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From Ghana to Elko

Students from African nation headed to Elko college

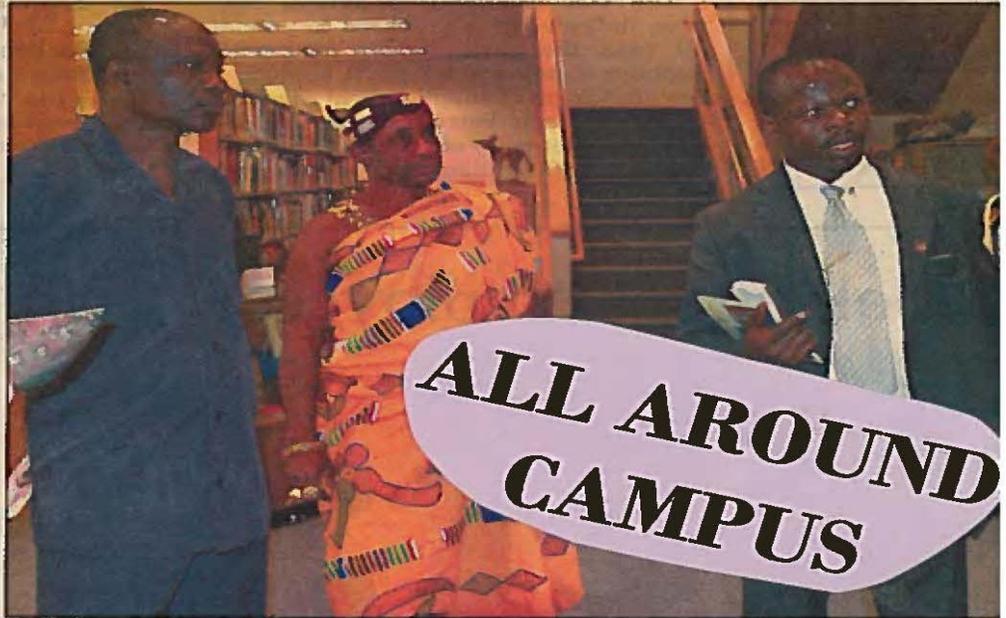
By DOUG McMURDO
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Dignitaries from Ghana's Asutifi District — home of Newmont Mining Corp.'s Ahafo Project — visited Great Basin College Friday, where plans to begin a student exchange program were discussed.

The Honorable Opoku Peprah, the district assembly's chief executive, lead the brief discussion with college President Dr. Paul Killpatrick following a tour of the institution. The men were joined by Nana Osei Kofi Abiri, the paramount chief of the traditional Kenyasi council and S.B. Nsenkyire, a member of the Asutifi Assembly.

Also joining the Ghanaians were Dr. Helen Macdonald of Newmont's Denver headquarters; Zach Spencer, Newmont's external relations representative; and John Patrick Rice and Bret J. Murphy of Great Basin College. Student Body President Carrie Rolle led the tour.

While Newmont's mining project has contributed greatly to the district's economy, Peprah



Doug McMurdo/Elko Daily Free Press

Three residents of the western African nation of Ghana's Asutifi District, where Newmont Mining Corp. has a mine, visited Elko last week. They hope to send students to Great Basin College next year. From the left are S.B. Nsenkyire, a member of the Asutifi District Assembly, Paramount Chief Nana Osei Kofi Abiri — wearing the customary dress of a chief of the Kenyasi tribe — and the Honorable Opoku Peprah, the district's chief executive.

said the main lifestyle remains agrarian and the poverty level, like many African nations, remains uncomfortably high.

The ultimate goal, insofar as Peprah is con-

cerned, is to develop a modern economy that would be sustained long after Newmont leaves the country. In order to do that, the Ghanaians need to develop the technical expertise required

to compete in the global marketplace.

Computers are in short supply, and few parents can afford to send their children to what amount

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to college in Ghana. With so much at stake, Peprah stressed potential Ghanaian students who would attend Great Basin College — the 2007 fall semester is the tentative starting point — must exhibit both the interest and ability to thrive in a college setting.

"We're making an investment," he said. "We don't want people coming to America to play."

Killpatrick said students could live in the college dorm rooms. In the meantime, Peprah said contacts would have to be established and the student vetting process could begin almost immediately.

As the Asutifi District's chief executive — he was appointed to the position by Ghanaian President

John Agyekum Kufuor — Peprah and the assembly have aggressively sought out the private sector to jump-start the district's economic engine.

The effort, he said, has begun to bear fruit as massive investments in agriculture and industry from both Ghanaian and foreign companies have taken place over the past few years. For its part, Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd. invested close to \$50 million in the Ahafo Project and employs roughly 3,000 skilled and unskilled workers. Between 500,000 and 550,000 ounces of gold will be processed each year.

The economy, however, remains a farmer's paradise with crops ranging from cocoa to cassava, from maize to plantain, sugarcane, rice,

ginger, coffee and palm oil.

Killpatrick indicated he might travel to Ghana to become better acquainted with the needs of potential students who would travel to Elko, and Peprah told him this year would be the best time to visit the country observes its 50th anniversary of independence from British colonial rule. They're calling the celebration, appropriately enough, the Golden Jubilee.

Prior to 1956, Ghana was known as the Gold Coast, and for good reason. In Peprah's district — one of 138 in the nation — there are large stocks of various minerals that have "been proven economically viable." Specifically, gold is present almost everywhere. "They didn't call it the Gold Coast for nothing."

Guinn to attend GBC groundbreaking

ELKO — Gov. Kenny Guinn will be at Great Basin College at 1:30 p.m. Thursday for a ceremonial ground breaking for the Electrical and Industrial Technology building site. The ceremony will occur outdoors just south of the Gallagher Health Science Building on Chilton Circle, where the new center will be constructed.

The school's lure is self-evident by its title: Students will receive training in electrical and industrial technology, which will be a boon to the region's mining and other heavy and light industries.

The Great Basin College Foundation has raised \$255,000 toward the project. It plans to raise a total of \$500,000, all through donations from the region's business community. Barrick Gold Co. and Newmont Gold Corp. each donated \$100,000.

Taxpayers statewide ponied up the bulk of the funding through the Nevada Legislature, which earmarked \$14.6 million of the \$15.1 million project.

Sierra Pacific Power provided \$300,000 in an in-kind contribution. The utility will design and provide materials for a 30-kilowatt photo-

voltaic system.

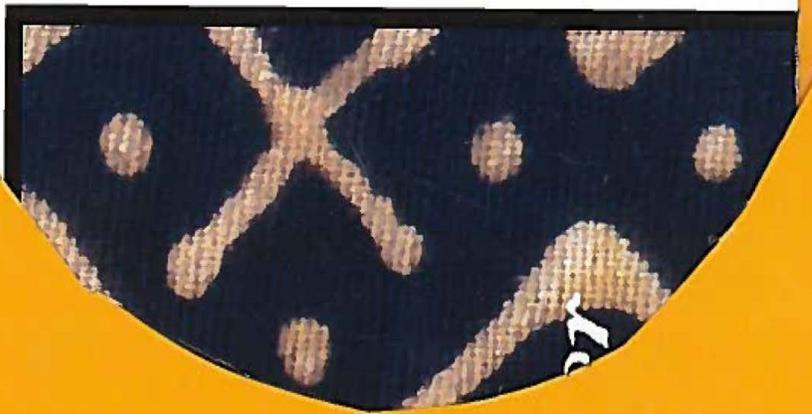
Other business contributors include Queenstake Resources, Cashman Equipment and I&E Electric, along with Cate Nevada and High Desert Supply. Other businesses are asked to make contributions as well.

According to Great Basin College administrator and Foundation chief John Patrick Rice, the groundbreaking provides "a good opportunity to let the community know there is still work to be done to complete the project."

8-1-06 By Doug McMurdo



Welcome Back



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Welcome Back!



Justice Hardesty to speak at GBC Constitution Day event

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ELKO — Great Basin College will celebrate Constitution Day Tuesday with a free lecture featuring Nevada Supreme Court Justice James W. Hardesty.

The lecture will include topics such as the Constitution, Nevada state courts

and citizenship.

Hardesty was elected to the state's Supreme Court in 2004 after a career as a private attorney and later as a judge in the Second Judicial District Court. He is the author of several articles on libel, privacy and government ac-

cess issues.

Some Great Basin College professors, including history professor Dr. Peter Klem, said it is important to mark Constitution Day.

"It is particularly important for us to engage in this discussion considering the state of our world and nation," Klem said in a news release. "For instance, consider the ever-shifting status of our civil rights as spelled out in the Constitution, in an age of terrorism. We've been told we have to give them up, though never clearly specified which ones or for how long, in order to better protect our nation."

The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Great Basin College Theater.

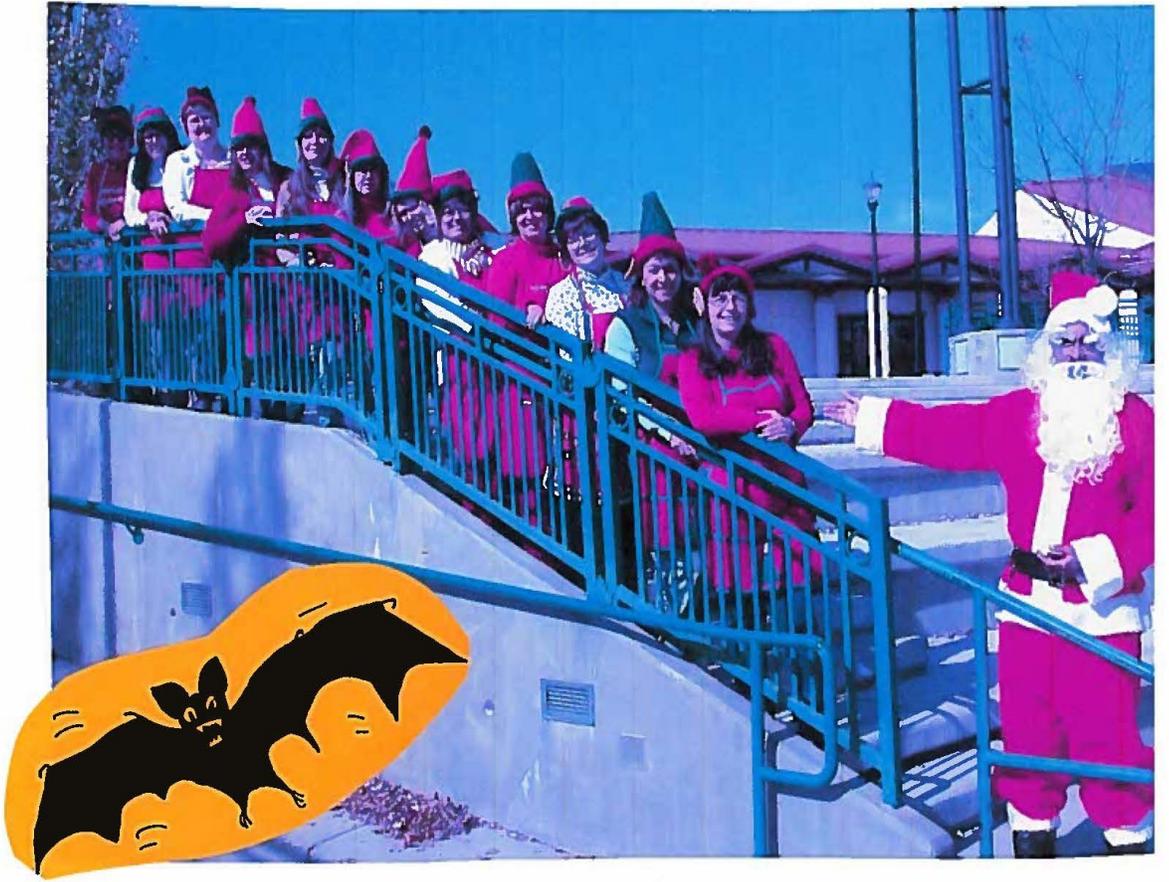


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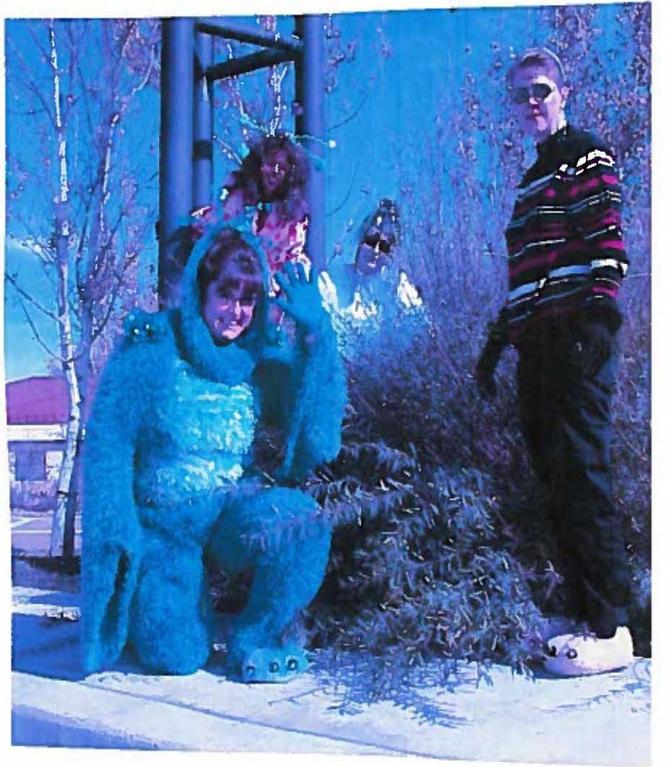
Sept. 11 ceremony at college

