Message from the Chairman

What an amazing area we live in! Life presents us with many challenges; it’s how we respond to those challenges that determines our future. To quote Babe Ruth, “You just can’t beat the person who never gives up.” WNC exemplifies that philosophy.

Higher education is sought by those looking to improve their skills and education in search of greater employment opportunities as well those seeking to enrich their lives. Knowledge is power, and in our current economic situation, many realize that it is also opportunity.

Northern Nevada is fortunate to have Western Nevada College. Since its humble beginnings in Carson City in 1971, the college has continued to grow and evolve to meet the ever changing needs of the communities it serves. Has it been easy to grow the college? Perhaps not, but the achievement has been worth the effort.

There has always been a desire for our youth to have access to educational opportunities closer to home. Far too often we see them go to schools out of the area, struggle with long commutes or decide to forgo higher education altogether, often finding jobs elsewhere, choosing not to return to our workforce. WNC has filled the need for higher education, as well as providing an educated workforce for the employers in its service area. We see our recent high school graduates enrolling in record numbers, as well as parents returning to college, setting the example for their children in the pursuit of higher education.

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College Presents New Strategic Plan

A Message from WNC President Carol Lucey

During the past 12 years, the college’s strategic plans have transitioned from a focus on student enrollment (2000-2006) to one focused on student success (2006-2012). Most recently, the plan has been further refined to focus on implementation of strategies to support students in their attainment of degrees and certificates, and completion of employment training programs.

As a result of these plans, the college experienced significant increases in degree-seekers; increased numbers of service area high school graduates attending WNC; and improved course completion rates. We also implemented a number of initiatives centered on enhancing student success and campus life. These included the construction of a new library/student center and an observatory, the development of intercollegiate athletics (baseball and softball), creation of a student ‘cohort’ approach (Latino/Latina, rural, veterans, etc.) as a method of promoting...
A message from the
WNC Foundation Director

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Western Nevada College Foundation. For two decades the WNC Foundation has worked to enhance the quality of life in western Nevada by developing friends and funds in support of the educational, cultural and service goals of Western Nevada College. With the support of our community donors, in those 20 years the Foundation has established a championship intercollegiate athletics program, a state-of-the-art observatory, a scholarship program benefitting more than 120 students each year, and many other amazing programs and projects too numerous to list. Despite the challenging economic times we live in, I am touched by our loyal base of community and college supporters who continue to lend their support to maintain and enhance our college as a vital community resource. You should be proud to know that every day WNC is bettering the lives of students, enriching our community and laying the groundwork for our economic recovery – and this is possible because of you! I know that together we can continue to make great things happen for our students, for our college and for our community. Here’s to another 20 years of success!

Message from the Chair

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I have watched WNC evolve from a two-year community college to a four-year college that offers a Bachelor of Technology degree in Construction Management; a college that now hosts one of the best collegiate baseball teams in its conference; a college that through generous donations, is home to the world class Jack C. Davis Observatory; a college whose enrollment increased at unprecedented rates and still managed to stay focused on providing a personalized quality education to all students. WNC has emerged as a first class college.

What a wonderful opportunity for our community to be able to spend a Friday or Saturday afternoon watching a Wildcats game and then head up to the Jack C. Davis Observatory on Saturday evening for one of the Western Nevada Astronomical Society’s Star Parties, which are open to the public every weekend, free of charge.

Now entering its 41st year, and in spite of recent economic hardships facing our state, there is a great sense of pride and giving at WNC. Fifty-four percent of WNC faculty and staff participated in the Employee Giving Campaign last fall with new donations totaling and pledges totaling over $65,000 since July 1, 2011. This is a true testament to what an amazing institution we have.

I am proud to be a member of this community in which we live, work, and play. The success of WNC is directly proportionate to the contributions and hard work of its faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and community donors. If it were not for all of their hard work and dedication we would not have local access to higher education, as well as the numerous quality of life programs the college provides. From the ‘Always Lost’ project, which has gone from a small classroom assignment honoring the service of our men and women in the U.S. armed forces to a nationwide project now making a difference in lives throughout the nation, to the wonderful musical theater productions, collegiate athletics, observatory programs, community education classes, art galleries and many other offerings, WNC has made our communities better places to live.

