with the latest news about WNCC from the comfort of their living room. “Campus Chat” is now airing on three cable access networks in Carson City, Douglas and Reno. The lively half-hour show updates viewers on new programs, people at the college, building projects and services to the community. Helaine Jesse, vice president for Institutional Advancement at WNCC, hosts the show.

SCHEDULE

Carson City - Carson Access TV • Channel 10, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Douglas County - Community Access TV • Channel 26, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. • Sunday, 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. • Monday at 7:30 a.m.

Washoe County - Sierra Nevada Community Access Television • Channel 16, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Graduates!

Send us your news for Class Corner. Tell us what’s happening in your life … promotions, marriages, children, milestones. Please type or print clearly.

- check if address is new

Name ___________________________________________ (Maiden) ___________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State _____________________ Zip ___________

Home phone ______________________ Business phone ___________________________

Year of Graduation __________________ Major/Emphasis ___________________________

Notes _______________________________________________________________________________________

Send to: in touch • 2201 W. College Parkway • Carson City • NV • 89703 Fax: (775) 887-3127
e-mail: richmans@wncc.edu
CARING ABOUT KIDS – Thanks to a generous donation by Dorothy and Rob Ramsdell, the children at the Western Nevada Community College Child Development Center are enjoying a new playground structure. They were gratefully applauded as honored guests at the Halloween Day dedication ceremony. WNCC’s president, Dr. Carol Lucey, spoke the words that were in everyone’s hearts, “All of us want to thank the Ramsdells for their kindness and generosity. This contribution to our kids is going to be remembered for a very long time.” At left, test pilots Dillon Dodge and Brynna Hansen are the first to try one of the slides.