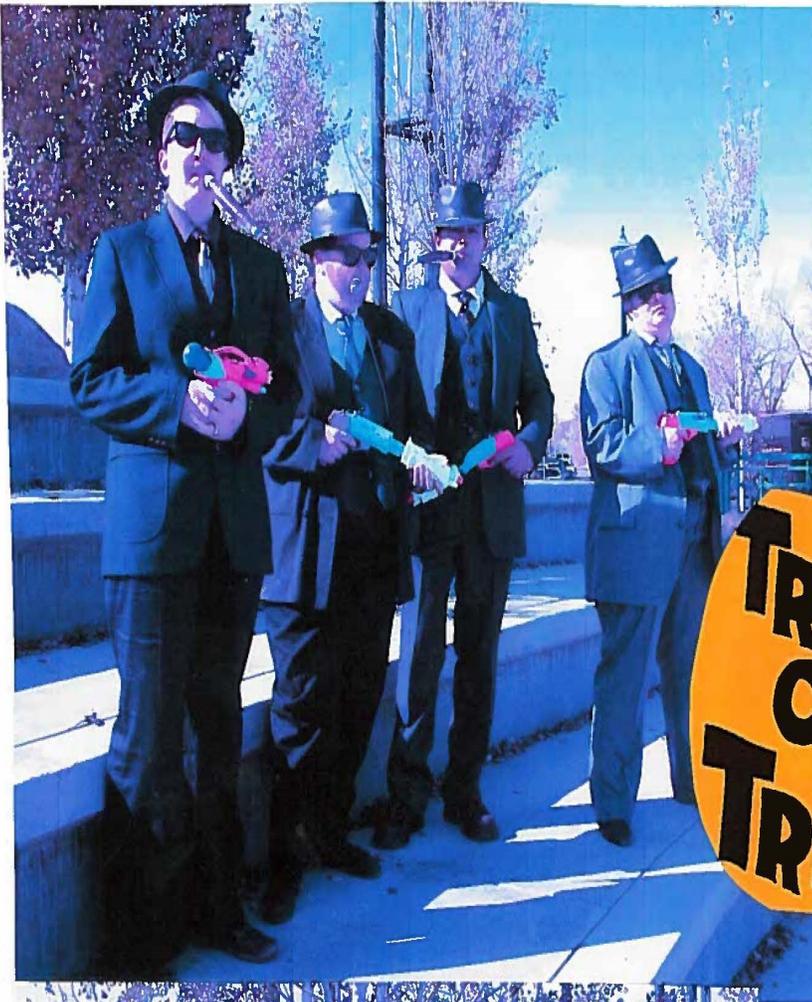
Great Basin College geology instructor Carrie Bruno holds an American flag during a moment of silence during the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks Monday afternoon on the Elko campus.





Halloween
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Why are we here?



Human Rights Month
November 13th - 17th

Monday: **Malcolm X** - rendition by Charles Pace
GTA 130 - 7pm

Tuesday: **Student Forum** with Charles Pace
HTC 123, 12:15-1 p.m.

Teacher & Faculty Forum - HTC 120 5-pm

Wednesday: **Annual Turkey Feed**, Café X, 11:30am - ???

\$3, with nonperishable item - \$4, without, Free with Homemade Dessert

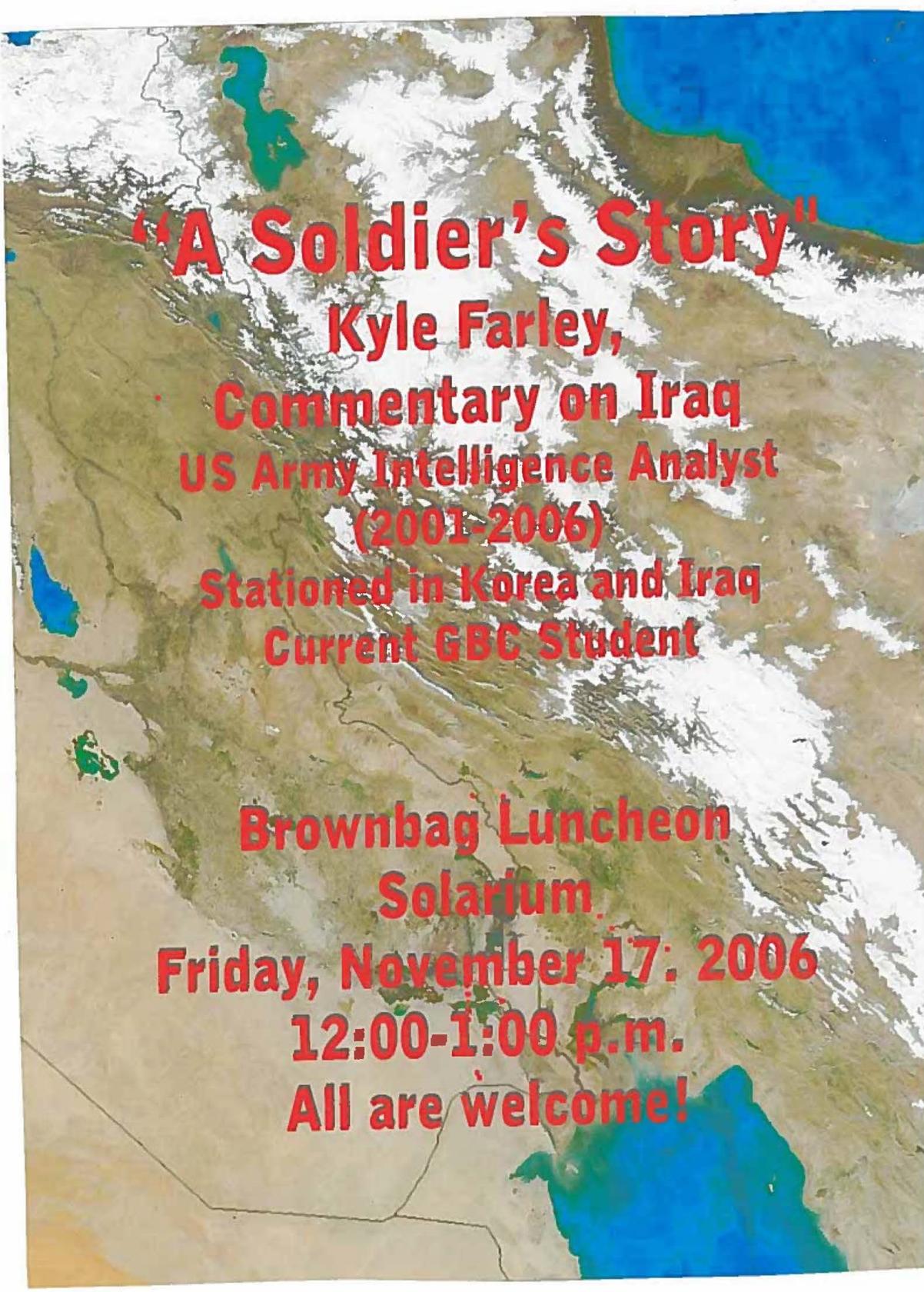
Thursday: **Waiting for Godot**

GBC Theater, Meet the Cast - 6pm, Play - 7pm

FREE ADMISSION & Refreshments will be served

Friday: **Hunt for Hungry**, GBC Fitness Center, 4pm





"A Soldier's Story"

Kyle Farley,

Commentary on Iraq

**US Army Intelligence Analyst
(2001-2006)**

Stationed in Korea and Iraq

Current GBC Student

**Brownbag Luncheon
Solarium**

Friday, November 17: 2006

12:00-1:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

11-10-06

College enrollment jumps 19 percent

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College reported significant growth in enrollment this fall, thanks in large part to the school acquired in Pahrump and rapid enrollment increases in online courses.

The school saw 255 more "Full Time Enrolled" students this semester than the 2005 fall semester — a 19 percent jump. There were 586 more GBC students taking at least one class this fall than last fall — a 23 percent jump.

The school's director of institutional advancement, John Rice, said about 180 of the FTE students come from the Pahrump Valley Center, which GBC acquired from the Community College of Southern Nevada when it expanded its service area to Nye County this summer.

"But even so, even if you subtract the 180, it still shows just under a 6 percent increase in our FTE," Rice said. "That is

a little above our annual 10-year growth of 5 percent (per year), which is a pretty healthy growth rate."

Rice added that enrollment at the Pahrump Valley Center is also growing. GBC only anticipated about 150 FTE this fall, he said.

Rice said GBC's online classes have continued to grow tremendously. GBC saw 251 full-time students this fall, up from 158 full-time students last fall — a 59 percent increase. The online courses have GBC's second largest enrollment, after their Elko campus. Rice said it seems like GBC students are working more and taking more classes online.

"People are managing their lives in a way they can both work and go to school," Rice said.

Rice said the school's faculty and staff contribute to the growth at the school as well.

"One of the reasons our FTE is strong is because our retention is strong as

well," Rice said. "That is the result of good teaching, good advising and terrific resources like the academic advising center."

The college's president, Paul Killpatrick, said Nye County is an "untapped market" that is "hungry for programs that lead to degrees and not just isolated classes." GBC is continuing to expand the program offerings in the county.

"We are very pleased with that. It is going just the way we anticipated," Killpatrick said.

The enrollment growth has numerous benefits for the school — including a jump in the state funding it will receive. The school currently receives about \$10,800 from the state for every FTE student. However, GBC won't see that full level of funding for students at the Pahrump Valley Center this year, because CCSN is reimbursing GBC at a lower rate through a June 30 transi-

Great Basin College Enrollment

	Full Time Enrolled	Undup. Head Count
2006 Fall	1,584	3,115
2006 Spring	1,286	2,685
2005 Fall	1,329	2,529
2005 Spring	1,262	2,324
2004 Fall	1,311	2,347
2004 Spring	1,330	2,495

tional period. The Legislature meets in the spring to re-assess funding levels for state schools for the next two years.

As more students enroll in GBC schools, the "economy of scale" will change so GBC can afford more resources — like growing its faculty, Rice said.

GBC will present Chautauqua performance of Malcolm X

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ELKO — GBC will host Charles Everett Pace next week for a Chautauqua performance and other activities.

Pace will give a Chautauqua performance of Malcolm X at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in room 130 of the Greenhaw Technical Arts Center on GBC's Elko campus.

He will also host a student forum at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday in room 123 of the

school's High Tech Center.

At 4 p.m., he will hold a session on using humanities to broach difficult dialogues.

On Monday, Pace will visit classes on GBC's Elko campus.

Malcolm X rose from an early life of drug abuse and petty criminal behavior. He is a controversial political figure.

His quest for knowledge and conversion experience with Islam catapulted Malcolm X, an ex-convict and Islamic cleric, into a controversial spokesman for the cause of universal human rights. Pace's Chautauqua performance shows Malcolm X as he confronts a personal moral crisis — his own human bigotry.

Pace has taught at the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln, Purdue University and most recently at Centre College in Kentucky.

He has performed and conducted workshops in hundreds of cities across the United States and in London.

GBC's Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment Committee and other GBC groups sponsored the performance.

Newmont pledges \$750,000 for college mining program

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Newmont Mining Corp., agreed to a two-year contract Tuesday with Great Basin College that pledges at least \$750,000 to develop new mining-related courses at the school.

The One Nevada Maintenance Training Program focuses on maintenance areas that GBC already addresses, including diesel, welding, electrical instrumentation and industrial plant mechanics. The program will identify areas where Newmont employees need additional training, and will create need-specific programs at GBC to address those needs.