To all of our donors, thank you. Your contributions and support have enhanced our college and the community at large, impacting our state in a positive direction for future generations.

Carol A. Lucey, President

Message from the President

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student success, and Project Graduate, an initiative to increase the students’ graduation and transfer rates.

Forward progress was curtailed dramatically because of unprecedented fiscal challenges facing Nevada during the last two legislative sessions. These challenges produced uncertainty throughout our service area about the college’s future mission and even its very survival. In the end, the college experienced a significant reduction in its General Fund allocation in 2011, resulting in a substantial loss of enrollment and the related student fee revenue. The confluence of these challenges forced the college to examine carefully its role in serving Nevada. The college has once again refocused, this time on strategies to implement state- and community-based initiatives such as Complete College America, Dream It Do It, and the new Nevada Board of Regents’ Strategic Directions.

The 2012-2018 Western Nevada College Strategic Plan is developed as a road map to further transform the college, enabling WNC to meet new challenges and better serve our state, our students and our communities, despite currently strained financial circumstances.
‘Non-Event’ Deemed a Success for Athletics Program

The Foundation debuted a new concept for the annual Athletics Fundraiser this year... a non-event. Because of the deep cuts to the state budgets, 2011-2012 is a critical year for WNC’s self-supported athletics program. The ‘non-event’ fundraiser raised more than $10,000 cash profit for our softball and baseball teams (more than $16,000 including five-year pledges). A special ‘thank you’ to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser in support of the Wildcats!

CONNECTING THROUGH EVENTS

14th Annual

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE
GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 25, 2012 • 9 a.m. • Thunder Canyon

You don’t want to miss this one! Featuring: great tee prizes, Golfers’ Barbecue and Awards Ceremony, on-course refreshments, raffle prizes, poker run, closest to the hole, hole-in-one prizes, Margarita hole, team photos and much more!

Gather your friends & colleagues and enjoy a great day of golf at Thunder Canyon!

The WNC Golf Classic attracts more than 150 golfers and volunteers from our community in support of Western Nevada College. Tournament proceeds benefit Western Nevada College students and programs. This is your chance to help WNC students – as well as our community – as WNC scholars meet their academic goals and give back to our community and workforce. Your participation matters, not only on behalf of the individual student, but from an economic and social perspective. Support the WNC Golf Classic and help build the future of Nevada!

Sponsorships are still available!

INFORMATION ON SPONSORSHIPS/ENTRY FEES
Amy Ginder: 775-445-3240 • gindera@wnc.edu.
Golf registration packets will be sent out in April.

Coffee w/Carol

The foundation is proud to present “Coffee with Carol” events to familiarize the community with the many outstanding faculty and programs at WNC. Join President Carol Lucey at these free discussions. Enjoy coffee and a continental breakfast, and receive a “Coffee with Carol” commemorative mug.

WNC CARSON CAMPUS
Reynolds 103
Friday, March 30 • 7:30-8:30am
- Dr. Tom Herring, WNC Physics Instructor
  Topic: “The Expanding Universe”
  Dr. Herring will discuss the 2011 Nobel Prize for Physics, awarded to three physicists who determined that the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate. The discussion will explore what this means for physics, the universe and society.

WNC DOUGLAS CAMPUS
Bently Hall 112
Friday, April 13 • 7:30-8:30am
- WNC English Professor Chad McCully
  Topic: “The Poetry of Larry Levis & His Battle with Oblivion”
  Professor McCully will discuss the courage of Levis’ poetry: how he uses words to seek beauty and the eternal while gazing into the bleak expanse of oblivion.

WNC FALLON CAMPUS
Getto Hall 304
Friday, April 27 • 7:30 - 8:30am
- Mr. Ron Belbin, Library Support Specialist, Beck Library
  Mr. Belbin will discuss the importance of academic libraries in providing access to quality information, supporting research and enhancing teaching and learning.