In the short term, the new programs will only be made available to current Newmont employees. However, Newmont and GBC officials say the pro-

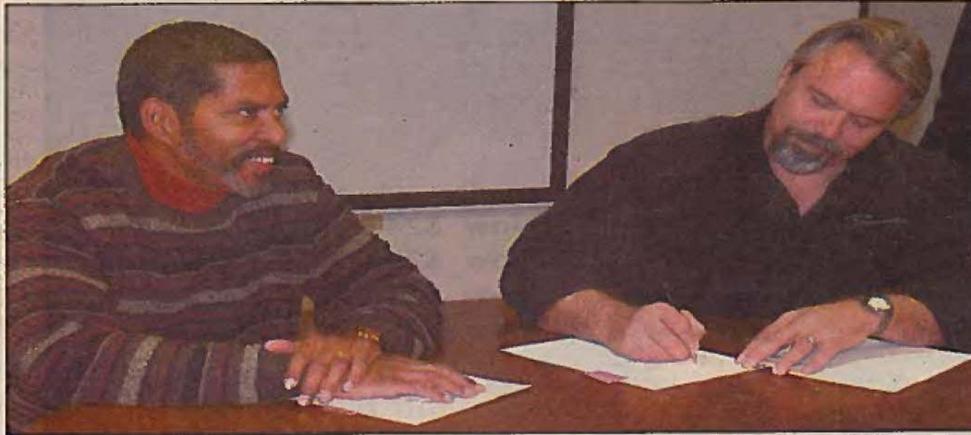
gram will eventually be opened to the public, so anyone can benefit from the training that is created.

The program has two phases. In the first phase, research will be conducted to identify what skills Newmont maintenance staff need, so they receive the right training at the right time. The second phase will create training programs to address the employees needs. The two-year contract includes 60,000 man-hours of training.

Newmont officials said the program will help them pinpoint the type of training their employees need and address it.

"There will be no more shotgun approach to training," said Ed Durfee, Nevada maintenance training manager for Newmont. "This will put the right

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Brant Hinze, vice president of Newmont Mining Corp.'s North American Operations, signs a contract for the One Nevada Maintenance Training Program between Newmont and Great Basin College, while GBC President Paul Killpatrick, left, shares a smile with attendees.

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people in the right positions."

The program is part of a global Newmont initiative to improve training, Durfee said. In Nevada, the program will begin at GBC's Elko campus. Some Newmont officials said they hope they can expand it to other GBC campuses later.

Although Newmont's renewable contract with GBC covers only two years, Durfee said Newmont expects it will take two to five years to train all of the about 800 employees in their maintenance staff for the One Nevada program. Once Newmont has finished their training, the program will be opened to the public, so that anyone can take the

advanced training classes at GBC. Many of GBC's current mining courses began from similar partnerships with mining companies.

"This is historic for Elko and GBC," said Great Basin College President Paul Killpatrick. "It is a win/win for them. It is a win/win for us. It is a win/win for the community."

GBC's Dean of Applied Sciences, Bret Murphy, said the program may lead to great things for GBC.

"This is just the beginning of a huge project," Murphy said. "It could put GBC on the map worldwide, as far as technical careers in mining."

Murphy said GBC hopes to get the program started by Nov. 27.

Thank
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11-24-06

Newmont donates equipment to GBC

Newmont Mining Corp. recently donated several machines to Great Basin College. Newmont mechanic Joey Anderson, left, and general foreman of mobile maintenance Butch Schomer, center, helped make the donation to school representatives including Bret Murphy, dean of applied sciences for GBC.

John Sents
Elko Daily Free Press



ELKO — Newmont Mining Corp. recently donated a 26-ton underground haul truck and single-boom face drill to Great Basin College.

The equipment, valued at about \$85,000, is Newmont's first equipment donation for the new One Nevada Maintenance Training program — which is limited to Newmont employees.

However, Newmont Training Manager Eddy Durfee and GBC Dean of Applied Sciences Bret Murphy said the new equipment will likely get some use with GBC's general

courses as well. Murphy said the equipment may get some use as soon as next week. He expects both pieces will give the college years of use. They will be used largely to train technicians, not operators.

"There is no substitute for actual equipment," Murphy said. "This is awesome for us."

Newmont is purchasing new equipment to take the place of the items it donated to GBC. The equipment was used at Newmont's Leeville underground mine.

By John Sents

Christmas Fireworks Saturday at GBC

ELKO — For 18 years, Christmas in the Nighttime Skies has been part of Elko's holiday celebrations, but the event was in peril of going by the wayside.

When KENV station manager Terry Hritz heard that the owners of Kimberly Nurseries were considering stopping the festivity, he volunteered to spearhead the event's organization and fundraising efforts. KENV is Elko's NBC affiliate.

The event has been moved to Great Basin College, with the help of GBC's student government association and GBC staff.

The 18th Annual Christmas in the Nighttime Skies will start at 5 p.m. Saturday at the college. A chili feed starts at 5 p.m., and fireworks will go off at 7 p.m. Elko Hand Bells and Elko High School Choraliers will provide entertainment over the course of the evening. KELK radio will simulcast the entertainment.

To accommodate the event, portions of Chilton Circle and most of the campus will be closed off to through traffic. GBC safety and security director Patricia Anderson suggests using College Parkway for getting to the appropriate parking lots. From there, the crowd is directed through the solarium near Café X for chili and hot beverages. The nearby amphitheater will serve as a seating area to enjoy the fireworks display.

Hritz said although admission to the event is free, donations of unwrapped toys for charity are greatly appreciated.

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By Jared DuBach

*18th Annual
Christmas in the Nighttime Skies*



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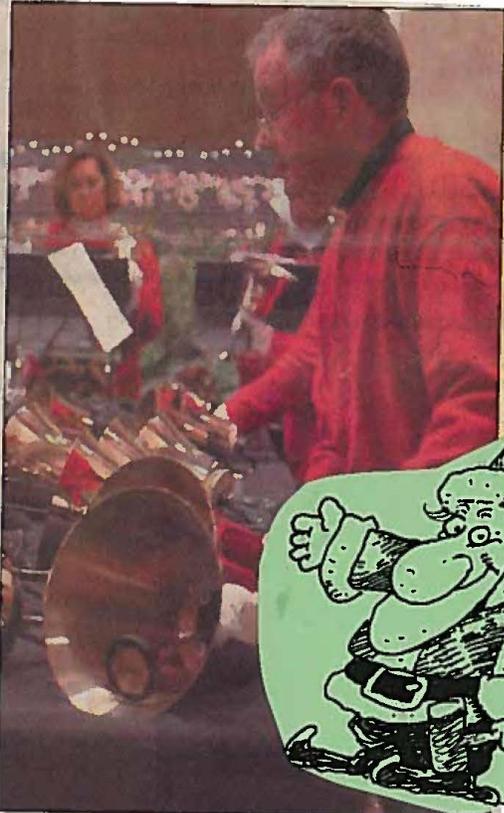
*Chili Feed at Great Basin College at 5p
Fireworks Start at 7pm*

Admission is FREE,
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for a girl or boy is appreciated
to benefit the Annual Toy Drive



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NEW TWIST ON A

Christmas Tradition

12-4-06

CYNTHIA DELANEY
Story and Photos
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — Saturday night's Christmas and fireworks celebration was a huge success for Great Basin College. Christmas in the Nighttime Skies has been hosted for 18 years by Kimberly Nurseries, but this year KENV-TV, the college and the GBC Student Gov-

ernment Association took on the event.

Always a popular tradition, this year's crowd was bigger than ever. From 5-7 p.m. people poured onto the college campus to enjoy the chili feed, Christmas caroling by the Elko High School Choraliers, a musical performance by the Elko Hand Bells, and the grand finale — a fantastic array of fireworks.

As people lined up for the free chili

they deposited donated toys onto an ever-growing mountain of gifts. The presents are part of the regular charity drive associated with the event.

Despite the brisk weather attendees seemed to enjoy themselves while they waited around burn barrels placed in the school's outdoor amphitheater. At 7 p.m. all outdoor lights were turned off and the KELK radio announcer signaled the start of show.



ABOVE: The clock tower at Great Basin College is illuminated by the Christmas in the Nighttime Skies fireworks display.



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CHILDREN SERVED:	204
TOTAL CONTACT:	2,600
PEER COUNSELING SESSIONS:	1,121
REFERRALS:	9,402
FOLLOW UPS:	244

SHELTERED:	34 Adults
	45 Children

Total Bed Nights:	2,500
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GBC's holiday season.**

See your holiday party invitation for appropriate donation ideas to consider while you are out shopping this season. Gifts purchased need to be wrapped and labeled for content.

12-16-06 NNRH commits \$50,000 annually to GBC

ELKO — Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital has committed \$50,000 per year for three years to fund an additional nursing faculty member in the college's associate and bachelor degree nursing programs. The gift enables the college to train more nurses who will provide health care for patients in rural Nevada.

Great Basin College's Director of

Nursing, Dr. Margaret Puccinelli, said in a statement the college needs a very low instructor-to-student ratio to meet requirements of accrediting agencies. She said the college has been limited in the numbers of nurses they can train because of a limited number of instructors at the school.

"The Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital commitment means

more nurses will be available on the floors in hospitals, and that, in turn, will lower the nurse-to-patient ratio at medical facilities in rural Nevada," she said in the statement. "This is a scenario where everyone wins."

Puccinelli said nurses are in great demand all over the country and the

shortage is severe in rural Nevada.

David Henson, the CEO of Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, agreed. In a letter to Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick, Henson said, "I am with great hope and confidence that Great Basin College will be able to attract additional faculty and enlarge its class of graduating nurses. This will positively impact registered nurse availability on a local basis and benefit access to quality health care."

In a statement, Killpatrick praised Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital's gift.

"The hospital's commitment to the mission of the Great Basin College nursing program is a wonderful example of how the private sector and a public institution can partner for the good of the entire community," Killpatrick said in the statement.

Henson and Puccinelli and the entire faculty of the Great Basin College Nursing Program has built "one of the most effective nursing programs in the state of Nevada."

"Their own commitment to training nurses adds to the value of living in rural Nevada," Killpatrick said in the statement. "We are lucky to have such committed instructors who produce such gifted nurses. I am proud to be associated with them."

GBC spreading across Nevada

12-16-06
ELKO — Great Basin College serves most of rural Nevada with a service area covering 62,000 square miles. Opportunities for higher education are available in smaller communities throughout rural Nevada.

In addition to courses offered at the Great Basin College Pahrump Valley Center and branch campuses at Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca, classes are available for students in Carlin, Owyhee, Wells, West Wendover, Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Gabbs, Round Mountain and Tonopah — to name a few.

A short synopsis of the courses to be offered follows:

- In Carlin, residents can enroll in a number of courses at Great Basin College this spring — including Human Relations Employment, Fundamentals of Speech Communication, Principles of Microeconomics and others. Students with questions are encouraged to speak with the Carlin coordinator, Nancy Goesser at (775)754-6497. • Spring 2007 courses are also offered in Owyhee. The Owyhee coordinator, Edwinna Crutcher, can be reached at (775) 757-3025. The courses include Fundamentals of Speech Communication, Introduction to Administration of Justice, Probation & Parole, Conversational German and others.

- Wells students also have new opportunities in higher education for Spring 2007. For more information on Wells course offerings, contact the Wells coordinator, Robert Johnson, at (775) 752-3603. Courses include Human Relations Employment, Intro to Corrections, Intro to Criminology and others.

- Bryant Blake is the Great Basin College coordinator in West Wendover. He can be reached at (775) 664-2346. Courses include Science/Engineering in Technology, Business Law, Fundamentals of Speech Communication and others.

- Great Basin College will offer courses in Amargosa Valley in the Spring 2007 semester. Courses include American Sign Language, Effective Substitute Teaching, Composition and others.

- Students in Beatty can also sign up for American Sign Language Business Law, Composition and other courses. Gabbs will be the site for some of the same courses.

- Great Basin College has a number of course offerings in Round Mountain for the Spring 2007 semester. Courses include American Sign Language, Business Law Composition, Basic Mathematics and others.
- In Tonopah, students can enroll in such courses as American Sign Language, Business Law, Early Childhood Education and others.

Many courses in the college's online campus are also available to students throughout rural Nevada. For more information contact the GBC coordinator in your community, or call the college's admissions office at (775) 753-2201.

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**January 11
Through
January 19, 2007**

Great Basin College hosts events for Cowboy Poetry

ELKO — Great Basin College will host humanities events — including two authors — during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering later this month.

The first, Richard Louv, will speak at 4 p.m. Feb. 1. The second, Judy Blunt, will present at 5:30 p.m. that same day in room 130 of the Greenhaw Technical Arts Center on the Elko campus. Admission to the events is free.

Richard Louv is author of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder," and chairman of the Children & Nature Network. He will speak about the transformation in the relationship between children and nature and how society is teaching young people to avoid direct experience in nature, according to a release from GBC.

Louv also describes the new body of scientific evidence demonstrating just how important direct contact with the outdoors is to healthy child development, touching on such health issues as ADHD, child obesity, stress, creativity and cognitive functioning, the release said. To stimulate a "Leave No Child Inside" movement, he offers practical suggestions for action by parents, grandparents, government agencies, conservationists, urban planners, educators and others concerned about the future of childhood and the earth.



Richard Louv

He has also appeared on Good Morning America, the Today Show, NPR's Fresh Air and Talk of the Nation, and most recently, the CBS Evening News and the NBC Nightly News.

Judy Blunt spent more than 30 years on wheat and cattle ranches in north-central Montana, before leaving in 1986 to attend the University of Montana. Her poems and essays have appeared in numerous anthologies and journals, with recent short pieces appearing in Oprah magazine, The New York

Times, Big Sky Journal and others.

Her bestselling memoir, Breaking Clean, won the 1997 PEN/Jerard Fund Award for a work in progress, as well as a 2001 Whiting Writers' Award, the 2003 Mountains and Plains Book Award and the 2003 Willa Award for memoir/nonfiction. The memoir was also listed as a New York Times Notable Book. In 2004 Blunt received a National Endowment for the Arts for nonfiction works in progress. In 2006 she was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to write essays about Montana ranch life. She is an associate professor on the creative writing faculty of the University of Montana-Missoula, where she teaches courses in creative nonfiction and western women's memoir.

The events, sponsored by GBC and the Western Folklife Center, are made possible by a grant from Nevada Humanities. For more information on the humanities programs at Great Basin College, call (775) 753-2244.

1-20-07



The Horrors of Meth

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Meth is an evil drug. It is toxic and highly addictive. It leads abusers to do horrendous things they would not normally do, and children often get caught in the crossfire.

These points were hammered home during a presentation called "Methamphetamine Endangered Children: Developing a Collaborative Community Approach to the Problem" Jan. 19 at Great Basin College.

The speaker at the presentation, Dr. P.J. Bruno, director of the Child Advocacy Center of the Central Susquehanna Valley in Pennsylvania, spoke to about 100 attendees at GBC's Elko campus. Many others watched through interactive video, as the presentation was shown live in Ely, Winnemucca, Pahrump, Battle Mountain and Owyhee.

The presentation — which was open to the community — covered the history, science and social background of the drug that Bruno said is "second only to marijuana as the most



John Sents/Elko Daily Free Press
Dr. P.J. Bruno, director of the Child Advocacy Center in Danville, Pa., speaks about the dangers of methamphetamine.

abused illicit drug in the world."

Bruno said a majority of people who use meth become addicted after the first time they use it. In addition, he said the drug is easy to make and cheap, which has fueled a rise in meth labs across the nation.

Bruno said the meth trend has been moving eastward from the western states. In recent years, the highest num-

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bers of meth lab busts were in midwestern states such as Missouri.

Photographs of meth abusers caused some attendees to shift in their chairs. Many of the abusers had scabs over their faces and bodies. Bruno said these scabs come from users who think there are bugs or worms under their skin and are trying to scratch them out.

He said meth users have a higher rate of sexually transmitted diseases. This may be due in part to the drug's effect on the libido, or sexual desire. However, the drug can also cause impotence, Bruno said.

When children enter the picture in a meth home, the dangers increase.

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John Sents/Elko Daily Free Press

About 100 people turned out to hear a presentation on methamphetamine last Friday at Great Basin College.

Meth ...

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Bruno said these children are always neglected and often physically or sexually abused as well.

Bruno said 30 to 40 percent of all residences where meth labs are found have children staying in them. Children in homes where meth is produced often have levels of the drug in their system from secondhand contact. Bruno said they often suffer rashes or respiratory problems due to the chemicals used in meth production.

"(Meth abusers) could care less about their kids," Bruno said. "All they want is another high."

Every pound of methamphetamine produced leaves about five to six pounds of toxic waste, said Bruno. Meth cooks often dispose this waste down their drains, dump illegally or dispose on their own property. Common toxic ingredients used to produce meth include drain cleaners, antifreeze, battery acid, lye and hydrochloric acid.

The waste leaves a cloud of toxins in residences where it is produced, clinging to the carpets and drapes for months after a lab is removed. In some cases, cleanup crews need to wear heavy hazmat-type uniforms to clean these homes, Bruno said.

"These are the same houses where children are crawling around on the floors," Bruno said. "When a lab is discovered, children need to be scrubbed

and washed. Clothes and toys can't be kept."

Because meth labs mix chemicals that are often corrosive, toxic and flammable — explosions are not uncommon, Bruno said. The smell is often similar to cat urine, said Bruno.

"Even cockroaches will not hang around meth labs," Bruno said.

Meth provides its high by triggering the body's neurons to release excess dopamine, Bruno explained. He said the high can last for hours, but is followed with a "devastating low."

Side effects like meth mouth — or excessive tooth decay — come with extended use. Over time, meth use causes a decrease in brain tissue, he said.

Attendees like Angie Browning, a staff member at the Family Resource Center, said the presentation was informative.

"I learned the signs and symptoms, what the children are going through and what the parents look like," Browning said. "It is a hard one to conquer."

Pete Bagley, a GBC professor, said educating the public is "Step 1" in preventing meth use. He said more effort needs to be focused on this serious drug.

Spring Creek resident Dixie Starbuck said the community needs more presentations like this.

"I think the program ought to be offered to those in school as an assignment," Starbuck said.

Elko County Commissioner Warren Russell said the presentation reinforced that methamphetamine abuse creates incredible costs for state and local governments.

"It is going to cost a lot more for social services or rehabilitation for those people that are using these drugs," said Russell. "It is a lot more expensive disease than alcoholism."

In addition, Russell said the federal government needs to do a better job sealing the border with Mexico to ensure drugs like meth aren't transported into the United States.

Bruno maintains a pediatric practice, in addition to his work as director of the Child Advocacy Center — which is associated with Geisgner Hospital in Danville, Pa. He examines children for the possibility of abuse and often testifies as an expert witness in their defense.

Members of the Business Leaders for Drug Free Communities group are Barrick North America, Cashman Equipment Company, Elko Daily Free Press, Newmont Mining Corp., Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, PACE Coalition, dentist Stephen Price, Stewart Title of Northeastern Nevada, the Elko Police Department and the Elko County Sheriff's Department, with advisory help from the Elko County School District.

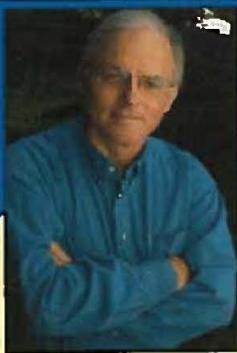


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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Richard Louv

4:00 p.m.
Presentation followed by Q & A
Book Signing
Greenhaw Technical Arts 130



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5:30 p.m.
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Colleges may see more funds

By JOHN SENTIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Several funding recommendations in Gov. Jim Gibbon's proposed budget will benefit Great Basin College if the Legislature approves them.

The governor's budget proposed increasing the funding formula for state colleges and universities. If approved, the change could mean about \$16 million more for these schools over the next two years. It could mean several hundred thousand dollars in additional state funding for GBC, said Carl Diekhans, GBC's vice president of administrative services.

"Generally, they do support the governor's recommendation," Diekhans said.

The formula has never been funded to 100 percent of what was originally intended. Executive Vice Chancellor for the Nevada System of Higher Education Dan Klaich said the state Board of Regents' number one priority with the Legislature is increasing the percent of the formula that is funded.

The governor's budget also recommended about \$7 million for community college workforce development over the next two years. That could also mean several hundred thousand dollars in additional funding for GBC, Diekhans said.

"This is something where the state of Nevada can help us help the economy and help local communities," Klaich said.

The governor's budget also recommended \$1.7 million for fixtures, furnishings and equipment at GBC's Electrical and Industrial Technology building, which is being constructed across from the Elko County Fairgrounds. The 40,000 square foot facility is expected to be open by the 2008 fall semester.

The governor recommended \$110 million for the University of Nevada Health Sciences System, with an additional \$47 million in matching funds to be raised from private donors across the state. If approved, Diekhans said "there may be a little (funding) trickled down in that for us," but he didn't think much of that money would come to GBC's service area.

Klaich said the health sciences initiative will have benefits for all of Nevada because it will help produce more nurses. In addition, the proposal would create new classes and resources in Reno and Las Vegas, which GBC might be able to tap into through interactive video or distance education.

For employees in the Nevada System of Higher Education, the governor's budget recommended a 2 percent cost of living increase for the next fiscal year and a 4 percent cost of living increase for the following fiscal year.

Diekhans said he hopes the state allocates more funding to pay for increases in the cost of employee insurance benefits. He said it is estimated state colleges and universities will pay \$38 million more over the next two years for these benefits. He said GBC is expecting to see hundreds of thousands of dollars in new costs.

GBC's expansion to Nye County last year may impact the level of funding it receives. For the next two years, Diekhans said the governor's budget recommended about \$980,000 each year in direct transfer funding for GBC's Nye campus. The budget also recommended about \$450,000 in additional funding over the biennium to help pay for the rural factor.

Diekhans said GBC also hopes the state will help fund a new building in Nye County. The building was not included in the governor's budget. Diekhans said it isn't currently a high priority for regents.

GBC President Paul Killpatrick said they are still in discussions with NSHE Chancellor Jim Rogers about the building.

Diekhans and Killpatrick said GBC representatives will travel to Carson City this spring to speak in support of programs that will benefit their colleges.



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GBC plans 2007 Career Opportunity Fair

ELKO — Great Basin College will sponsor its 2007 Career Opportunity Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18, in the fitness center on its Elko campus.

Employers from federal, state, mining, retail, and educational agencies will be represented. Among the organizations that have committed to the event are

Union Pacific Railroad, Barrick Gold of North America, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Les Schwab Tires, Nevada Division of Child & Family Services and many others.

"The Career Opportunity Fair is a great time to connect with employers, explore your career options,

discover new opportunities, obtain employer information and locate summer jobs, internships and full-time employment," said coordinator Keitha Donovan.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Donovan in the Admission, Advising & Career Center at 753-2180.

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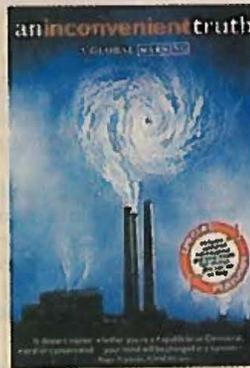
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GBC plans activities to celebrate Earth Day

ELKO — Great Basin College will hold activities next week to recognize Earth Day.

The school encourages residents to walk, bike or carpool to school or work April 19. There will be a showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" at noon April 20 in room 123 of Lundberg Hall.

Student-created posters with environmental topics will be displayed in Lundberg Hall from Wednesday through the end of the semester. Three to four classes are submitting posters as part of the activity, said GBC earth sciences instructor Caroline Bruno.



"Hopefully people will participate," Bruno said. "Earth Day is important because it helps promote environmental awareness. A lot of the activities we are trying to do help conserve

energy and, therefore, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which are likely contributors to an increase in global temperatures."

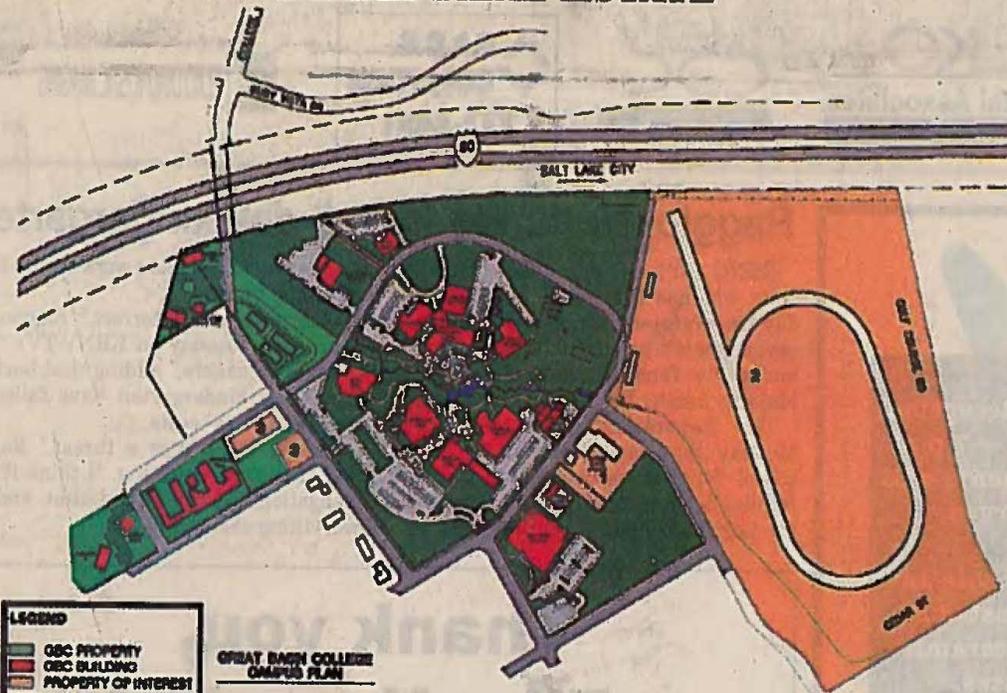
The events build upon Earth Day activities held last year, when the school hosted speakers.