Stay tuned for information on the January 2013 Athletics Gala
FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Nursing Lab Dedication Honors Hospital

Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Donation

Western Nevada College nursing faculty, students and foundation board members, and representatives from Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare gathered at the college in February to recognize CTRH for a generous contribution to the college’s nursing program. Last fall, the organization donated $80,000, enabling the college to hire an additional nursing instructor and admit eight more students into the program, which continually has a waiting list.

WNC has named a laboratory the Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Nursing and Allied Health Lab in honor of the donors. Because of the valuable partnership, the WNC nursing program was able to enroll 100 students this school year, with 56 students in the first year and 44 in the second year of the rigorous program.

“The college is extremely appreciative of the confidence and interest shown by Carson Tahoe,” Dr. Cordia said. “This gift exemplifies the value the medical center portrays for people and education. The eight additional students admitted to the program also represent eight additional working citizens, and eight additional salaries contributing to the economy upon graduation. The heritage of this gift will be appreciated by our students who have been offered the chance for a career of a lifetime.”

Dedication of the Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Nursing and Allied Health Lab

Collaboration with Community and Industry

College Solar Energy Project Helps WNC to Cut Costs

Western Nevada College completed a solar energy project that is expected to save the college as much as $28,000 each year in electricity costs. Black Rock Solar of Reno, a nonprofit corporation that seeks to expand the use of renewable energy, worked with WNC to install a solar panel system on the Carson City campus.

The 200-kilowatt array has been constructed on the western side of the 200-acre campus, behind the Aspen Building. The site is surrounded on three sides by undeveloped college property.

WNC received an incentive payment of $940,000 from NV Energy to support the project. According to Marnee Benson, deputy director of Black Rock Solar, the project provides a $950,000 value at no cost to the college. “Black Rock Solar is delighted that our array – one of the largest yet built for a Nevada school – will save Western Nevada College and its students hundreds of thousands of dollars over the coming years, at the same time assisting the school in meeting its goal of energy sustainability,” she said.

“This collaboration offers many benefits to the college,” said WNC Vice President of Finance & Administrative Services Dan Neverett. “Economically, it makes sense for today and for the future. It allows the college to lower energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” while decreasing the college’s demand for energy. In this way, it also helps the college to meet the financial challenges resulting from reduced state funding to higher education.

“We’re pleased that NV Energy’s SolarGenerations program makes solar power investments affordable for WNC and other educational institutions in Nevada,” said Mary Simmons, vice president of external affairs for NV Energy. “Since 2004, a total of 149 schools statewide have reduced their power bills and carbon emissions with photovoltaic solar panels,” she said.

Neverett said the project directly supports the college’s ongoing sustainability efforts. WNC President Carol Lucey signed a national climate commitment in 2009 that commits the college to increasing energy sustainability and making WNC carbon neutral.

“This project demonstrates that we have and will continue to actively explore opportunities which support alternative energy generation and use,” Neverett said.

I’d put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don’t have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that.

- Thomas Edison
**Gift Supports “Always Lost” War Exhibit & Scholarships for Veterans**

**Carson Nugget Donates $100,000 to WNC**

The Carson Nugget is donating $100,000 to establish scholarships for Veterans and to help send a compelling Western Nevada College photo and poetry exhibit about war to Washington D.C. As part of its Community First initiative, the Nugget’s donation is funding the replication, remounting and packing of the images and literary works.

What began as a Western Nevada College class project in 2009 has evolved into a powerful reflection on war that is making headlines around the country. Propelling the project one step further, U.S. Senators Harry Reid (D-NV) and Dean Heller (R-NV) announced their full support and commitment to bring the exhibit to Washington, D.C., including the “Wall of the Dead” – photos and names of more than 6,000 U.S. war dead in Iraq and Afghanistan, which are continually being updated.