Earth Day was established on April 22, 1970, following events that promoted environmental awareness, such as Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring," as well as extreme levels of air and water pollution.

Bruno said the continued hope of Earth Day is to promote environmental awareness and stewardship on a global scale.

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Great Basin College is looking at city-owned fairgrounds land, at right, for expansion of the Elko campus.

College eyes fairgrounds

By **MARIANNE KOBAK**
Free Press Business Editor

ELKO — Great Basin College wants to expand and its growth may push the Elko County fairgrounds out of its home.

The college needs additional space to expand, Carl Diekhans, the college's vice president for administrative services, told the Elko City Council Tuesday.

"In the next 10 years, we only have two building sites left," he said. "It is highly unlikely we won't get more than two buildings."

Since 1997, the college has grown at a rate of 3.4 percent annually, Diekhans said.

He said the Board of Regents approved funding for an electrical and industrial technology building. This building has an estimated cost of \$15.1 million.

"The college plans to improve services, the number of courses offered and the number of receive sites for distance education delivery," Diekhans said.

He said the college may outgrow its property by 2017. He also said the Elko High School is land-locked.

"We also have talked to the Elko County School District about a partnership," Diekhans said. "I think we have an excellent partnership at the high tech center."

The college has suggested the fairgrounds would be ideal for its expansion. Diekhans said the regents have approved the proposed land plan to include the fairgrounds.

"So we can start negotiating," Diekhans said.

The council did not make a decision on the proposal because it was a non-action item on the agenda.

GBC holds tribute to fallen Virginia Tech students

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Roughly 2,200 miles from Virginia Tech, a group of about 40 Great Basin College students and staff paused for a moment of silence yesterday before the bells in the school's clock tower rang 32 times to remember the victims of the deadliest college massacre in U.S. history.

Great Basin College President Paul Killpatrick said the tribute was the appropriate thing for the school to do and added, "if one institution suffers, we all suffer."

"They may never know the truth of what was behind this but this is something that affects us all as an institution," Killpatrick said. "Great Basin College is very cog-

nizant of this and we recognize this and our sympathies go out to the families and the college."

Killpatrick added that GBC will send a message to Virginia Tech's president to "let him know that this is something that could happen at any institution of higher ed and it is something we take very seriously."

Some GBC students at the event said it "definitely" needed to be done.

"It could be us. It could be our school. It could be our classmates and teachers," said GBC student and housing coordinator Stacie Potter.

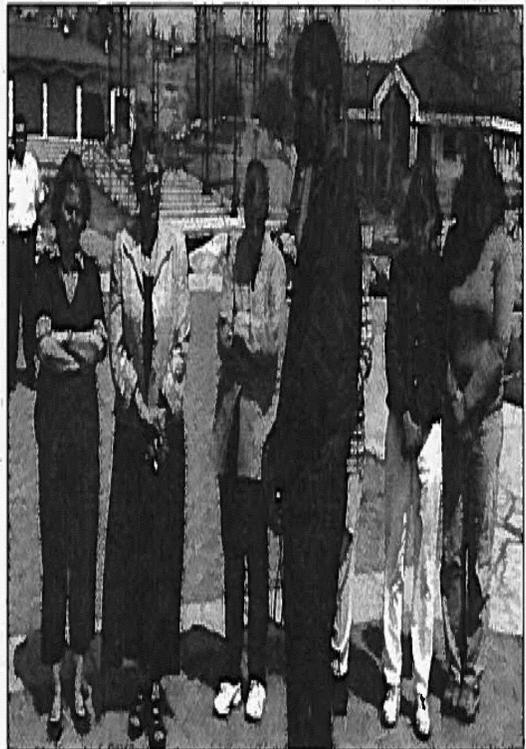
Potter added she is praying for the people who lost their lives and their families.

GBC student Justin Moore said the Virginia Tech shooting

is a very sad thing and it is good that people at GBC came to show their respects. He said his father attended Columbine High School years before that school experienced its school shooting in 1999.

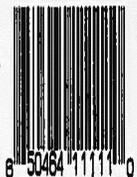
GBC spokesman John Rice said the college is "definitely" looking at the way things happened in Virginia and analyzing current procedures and policies on GBC's campuses to handle potential crisis situations.

"A college is a sanctuary," Rice said. "It is a place that people go to speak freely and learn. ... When it is suddenly shattered by this kind of an act, it is a terrible thing. It threatens the spirit of learning. It is something that has been on the minds of faculty and students very heavily."



John Sents/Elko Daily Free Press

Great Basin College President Paul Killpatrick, front, GBC staff and other attendees pause Tuesday in silence while the bells in the college's clocktower rang 32 times, once for each victim of Monday's shooting massacre at Virginia Tech.



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County to hear GBC master plan

Fairgrounds possible site for college expansion

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

County Manager Cash Minor said he hasn't seen any estimates for the cost of a new facility.

ELKO — Great Basin College will present its master plan — which lists the Elko County Fairgrounds as a property it wants to develop — Wednesday to the Elko County Commission.

"It would take so much money, it would almost be impossible," Ellison said. "I think the community needs to be involved and voice their concerns one way or another."

The college presented its plan last Wednesday to the Elko City Council, publicly indicating interest in obtaining land currently home to the fairgrounds, as well as the Nevada Guard Armory and some private properties.

The county had planned to include about \$874,000 in improvements at the fairgrounds in its budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Myers said the county may not be able to issue bonds for that funding, if the fairgrounds' lease runs the risk of not being renewed.

The City of Elko owns the land the fairgrounds is housed on. It leases the land to the Elko County Fair Board for \$1 a year, a lease that runs through July 31, 2015.

Commissioners said they hope they can find a solution that meets everyone's needs.

If the city chose to sell GBC the land after the lease runs out, it could push the fairgrounds out of its home.

"We were unaware (college officials) were looking at the fairgrounds this early in the process," Myers said. "I have a lot of mixed emotions. I certainly want to see the college and school district expand. ... At the same time, the fairgrounds has a lot of historical value for a lot of Elko County residents."

Elko County Commissioners John Ellison, Mike Nannini and Charlie Myers estimated it will cost more than \$30 million to build a new fairgrounds facility. Assistant Elko

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meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 105 of the Elko County Courthouse, 571 Idaho St. For information, call 738-5398.

Nannini said he thinks there is going to be a public outcry from the ranching community and others with strong feelings about the fairgrounds.

"It is the city's property. I think the county has a lot invested in that," Nannini said. "I'm thinking there has got to be something that makes sense and we can work out. Just to say we can go and build another one, that is not a possibility."

The college's vice president for administrative services, Carl Diekhans, told the city council the college has grown an average of 3.4 percent annually over the past 10 years. Even after the school finishes construction of its \$15 million electrical and industrial technology building, Diekhans said the school may outgrow its property by 2017. The

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the college, the city, the school district and the fair board to seek members for a fairgrounds committee.

"There is not a coherence about where are we going to go with the fair," said Commissioner Warren Russell. "Maybe there are bigger concepts that we need to get our arms around, that we not only include the traditional and historically significant parts of the fairground, but also the recreational needs of the future for Elko County that may be a little bit different from what we have seen in the past."

Commissioner Mike Nannini said he is "shook up" about the timing of GBC's master plan, because the county was planning to include about \$874,000 in improvements at the fairgrounds in its budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year. GBC's proposal may make it difficult for the county to issue bonds for some of these improvements.

"There are a lot of areas you can go into or lease in the next 20 years before you will need that fairgrounds and change what we consider our recreational area, our lifestyle, an area that we come together to at least once a year," Nannini said.

"I think there are a lot of folks that need this fairgrounds to stay in place so that we can use it in the

future."

Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director and college spokesman John Rice said the college is likely going to run out of space and more is going to be needed at some point in the future.

"That is what this discussion is about," Rice said. "One possibility is what we proposed today."

The possibility of constructing a new fairgrounds at another location was raised, with several commissioners saying it would likely be cost prohibitive.

Nannini said a new fair-

grounds was estimated to cost \$20 million 18 years ago.

Elko County Superintendent of Schools Antoinette Cavanaugh said Elko High School is growing and will need more space. It is landlocked in its current location and the most economical thing for the district would be to expand the school at its current location. She said entering into conversations about the district and college utilizing fairgrounds land for expansion would be positive.

Nancy Porter of the Elko County Fair Board said the board has had little oppor-

tunity to investigate and explore possibilities. She reminded commissioners of the many benefits the fairgrounds serves to the county and city, including the Elko County Fair, Silver State Stampede, National

Basque Festival, Fourth of July Fireworks, 4-H, FFA, Elko High School Rodeo, Ranch Hand Rodeo and Youth Rodeo.

"The Elko County Fairgrounds are part of our culture and our heritage," Por-

ter said in a statement.

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4-19-07 County eyes fairgrounds, GBC plans

By JOHN SENTS
Free Press Staff Writer

and a handful of private properties.

ELKO — Ten years from now, will the Elko County Fairgrounds remain on the land it has occupied for more than 50 years?

Attendees at the Elko County Commission meeting Wednesday didn't know the answer, but there will likely be significant discussion in the coming months.

Wednesday's talk continued after the commission heard a presentation from Great Basin College outlining its Master Plan For the Future. The plan includes areas the school is looking at as possibilities for growth — including the Elko County Fairgrounds.

GBC President Paul Killpatrick said he hopes the college can continue discussions that include members of the city council, county commission, school district and fair board, to look at a long term approach to the fairgrounds.

Said Killpatrick: "I've had several calls from community members saying, 'What, so you are thinking about eliminating the fairgrounds and that is it?' No. It is talk about strategic planning."

Commissioners agree discussion is needed. Elko County Manager Rob Stokes said the county will contact



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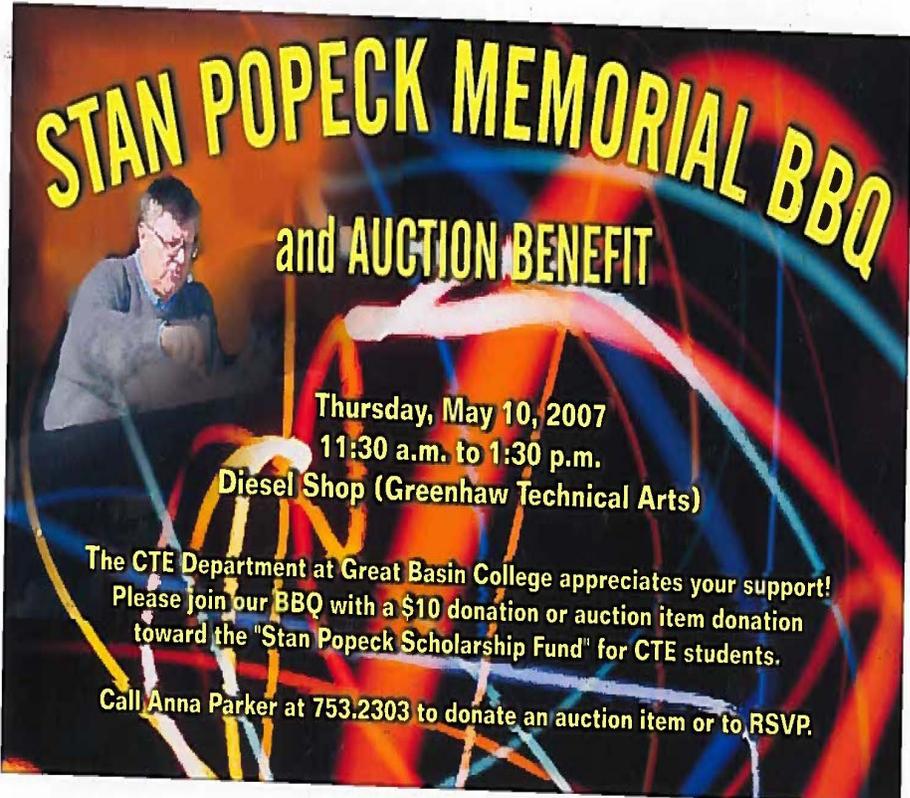
will host this informative lecture on an issue related to success in higher education

Becoming a Multicultural Person
as presented by Kevin Laxalt at the Community College Conference
Friday, May 4, 2007
10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Health Sciences 106
Open to the campus.