“This incredible display offers a solemn reflection on war, while honoring those who lost their lives,” said Reid and Heller in a joint letter to WNC President Carol Lucey. “We are immensely proud of the tireless efforts that have allowed this powerful exhibit to touch the lives of so many, and we offer our full support in bringing it to Washington D.C. in the near future.”

The exhibition’s title, “Always Lost: A Meditation on War,” comes from a quote by American writer Gertrude Stein: “War is never fatal but always lost. Always lost.”

The exhibition includes 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning combat photos (courtesy of The Dallas Morning News) by photojournalists David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer, who were imbedded with Marine units in Iraq during 2003; literary works by WNC Professor Marilee Swirczek’s creative writing classes, as well as veterans and their families, the Lone Mountain Writers Group, and other northern Nevada writers; “meditations” on war – observations by philosophers, generals, veterans, and writers about the nature of warfare; profiles of three WNC student veterans; the poetry of SPC Noah Pierce, who committed suicide after serving two combat tours in Iraq; and the Wall of the Dead. The ongoing research and formatting of the wall has consumed hundreds of hours of meticulous work.

“This life-changing exhibit is an amazing example of what a small college in a small American town can create that will forever have a lasting impact,” said Carson Nugget General Manager Star Anderson. “We are so proud of the professors, instructors and students at WNC and are honored to be able to do our part in extending the reach of this exhibit and furthermore, enhancing the lives of student veterans who seek education at the college.”

WNC commemorated the Nugget’s gift by naming its largest room on campus the Carson Nugget Community Hall.

“Always Lost: A Meditation on War” is back in Northern Nevada

The ‘Always Lost’ exhibit returns to Nevada after traveling nationally for the past year. The exhibit is now on display at the University of Nevada, Reno.

- UNR Whittemore Gallery
  Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center
  Monday, March 12 – Friday, May 4

“Always Lost” will return to WNC in summer 2012

Patrick A. Malone
Chadrick Domino
Lizbeth Robles
Anthony L. Mangano
Michael T. Manibog
Travis L. Manion
CLASS NOTES

Marilee Swirzcek
Beloved English Professor Retiring

Western Nevada College writing students, the Lone Mountain Writers, and Ash Canyon poets recently paid tribute to retiring WNC English Professor Marilee Swirzcek with a multimedia literary exhibit, titled Affirmations: A Writer’s Truth. The exhibit ran in the WNC College Gallery Monday, Feb. 13, through Friday, March 23.

Poignant, powerful writings by friends, colleagues and students were complemented by photographic portraits of the authors and still life images of the trappings and landscapes of their environment that were created by local writer and photographer Doug Deacy.

Affirmations was a testament to the creativity and support shared among northern Nevada’s writers, who when working together find the strength needed to fight the backspace key. The exhibit represents the power that writers have when banded together. The words of prose and poems collectively form a powerful display of the written word.

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Professor Swirzcek said, “The literary arts exhibit that my students planned portrays the rich writing life in northern Nevada. It was also an opportunity to invite the community to share in a celebration of their artistic journeys. Though this last literary show felt like an ending, it’s not – it’s a class reunion, tangible evidence of my students’ genuine affection for each other and of their commitment to continue growing in their art. Most of all, it’s a sweet good-bye for me.

I’ve been privileged to watch this amazing, funny, intense group of people grow as writers. The show gave me an opportunity to experience every teacher’s dream: to applaud my students’ insights and successes and to encourage and appreciate them as they surpass me."

Swirzcek added, “As I finish my last semester at WNC before retirement, I can’t help but reflect upon the unique experience I’ve had teaching creative writing. For a reason that I may never understand, we’ve attracted an extraordinary group of talented writers who have created an enduring, generous writing community that reaches beyond our college."

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A Caring Spirit for the Holidays

WNC Students Give Back in a Big Way

The students made blankets to support Project Linus, an initiative that seeks to comfort seriously ill or traumatized children with blankets. Inspired by Charles Schulz’s Linus character in the PEANUTS comic strip, who was forever comforted by his blanket, the organization collects thousands of blankets and distributes them to children in an effort to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort.