GBC ACE members will provide snacks and coffee

Becoming a Multicultural Person

Experts in the realm of Multicultural Education agree that in order to establish a quality multicultural teaching environment, one must first begin with one's self. This workshop will assist members of the community college setting in identifying who exactly they are as a "cultural being". It will further provide multiple strategies for transforming oneself at both a macrocultural level (our roles in society in general) and at a microcultural level (our every-day workplace environment).



STAN POPECK MEMORIAL BBQ and AUCTION BENEFIT

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Call Anna Parker at 753.2303 to donate an auction item or to RSVP.

Archaeological film festival at GBC

5-8-07

ELKO — In celebration of Nevada Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month, a four-part archaeology film festival will be held at Great Basin College starting Wednesday.

The films will be shown Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Health and Sciences Building Room 107. The festival is free to the public.

The film festival schedule is:

- Wednesday — In Search of Human Origins — Surviving Africa
- May 16 — Nomadic Indians of the West
- May 23 — Rabbit Boss
- May 30 — Exploring Nevada: African Americans on the Comstock

"All the films are fascinating and look at different aspects of archaeology," said Bill Fawcett, archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management.

There will be a discussion following each film led by a local archaeologist.

For information, contact Mike Brown at 753-0386.

Eden Medical Services donates ultrasound machine to GBC

Special to the Independent

ELKO — Dr. Troy Eden of Eden Medical Services recently donated an HP Ultrasound machine to the Radiology Technology program at Great Basin College.

According to Mary Doucette, GBC Radiology Technology instructor, the equipment, worth about \$5,000, will be used to train students to properly scan the anatomy of a patient.

"The donated equipment will allow students to get hands-on training, and that will help them provide skilled health care to patients throughout rural Nevada," she said.

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GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

Dr. Troy Eden of Eden Medical Services and Mary Doucette, Great Basin College Radiology Technology instructor, pose for a photo by an HP Ultrasound machine that Eden donated to GBC.

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN CAMPUS

Native basket weavers⁹⁻²⁷⁻⁰⁶ at GBC

Special to the Bugle

WINNEMUCCA — Great Basin College will celebrate the opening of "Emma's Basket," a traveling exhibit on loan from the Nevada State Museum on Oct. 2. The exhibit will be on display in the GBC library through the end of the fall semester.

According to GBC anthropology instructor Dr. Laurie Walsh, "Emma's Basket" features a wonderful basket made by weav-

er Emma Murphy in the early 1900s. Walsh said the basket was later damaged and the famous Washoe weaver Dat-so-la-lee repaired the break as best she could.

A special feature of the opening will be a demonstration of the Great Basin basket weaving craft by Native American basket weavers from Yerington, Carson City, Reno and Elko. The demonstrations will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 2.

For more information on the

event, contact Walsh at (775) 753-2331.

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GBC offering Native American basketmaking class

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Great Basin College offers a Native American Double Wall Reed Basketmaking class Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m. in GTA room 122-123. You will learn to weave using a twine and randing weave stitch to make a decorative reed basket. Both stitches are used in traditional Western Shoshone utilitarian baskets, as well as baskets from other cultures around the world.

Instructor Leah Brady is an award-winning Western Shoshone basket maker and is a

master weaver for the Nevada Arts Council. She specializes in traditional Native American twined baskets such as newborn cradles, winnowing trays and burden baskets. Brady was selected to represent the Great Basin region for the Carriers of Culture: Living Native Basket Traditions during the 40th annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C. from June 29 — July 12, 2006. Brady gave live basket weaving demonstrations and participated in the "Weaver's Talking Circle" on the National Mall during the Festival.

Nearly a million visitors to the

Smithsonian Folklife Festival learned how Native baskets are literally and symbolically the "carriers of culture" for Native Americans. The program was presented in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian and Michigan State University Museum.

Register at the Admissions and Records Office in Berg Hall or on-line at 10939 CA 0112 E01 Double Wall Reed Basketmaking. The cost is \$50 and includes materials. Please bring a sack lunch. Enrollment is limited, so register as soon as possible.

9-27-06

GBC offers Career Exploration Program at Barrick

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Great Basin College received a \$15,020 grant from the Nevada Public Education Foundation to offer a career exploration program at Barrick North America on Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. Sponsored by USA Funds, the Alcoa Foundation and the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the program will allow participants to tour the Barrick mine site while learning about the many different career opportunities available in the mining industry.

"This is a great opportunity for giving people an in-depth look at what types of careers

are available. It shows the participants they can find careers that suit their interests," stated Bret Murphy, dean of Applied Science.

Murphy was the driving force behind the program because he noticed that many people in GBC's service area had never been to a mine site or knew what kinds of jobs people did at the mines.

The program is designed to show participants what an employer such as Barrick is looking for in potential employees, what skill sets are needed for various types of jobs associated with mining, and how GBC can help indi-

viduals get higher-paying jobs through its training programs.

Along with the tour, fields such as electrical, diesel, welding, engineering, natural resources, earth sciences, business and office technology will be explored. Participants will see first-hand how people are putting their skills to work in these fields.

Anyone who is at least 15 years old who would like to participate in the program should contact Jeanne Long at (775) 738-8493 for more information. Because the program is limited to 90 people, reservations are required to participate.

9-27-06

Newmont pledges \$750,000 to GBC for mining courses

11-22-06

ELKO (AP) — Newmont Mining Corp. has agreed to spend at least \$750,000 over the next two years to help develop new mining-related courses at Great Basin College.

Initially, the courses developed under the One Nevada Maintenance Training Program will be available only to current Newmont employees. But eventually, the classes will be open to anyone, school officials said.

"This is historic for Elko and GBC," Great Basin College President Paul Killpatrick said. "It is a win-win for them. It is a win-win for us. It is a

win-win for the community."

The first phase of the program will identify additional skills needed by Newmont maintenance staff. The second phase will create training programs to address the employees' needs.

The program, which calls for 60,000 man-hours of training over two years, is part of a global Newmont initiative to improve training, said Ed Durfee, Nevada maintenance training manager for Newmont.

"There will be no more shotgun approach to training," he said. "This will put the right people in the right positions."

In Nevada, the program will

begin at GBC's Elko campus. Some Newmont officials said they hope they can expand it to other GBC campuses later.

Although Newmont's renewable contract with GBC covers only two years, Durfee said Newmont expects it will take two to five years to train all of the about 800 employees in their maintenance staff for the One Nevada program.

Once Newmont has finished their training, the program will be opened to the public, so that anyone can take the advanced training classes at GBC. Many of GBC's current mining courses began from similar partnerships with mining companies.

Health care courses at GBC

Nursing programs begin on Jan. 4

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Great Basin College Nursing department will be hold an informational session regarding the school's Certified Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs at a session on Jan. 4.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Gallagher Health Science Building, room 109 on the GBC Elko campus.

The three programs prepare students for different levels of health care provision. The Certified Nursing course provides students with the classroom, laboratory and clinical experience to make them eligible to take to the State Certified Nursing Assistant Examination. A CNA licensee qualifies for an entry level position in the health care industry. It also opens the door to further study and advancement in health care.

The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing integrates courses in nursing with general education requirements in a variety of areas, laboratory and clinical experience are offered on campus, at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, long-term health care centers and other community health facilities.

GBC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree provides a high-quality and innovative educational opportunity for Registered Nurses. Graduates will be prepared for enhanced practice and leadership in a variety of rural health care settings. Students may be admitted to the program after having completed an approved Associate of Applied Science degree program in nursing. Many practicing nurses have chosen to return for the BSN degree. The program has been designed to enable working professionals to complete the degree in a timely manner.

For more information on the Nursing programs at Great Basin College call (775) 753-2301.

Reduced holiday hours at GBC

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — General support services at Great Basin College will be reduced during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, Dec. 26 — 29. During that time most college services will be unavailable. The college will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

On-line registration for spring 2007 courses will be available continuously during the reduction in services. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday,

Jan. 2. Most spring classes begin on Jan. 22.

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12-6-06

GBC and College Goal Sunday: Student financial aid assistance

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Students squirming over that application for financial aid can find relief on Jan. 28 at College Goal Sunday.

The Great Basin College Elko, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca campuses will engage in a seminar to help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to help advise them on ways they can afford college. Current college students and high school seniors are encouraged to attend.

The event begins at 2 p.m. in the High Tech Center on the Elko campus, the Ely Center on Bobcat Drive, the Pahrump Valley Center on Calvada Boulevard and the Winnemucca Center on Khuncy Canyon Road.

"The FAFSA is a tough form to fill out," said Scott Nielsen, GBC's Student Financial Services director, "we hope to lower the anxiety level."

The FAFSA is a mandatory step in securing financial aid, Nielsen said. The federal government uses the application to determine students' and their parents' expected contribution and how much money they are eligible to receive toward their education. Financial aid can come in the form of need-based grants and federally backed student loans.

Volunteers from the college's Student Services and Academic Affairs offices will be available to walk students and their parents through the forms. Lynn Mahlberg, GBC's Vice President for Student Services said the seminar will also connect students with the financial aid officers they'll be working with. "It's a great opportunity for students and parents to meet financial aid officers and begin financial planning. It's a good example of the kind of service a Great Basin College can pro-

College Goal Sunday

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WHEN: Jan. 28, 2 p.m.

WHERE: The Great Basin College Elko, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca campuses

For more information, visit www.gbcnv.edu, and click on the "College Goal Sunday" link, or call 623-4824.

vide to the community," she said.

College Goal Sunday is based on a program established by the Lumina Foundation for Education, a private foundation based in Indianapolis. It has been successfully implemented in Indiana, Arizona and now Nevada to help improve access to higher education. The state of Nevada applied for and received a \$170,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation to host College Goal Sundays for the next three years, always either right before or after the Super Bowl. GBC's Mahlberg and Jeanne Rosenthal, GBC's Grants Coordinator, led the effort in Nevada.

If under 23, students should bring their parents along with a copy of their 2005 income tax information for both student and parents. Students 24 and older only need their own tax information.

For more information, visit the college Web site at www.gbcnv.edu, and click on the College Goal Sunday link. In Elko, call 753-2399, in Ely, 289-3589, Pahrump, 727-2000, and in Winnemucca, 623-4824. 12-27-06

Great Basin College to be at Battle Mountain High School 2-7-08

Representatives from Great Basin College will be at the Battle Mountain High School Career Center on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. to discuss the financial aid process. The information that will be provided will be relevant to any college or university.

Area students named to GBC Dean's List

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Great Basin College Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mike McFarlane has announced the names of students studying at the Battle Mountain and Winnemucca campus centers who earned a place upon the Dean's List for the Fall, 2005 semester.

The Dean's List honors students with a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester.

The list includes Mandy Backus, Teresa Berish, Amy

Biesinger, Jessica Bogner, Kristen Brooks, Melissa Buckner, Jami Caumiant, Dawn Christiansen, Darla Goodell, Mindi Hammill, Judith Hill, Sarah Hinton, Sara Hogue, Deidre Kerr, Elizabeth Lindsay, Theresa Lopez, Hayley Mentaberry, Amy Minchew, Maria Moreno, Belinda Ochoa, Jennifer Ortega, Virginia Parker, Darlene Parrish, Megan Parry, Micah Pearson, Rebecca Peoples, Judy Quigley, Misty Quintana, Claudette Ramos, Stacy Rust, Tara Stoker, Connie Tyler, Raelyn Wallock,

Linda Watterson and Skye Westover.

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Scholarships available from Great Basin College

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Great Basin College Financial Aid office has announced a USA Funds Access to Education Scholarship open to high-school seniors, currently enrolled college students or incoming college students.

Students must be planning to enroll or be enrolled in full- or half-time undergraduate full-time graduate- or professional-degree coursework. College-bound students with a GED are also eligible.