WNC students made 150 blankets to donate to the local Fallon-based chapter, which distributed them throughout Northern Nevada. The students were inspired to make the blankets after hearing about Project Linus at a student leadership conference last year.

ASWN President Heather Dodson said, “We (ASWN) have shifted our focus from doing big events on campus to helping the community and also struggling WNC students.”

WNC students collected gloves and hats for Advocates to End Domestic Violence, and sponsored an Angel Tree on campus for students and staff to choose names and provide gifts to more than 30 WNC students in need. The students also volunteered at the Northern Nevada Food Bank and helped collect canned goods at the recent food drive at the Governor’s Mansion.

WNC students sit amid the blankets they made for children through the Linus Project.
WNC Hosts NV Small Farm Conference

In the midst of a challenging economy, the 2012 Nevada Small Farm Conference looks to agriculture to help communities rebuild local economies.

Western Nevada College hosted this year’s Nevada Small Farm Conference at the Fallon Convention Center and Western Nevada College Fallon campus in March. The event included four pre-conference workshops; two days of farming seminars covering a variety of topics, including marketing local beef, small-scale cheese operations, organic farming, hops and barley production, food distribution, business planning and more; and a Friday evening reception.

Developing local food systems was a priority of the conference. Speakers from the 2011 conference returned to continue talks aimed at developing a system for small farms to compete in today’s industrial food system. US Foods and the Great Basin Community Food Co-op, two organizations at the forefront of these efforts, highlighted their operations. US Foods produce specialist Mike Catalano attended the 2011 conference and later visited local farms, resulting in US Foods working to ensure that northern Nevada customers have access to local produce.

“The Nevada Small Farm Conference has been the launching pad for making local produce available to all our customers,” Catalano said, “US Foods looks forward to our continued relationship.” The company returned to the conference this year as a sponsor.

The Great Basin Community Food Co-op talked about its new online ordering and distribution system for small farms. The program debuted with the opening of the newly expanded Co-op this spring. Sponsoring organizations included Western Nevada College, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Whole Foods Market, Friends of Nevada Organics, US Foods, Nevada Natural Resources Conservation Service, Assemblyman Tom Grady, and NevadaGrown.

Library Offers Research Workshops

The WNC Carson City library is offering free research workshops for students, faculty, and staff. Faculty may consider offering extra credit to their students who attend a workshop, and librarians can send faculty a list of students who attended.

Schedule can be found on the library homepage
http://library.wnc.edu/
Info: refdesk@wnc.edu 445-3227

WNC Names Fall 2011 Dean’s List

Western Nevada College has named 229 students to the fall 2011 dean’s list. To be eligible for the dean’s list, students must complete at least 12 units for the semester with a 3.5 or higher grade point average. See the list at www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-02a.php

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

- Dr. Seuss
Start Now to Be Successful

Initiative Helps Increase Graduates & Student Success

Western Nevada College has launched a new initiative, Project Graduate, which will encourage and assist students in pursuit of a college degree, certificate, or university transfer. The program formalizes the enrollment process, and helps students progress more efficiently and effectively toward a degree or certificate.

John Kinkella, WNC Dean of Student Services, said “Project Graduate is designed to help our degree-seeking students get what they came for – a college certificate or degree. We will provide the essentials that will allow students to start college on the right track, right from the start.”

Project Graduate set standards and expectations for any new degree-seeking student who plans to attend Western in summer or fall 2012. To be accepted to WNC, new students will be required to have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

Students that do not meet the admissions criteria may take placement tests to determine if they meet the minimum requirements for enrollment in English and Math, take the GED exam, or submit official college transcripts with record of completion of college level English, math or other general education courses.

Non-degree seeking students will be able to enroll in up to six units per semester. This will allow those who are focused on earning a degree or certificate the opportunity to enroll in the courses they need to graduate.