The application deadline is Feb. 15. To qualify, an applicant must have an annual adjusted gross family income of \$35,000 or less, as documented on a 2006 federal 1040 income-tax return on which the applicant is claimed as a federal tax exemption. The scholarship award is open to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities at Great Basin College, contact the office of Student Financial Services at (775) 753-2399. In Battle Mountain, call (775) 635-2318.

In Winnemucca, call (775) 623-4824.

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GBC Foundation meets to discuss future plans

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Board of Trustees of the Great Basin College Foundation met in a workshop session on Jan. 25. The board met to formulate strategies for the coming year. Trustees from Elko, Ely and Winnemucca were in attendance.

Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice said the evening was productive.

"The trustees broke into two brainstorming groups to discuss

strategies for foundation operations and capital projects. The sessions resulted in a to-do list to advance the mission of the foundation and support the instruction of students in the coming year."

Great Basin College will celebrate its 40th anniversary beginning with the foundation's annual Dinner Dance in February. This summer also marks the 25th year of the Great Basin College Foundation.

In that time the foundation has raised nearly \$22 million in private funds to support the

education of students at the college.

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2-7-07

GBC to conduct Accuplacer Testing

By Alicia Abercrombie

Special to the Bugle

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — Great Basin College will be conducting Accuplacer Testing for those students that want to take college math and English classes at the college next year.

The College Board developed the ACCUPLACER Computerized Placement Tests with the help of committees of college faculty, to provide informa-

tion about a student's level of skill in reading, English and mathematics. GBC uses the scores and other information, such as the student's former grades in that subject to determine the English, mathematics and reading courses that a student should take.

Any students interested in taking these tests should register in the Battle Mountain High School office as soon as possible. Call BMHS at 635-5436 or GBC at 635-2318 for more information.

2-21-07

GBC seeking nominations for distinguished alumni award

ELKO — Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick has announced plans for a Great Basin College Distinguished Alumni award. The inauguration of the award comes as the college prepares to celebrate 40 years of providing higher education to rural Nevada.

The public is invited to nominate Great Basin College alumni for the recognition. In order to be eligible a nominee must have graduated from GBC at least five years ago.

Nominations should be based on an individual's exemplary

achievements, encompassing academic, professional and civic activities.

All nominations will be reviewed by the college's nominating committee. Three finalists will be forwarded for final selection. Nominations forms are available in the Office of the President in Berg Hall on the Elko campus, or by calling (775) 753-2265.

Nominations close on March 23.

The Distinguished Alumni will be recognized at the college's commencement in May.

2-21-07

GBC to offer driver's ed online course

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Great Basin College will now offer Driver's Education to high school and non-high school students in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, Nye and White Pine counties.

The course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half.

Students can enroll in the Driver's

Ed course by clicking on the "driver's ed" icon on the college's Web site at www.gbcnv.edu

The eight-week, two credit course is delivered online and is taught by experienced local school district instructors with the Driver's Education endorsement.

The next class starts March 5 and another section starts June 5, 2007. High school students enjoy a special \$35 tuition fee. If a student has not been enrolled at

GBC in the past, a once in a lifetime \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non high school students may also enroll but will pay the regular tuition fee.

In order to enroll, students must be 15 ½ by the end of the course. The class provides the student with sufficient knowledge to pass the Nevada state written driver examination. A passing grade on the written examination enables the student to obtain their driver's permit.

2-28-07

GBC Elko offering CNA courses

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Great Basin College Nursing Program will offer training sessions for students interested in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

The session will be offered twice in the coming months; the first course will be offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 30 — June 1. The second course will be offered in a "compressed" format Monday through Friday, June 4 — 22. Students must provide evidence of a negative TB skin test or negative chest X-ray and have a current CPR certification. CPR certification is available through the Elko chapter of the American Red

Cross.

The Nursing Assistant course provides students with the classroom, laboratory and clinical experience to make them eligible to take to the State Certified Nursing Assistant Examination. A CNA licensee qualifies for an entry level position in the health care industry. It also opens the door to further study and advancement in health care. For more information on the CNA Program at Great Basin College, contact Jo Dean at (775) 753-2216.

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4-1-07

Great Basin College graduation to be held on Saturday in Elko

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Great Basin College class of 2007 will commence their professional lives in a ceremony on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in the Elko Convention Center.

A total of 263 Baccalaureate and Associate degrees will be awarded this year. Among them will be GBC's first graduates from Nye County.

Dr. Paul Killpatrik, president of Great Basin College, will preside over the proceedings. United States Congressman Dean Heller has been chosen by the student body as the commencement speaker. Dale Porter will be honored as a Distinguished Nevadan by Dorothy Gallagher of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

Carrie Rowley, the outgoing president of the Student Government Association, will address the class. Rowley will receive her Associate of Science in Nursing. Regent Scholar Heather Steele of Spring Creek will be acknowledged as well. Steele is working towards her bachelor degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Agriculture. She was honored by the Board of Regents for her academic achievements and leadership.

The college will award 34 Bachelor of Arts, 22 Bachelor of Applied Science, five Bachelor of Science Nursing, 74 Associate of Arts, 15 Associate of Science, 19 Associate of General Studies, 81 Associate of Applied Science, two post baccalaureate certificates in education and 15 certificate awards. Five associate degrees will be awarded to students who will graduate from GBC's new campus in Nye County. The college began to deliver higher education programs to that region in July of last year.

An honorary Bachelor of Arts degree will be awarded to Mike Marfisi of Elko. Marfisi, an

attorney, was one of 10 visionary area businessmen who, in 1967, created what would become Great Basin College. Elko Community College, as it was first called, was Nevada's first community college. It later became Northern Nevada Community College. In 1995 the name was changed to Great Basin College to better reflect its mission in the college's service area, which now covers 62,000 square miles. Marfisi continues to practice law in Elko.

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5-16-07

The dead celebrated at Great Basin College

10-26-06

By CYNTHIA DELANEY
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — The Art and Spanish departments at Great Basin College are hosting a traditional Day of the Dead ceremony at 7 p.m., Nov. 1, in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building. The tradition known as El Dia de Los Muertos is a North and Central American practice.

The annual honoring of the deceased is a respectful custom combining the cultural influences of Catholic and indigenous beliefs. While this system of remembering the dead usually takes place in cemeteries and honors one's relatives, the GBC folks are memorial-

izing a different group. This time, the taxidermy animals used by the Art Department for many years as models for drawing and painting students, are going to receive their due.

In preparation for the event, students prepared sugar skulls and papeles picados for the upcoming procession. These are traditional art forms created especially for this holiday. The sugar skulls are formed by combining sugar, meringue powder and a sprinkling of water. They are then molded by packing the mix into special skull shaped molds and left to dry. Students decorate the

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skulls. Papel picado is an intricate paper cutting art, again used as a decoration for the event. Patterns vary but often include symbols of the afterlife.

Corina Dern, originally from Mexico, demonstrated the papel picado cutting and talked about the Day of the Dead traditions in her mother country.

"During the event," she said, "people decorate the graves with candies, flowers and containers with water and salt. Water is a symbol of life and salt wards away evil."

Ceramic students studying under art instructor Elaine Parks are creating special Tree of Life ceramic sculptures to use on the altar

during the procession. Foods typical of the Mexican Day of the Dead such as molé and chocolate will be made as traditional offerings for those honored.

Artist Sydne Teske, who is involved in organizing the event, appreciates the Hispanic cultural heritage. "Death is always a part of life. This ceremony makes us appreciate the time we have."

Everyone is invited to El Dia de Los Muertos at GBC. The gathering will take place in the Great Basin Gallery with a candlelight procession to follow around the grounds of the campus. Those interested can get further information from Elaine Parks at 756-5004.



ART



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

Artist Sydne Teske talks about the making of sugar skulls and shows a brochure from the company where she orders the molds.



GBC art student Tawni Colyer works on her Tree of Life ceramic sculpture for Day of the Dead.

Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

ART DEPARTMENT
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

FALL 2005

STUDENT ART SHOW

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
THROUGH
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

OPENING RECEPTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 5-7 P.M.
GREENHILL TECHNICAL
ARTS GALLERY



**Student art
displayed at GBC**

GBC hosts Fall Student Art Show

ELKO — Students taking art classes this semester have submitted their work for the semi-annual art show at the college. There is a large array of creativity in this fall's show including: ceramics, drawings, bead work, jewelry, painting and both digital and darkroom photography.

The art students at GBC work closely with their instructors who all have professional backgrounds in the arts. Some students take art courses to fill requirements in their degree areas and some are leaning toward careers in the arts. A few people take the classes for recreation and personal development. Whatever the reason, they are all taking a moment to shine at this event.

The GBC Fall Student Art Show

opened Nov. 29 and runs until Dec. 8. There will be a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 28.

The public is invited to take in the local talent, and come for a night of entertainment and fine art. The exhibit is located on the Great Basin College campus in the Greguhaw Technical Arts Building in the Great Basin Gallery. The Art Department is hosting the reception, which will include music by pianist and guitar player Barbara Reiersol and a henna tattoo demonstration by artist Michelle Smith. Many of the student artists and instructors will be there to discuss the work.

For further information please call the Great Basin College Art Department at 753-2228.

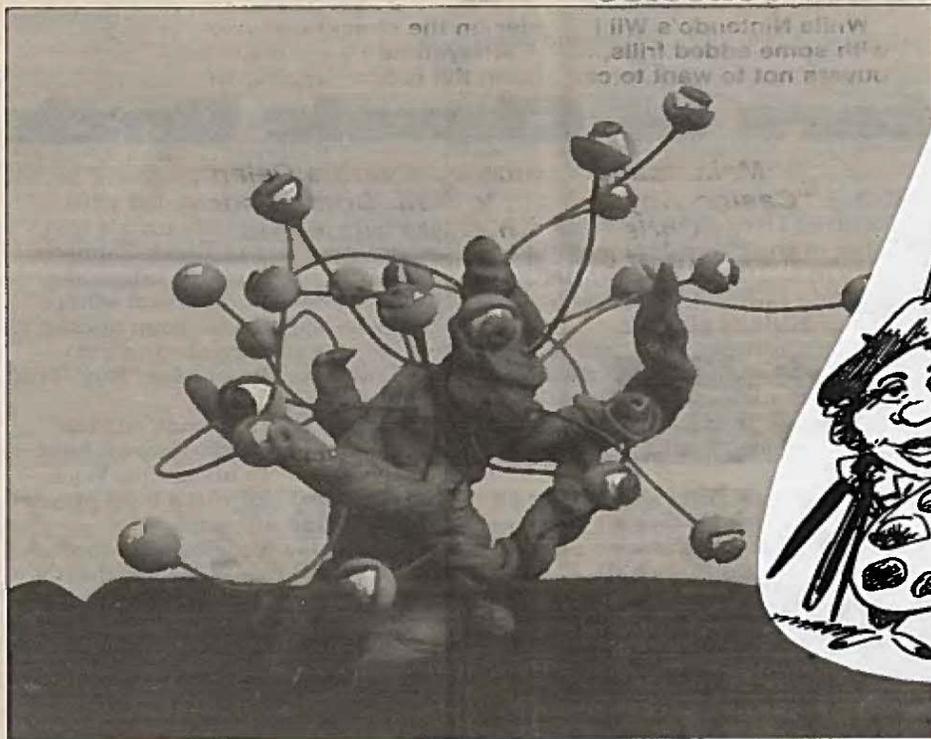
By Cynthia Delaney

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TOP RIGHT: Bill Adair completed his painting, *BoA*, in an intermediate painting class taught by art instructor Koni Fujiwara.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Work in digital photography and ceramics are located throughout the show. *Golden Sunset* is a photograph by digital artist Timina Shupe and *Strawberry Pot* was created in the ceramics lab by Terry Mattison.

BELOW: *The Watcher Tree* by Jessica Corbaley is an original example of the type of work done in the ceramic sculpture class with instructor Elaine Parks.





GREAT BASIN COLLEGE ART DEPARTMENT

El Dia de los Muertos ~ The Day of the Dead



Artwork by Torrey Weiss

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Great Basin Gallery
Greenhaw Technical Arts

Join us for the Procession of the Animals

Help us honor the taxidermy animals that serve as models
for the drawing classes here at GBC and learn
about the traditional celebration of this holiday.

and

Thursday, October 19, 2006

4:00-7:00 p.m., Arts Annex 101

Join us in making the traditional crafts
of sugar skulls and papel picado.

RSVP to Elaine Parks, 756.5004, by October 12.

PEACE PARK PLANS

1-11-07



Marianne Kobak/Elko Daily Free Press

Sarah Sweetwater shows her design for the Elko Peace Park labyrinth. Behind her is one of the possible designs for the park's peace wheel.