Upon admission, degree-seeking students will be required to attend an orientation, take placement tests and meet with a counselor before registering for classes. With summer registration starting Monday, April 9, and fall registration beginning Monday, April 23, new students are encouraged to begin the application for admission process early.

“The admission process and pre-registration actions of ‘Project Graduate’ require time and planning,” said Kinkella, and new students will not be able to register for classes without completing these items.

Graduating high school students will be helped with the new admission process through WNC’s Bridge to Success outreach program, which walks area high school students through the transition to college. WNC advisors and student ambassadors will spend the spring in the local high schools, preparing graduating seniors to attend Western. High school students should contact their school counselor for information about when Bridge to Success advisors will visit their school.

Honoring Scholarship Recipients & Donors

120 Students Benefitting From Generosity

Making a difference. That’s what dozens of generous individuals are doing for 120 Western Nevada College students this school year.

The Western Nevada College Foundation recently hosted its 12th annual Scholarship Appreciation & Recognition reception to thank donors who are helping WNC students earn their college degrees. They also honored the scholarship recipients who are working hard to achieve their dreams. Awards totalling $134,430 were made for the 2011-2012 academic year.
Lockheed Retiree Makes Observatory Donation

After seeing a recent article in the newspaper about Western Nevada College receiving a thermal tile from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s space shuttle program, Carson City resident, William Ravenelle, Sr. decided to make a special donation of his own. While attending a star party at the Jack C. Davis Observatory at Western Nevada College, Ravenelle presented observatory director Robert Collier with a plaque of a small American Flag and a patch, which traveled on NASA’s first shuttle mission, STS1. The piece includes the signatures of astronauts John Young and Bob Crippin.

Ravenelle worked as one of the first analysts and engineers at Lockheed Corporation and was part of the team of researchers that developed thermal protection tiles for use on the space shuttles. The plaque was awarded to Ravenelle in 1981 as a gift for his more than ten years of service.

“I thought it was appropriate to give the plaque to the college so that others would have the opportunity to experience something that traveled around the earth,” said Ravenelle.

Collier said, “We are proud to add this historic plaque to our collection of space shuttle memorabilia. Bill contributed to the space program through his work, and we are grateful that he is extending that contribution toward the advancement of science education for our observatory visitors and students.”

The plaque can be viewed at the Jack C. Davis Observatory, WNC Carson City.

Wishing on a Star . . .

The Jack C. Davis Observatory at Western Nevada College in Carson City is a premier place in northern Nevada to get “up close and personal” with the moon, stars and planets. With both interior and exterior telescopes, and perched on the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada mountains, the Davis Observatory is the place to be for astronomical happenings, planetary walks, and informative classes that keep students, scientists and the community on the edge of the latest technological advances.

OPEN HOUSE

The first Saturday of each month is an Open House, for telescope viewing and clinic for assisting the public with their astronomy hobby.

The remaining Saturdays each month have telescope viewing and a science lecture which begins at 8 PM.

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Free to the public

INFORMATION

Mike Thomas @ 775-857-3033

Jack C. Davis Observatory

Watch the Annular Solar Eclipse

The eclipse will be visible in North America across parts of the southwestern United States. Carson City (and The Jack C. Davis Observatory) lies in the path of a rare annular eclipse of the sun and will see the moon pass fully between the earth and the sun, leaving only a ring (annulus) of sun visible around it, late in the afternoon on Sunday, May 20, 2012. The observatory will host a free public viewing beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a partial eclipse beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the maximum annular eclipse from 6:28-6:33 p.m. The observatory will have telescopes, video cameras and a large viewing screen inside the observatory for maximum viewing opportunities, as well as, staff on hand to answer questions.

Don’t miss this opportunity!
There won’t be another annular eclipse viewable from Northern Nevada until 2045!
Wildcats Looking Ahead to More SWAC Wins

Midway through the season, the 2012 Wildcats softball team has already equaled its softball victory total for all of last season in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. In a recent bye week, Coach Leah Wentworth said, “We focused on what we are doing,” and built team chemistry through off-the-field activities. “It was a good time for us to regroup as a team, get on the same page, and come up with a strategy to approach the second half of the season.

“When we’ve fallen short, it’s been one component of our game that hasn’t been there,” Wentworth said. “If we bring our hitting, pitching and fielding, we have a chance of winning every game we play.”

The Wildcats play three of its final-four series at home, and Wentworth said her team’s focus needs to be better in home games.

“It’s a matter of not allowing the crowd to become a distraction,” she said. “On the road, we don’t have the pressure of family and friends in the stands.” Wentworth expects her club to make additional improvements in the season’s second half and win more tight games. “I think we’ve grown a lot, and we are still looking to continue to improve on that,” she said. “We’ve fallen short in a handful of games where I felt we should have come out on top.”

Wildcats Move into Top 10

WNC Off to Best-Ever Start

An 11-game winning streak and a jaw-dropping team earned run average are propelling Western Nevada College up the national baseball rankings. National Junior College Athletic Association and Perfect Game have elevated the Wildcats to 10th in their most recent polls. WNC, which is off to the best start in program history with a 19-5 overall record, was previously ranked 18th by the NJCAA and 15th by Perfect Game.

“We don’t really have any time to notice the polls,” said Head Coach D.J. Whittemore. “We’re thankful for the recognition, but the truth is you have to prove it on the field.”

“Our focus is trying to get better faster,” Whittemore said. “We have our hands full on the road, playing against our rivals.

“We have a balanced team, and what really stands out is the inspired drive to be the best that so many of our players possess innately,” Whittemore said. “There is a great deal of unselfishness as well.”

WNC is no stranger to national recognition and honors. Since the program launched in 2006, the Wildcats have finished third in NJCAA World Series in 2009 and fifth in 2007.

Live play-by-play commentary of Games

Available online: http://carsonnow.org/play-play-chris-graham

Online broadcasting of all WNC 2012 baseball games is made possible only through community donations and the volunteer work of announcer Chris Graham. He has donated his time as the voice of the Wildcats because of his love of the team and his desire to develop his broadcasting skills toward a future career.

Wildcat Home Games

Baseball - Home games at the Carson campus John L. Harvey Field

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Softball - Home games at Edmonds Sports Complex, Carson City

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The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presented Andrew Lloyd Webber’s megamusical “The Phantom of the Opera” last November to the largest audience for an academic cultural event in the history of WNC. More than 7,200 people came from all around Nevada and neighboring states to enjoy the show that has the reputation of being the longest running production on Broadway.

Producer/Director/WNC Professor Stephanie Arrigotti considers this work the most challenging of her career, both artistically and technically. A fiendishly difficult vocal score brought life to an elaborate, massive, morphing set, telling a tale of the haunting love of a deformed musical genius for a young chorus girl in a Paris opera house.

“It was vitally important to me to do justice to this incredible work,” she said. “The singing, the staging, and, most importantly, the dramatic interpretation, all took months of relentless work by a dedicated core of student technicians and artists. “

Professional technicians guided a class of technical theater students through mind-boggling special effects, while performers spent months working through intricate vocal passages and dramatically complex scenes. “All were determined to create a totally professional production,” she said. “No one would accept any less.”

The end product was sell-out performances with standing ovations and multiple cheering curtain calls each night. Audience feedback after the show hailed the performance as superb, many preferring it to productions seen in New York, San Francisco, Las Vegas and London.

The company is now in the midst of creating the musical comedy “Pajama Game”, set to play at the Carson City Community Center May 11-20.

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**Young Artist Explores the World Through Drawing**

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**Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company**

**The SPOTLIGHT is on Broadway!**

*Pajama Game*

**Weekends, May 11-20**

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company is bringing the bright and brassy musical comedy to the stage in seven performances. Sparks fly as Sid, the new superintendent of the Sleep-Tite pajama factory, falls for Babe, the head of the grievance committee. The battles between labor and management for a 7 1/2 cent raise make way for splashy production numbers (Steam Heat, Hernando’s Hideaway) and classic ballads (Hey, There).

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