*Retired ABC
Art Instructor*

Peace Park advances one 'piece' at a time

By MARIANNE KOBAK
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — It's been two years since residents promoted a new type of park for Elko. That talk morphed into action and today the Elko Peace Park is rolling along with the help of city money and volunteers.

Once spring arrives park members hope to have funds and friends gathered to put in amenities.

"This is the second anniversary of our first meeting for the Peace Park," said Julie Caldwell, one of the members of Friends of Elko Peace Park.

The volunteers, with city help, have planted 48 trees with irrigation and plan to plant 300 more this year.

Tony Dietz of the Nevada Division of Forestry said the trees will have to be planted in phases. Some will go in the ground at the end of April for

Arbor Day, but because irrigation still needs to be installed more trees will be planted in the fall.

"We'll use native plants more," Dietz said. "We will also put in an herb garden to show people what they look like. We're trying to concentrate on the east side because it won't interfere with the infrastructure."

Volunteers not only have given their time, but also their money, as they have donated about \$7,000, Caldwell said.

"The accountant said it's amazing how many \$25 checks it takes to get to \$7,000," she said.

Other than small donations, some community residents have given \$1,000 donations and the city has contributed about \$96,000 towards the project.

Caldwell said many people in the community have helped.

Chet Stevens and Katherine Blossom are working on a medicine wheel for the park.

Stevens said he became

involved with the project because he was asked to bless the land.

"It's really good to see this type of thing to come together in unity," Stevens said.

Blossom said more people should get involved with the park.

"I think the more you have the better it will turn out," she said.

Harmony Stahl, who is helping with the peace wheel, said nearly her entire family is involved with different aspects of the park.

"It's always good for Elko to diversify," Stahl said "It's steam-rolling along."

Sarah Sweetwater said she designed the park's proposed labyrinth with nine "circuits."

"A labyrinth is not a maze; there are no dead ends," Sweetwater said. "It's the walk of life, the place you go to find your center."

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Sweetwater said labyrinths were used by the church and people walked them in silence. People were to ask a question when they entered the labyrinth and by the time they found the center, "hopefully" they would have an answer, she said.

Sweetwater said hospitals around the country are constructing labyrinths because they are good for stroke patients and for lowering blood pressure.

"The next thing we need to do is get grants to fund it so it can be as upscale as the rest of the park," Sweetwater said.

Another volunteer, Kent Aveson, said the logistics of the park have been challenging.

"Great things can be done by volunteers," Aveson said. "Don't forget to stay involved and do what you can wherever your talents lay."

Anyone who wants to help with the Peace Park may contact the group at www.elkopeacepark.org or call 753-8572.



Women artists get 'wild' at Duncan LittleCreek

Self Portrait
Chris Hansen
Fiber applique, paint
\$100.00

'Wild Women' upstairs and downstairs

1-25-07

ELKO — Wild Women Artists will celebrate their 12th year with a reception during the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. This year they have planned things a little differently and will be holding their show at Duncan LittleCreek Gallery in downtown Elko.

The Wild Women show will run through Feb. 3. The artists will be available to talk to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 2 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 3. The reception is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 2. The event corresponds with open mic night featuring the music of Billy Rose.

Offering a new strategy, the show is currently set up in the downstairs gallery spaces at the Commercial Street gallery. However, during

their reception, they will also host a boutique show and sale, and a "meet the artist" segment in the upstairs portion of the building.

The exhibit is a neat display of various art forms created by the group's regular members. The guest artist this year is Chris Hansen who creates fiber art in vivid colors. Hansen is a Spring Creek resident who creates a large spark of interest with her work.

Metal sculptor Susan Church will add a different type of art to her oeuvre this season. She has created a movie in which all of the member artists demonstrate their craft while working in their studios. The movie will be played Feb. 2 and 3.

To show their appreciation to the community and the Western Folklife

Center, the artists have all donated pieces for the annual silent auction to benefit the center. The artwork for this auction will be displayed at the Elko Convention Center during the Gathering.

For more information, call Duncan LittleCreek Gallery at 738-3426. You can visit the artists' Web site at www.wildwomenartists.com and the gallery at www.dlcgallery.com

By Cynthia Delaney
Free Press
Correspondent



RIGHT: A handmade book and sculptural wheel of hands serves as the centerpiece for this year's show.

Cynthia Delaney/Free Press
Correspondent



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

Barbara Glynn Prodaniuk has created many fanciful ceramic pieces for the show.

Delaney featured in Range

ELKO — Local photographic artist and instructor Cynthia Delaney's work will be highlighted in the spring edition of Range magazine, which comes out about mid-February. According to Delaney, the piece will be featured in the magazine's "Out on the Range" section.

All photos in the spread were taken at Elko area rodeos, which include the Silver State Stampede and the Capriola's Rodeo. Delaney said the photos are part of a much larger series she's working on.

"I love rodeo and grew up watching it in Winnemucca," Delaney said. "I get a real charge out of photographing the action, and digital photography makes it even more interesting with the ability to convert to black and white."

To access Range magazine online, visit www.rangemagazine.com.



Photo by Cynthia Delaney

Participants attempt to rope a horse in the wild horse event.

2-1-07

Bead Aunties now on display at GBC

ELKO — The Bead Aunties could be the name of a band that plays some bizarre new form of rock music, but in reality its the collective of three ladies fascinated with the art of beadwork, among other media.

The Bead Aunties — which consists of Ann Haglund, Carolyn Rand and Lois Ports — have work ranging from custom-made beaded necklaces to paintings and even quilts on display in the main entryway of the Greenhaw Technical Arts building at Great Basin College.

Haglund has always loved color and working with her hands. She began sewing, quilting, beading, and painting in the early 1970s. Times evolved and so did her interest in different arts. She was introduced to watercolor painting in the 1980s and love of this medium continues today.

A beadwork class was offered in 2002. Haglund dug into her collection and began beading in earnest under teacher Maggie Roschyk.

Beading has crept into much of her artwork. She uses beads of all kinds in quilt projects and wearable art. Haglund has taught beading and quilting classes. After teaching elementary school for 33 years she has finally retired, and now she has time to devote to new projects, challenges and finishing works in progress.

Carolyn Rand first began beading in high school. She has tried many other media, but beading remains her passion. She loves to use both antique buttons and cabochons in her work. She is often jokingly referred to as “the cabochon queen.”

Vintage beads, buttons and other great deals are frequently found by Rand on the Internet. She also took classes with Roschyk at the same time as Haglund. Later, Haglund invited her to join a group of her friends who met weekly to bead. Rand is currently teaching beading classes at The Gallery in Lamoille. Rand has worked for more than 30 years for Frontier Communications.

Lois Ports also began beading in



Jared DuBach/Elko Daily Free Press
Ann Haglund displays a quilt at GBC.

high school. It was also in high school that she explored many different forms of media. She began oil painting in the early '80s but soon discovered she preferred watercolor and pen and ink. Haglund revived her interest with beading when they started beading together each week. She was excited when her former high school classmate, Rand, joined

them. Ports' interest in nature photography led to her teaching classes on wildflowers and insects of the Ruby Mountains through Great Basin College. This has influenced her use of earth tones and natural stones in much of her beadwork. She has been an educator for more than 30 years and is currently teaching at Grammar No. 2.

All three women share a common love of Nevada. They enjoy the natural beauty of the area, especially the flowers, birds and butterflies. Rand and Ports were raised and educated in Elko. Haglund attended schools in Carson City.

During their weekly bead therapy sessions, the three ladies enjoy utilizing and adapting patterns from bead magazines, books and other bead artists. Kristen Franzen-Orr, through her classes offered at GBC, has brought them into the world of lampwork bead making. This is an exciting medium for all three. Lampwork beads have added new levels of complexity, originality and color to their work.

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ART DEPARTMENT

STUDENT SHOW

CERAMICS SALE



AWARDS CEREMONY

Opening Reception:
May 1, 5 — 7 p.m.
Refreshments will
be served.

Ceramics sale and
raffle hosted by
the GBC ceramics
classes.

RAFFLE

Celebrate Change!

4-12-07

Preece gives platinum demo to GBC photo class

By CYNTHIA DELANEY
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — Well-known Reno photographer and instructor Nolan Preece gave a platinum printing demonstration to Photo I students at Great Basin College last week.

Preece is an art instructor and curator at Truckee Meadows Community College and was recently awarded the Artist Fellowship from the Nevada Arts Council. Preece conducted the demonstration as part of his community service requirement for the fellowship. He is an avid practitioner of alternative process photography and teaches platinum printing at the Reno college. This process is a 19th century printing method which is still practiced by a few dedicated individuals. The GBC students work with traditional methods in a darkroom situation and this antiquated process inspired many cre-

ative ideas.

Platinum printing is a contact printing form of photography using a large negative and ultraviolet light.

"One reason I like platinum is because of the longevity," said Preece.

Platinum prints are estimated to have up to a 2,000 year archival rating. Preece, who has documented many historic Nevada locations with this process, has shown its importance in preserving the state's unique heritage.

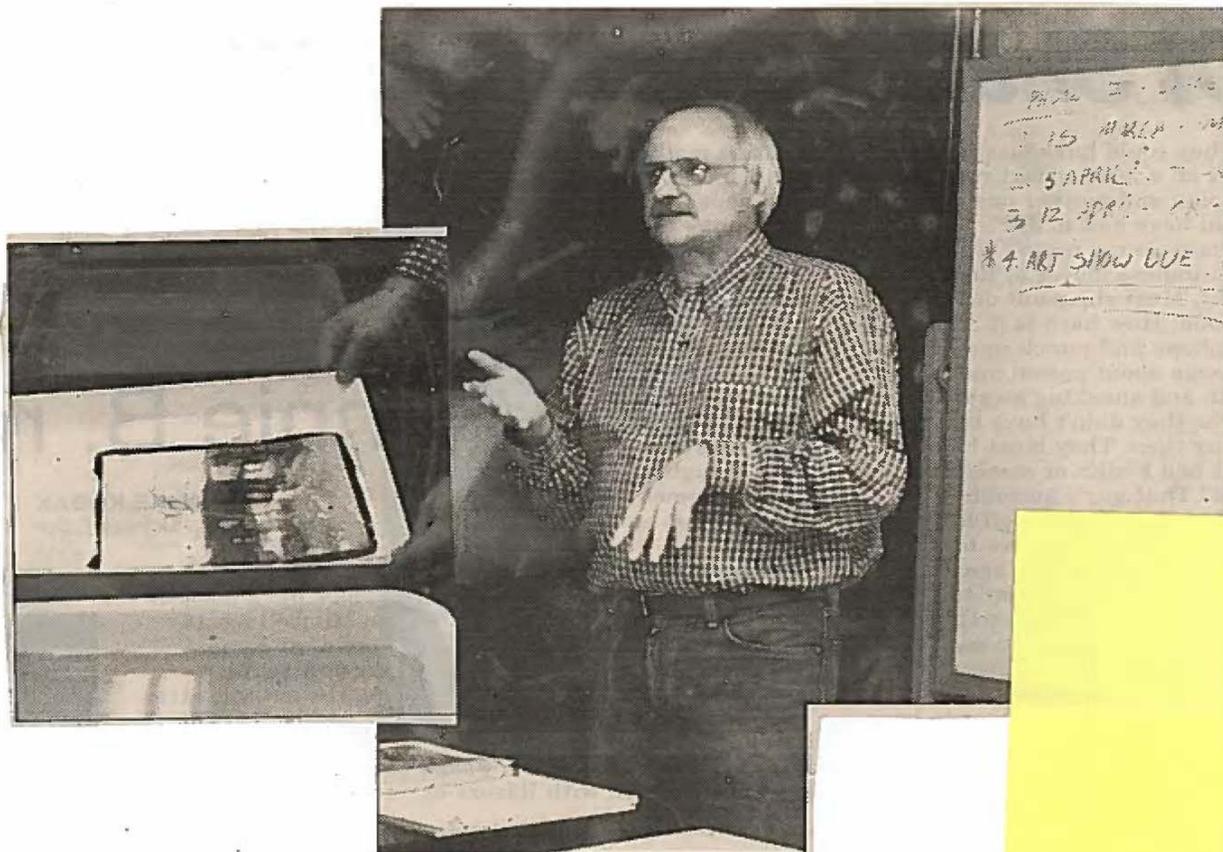
"One thing that came to my attention as I was driving to Elko," said Preece, "is how relevant this demonstration is for the locale. Elko is a gold mining region and we are using a precious metal in this type of photography."

This very method was probably used in the early days of Elko's history to record portraits and other images, said Preece.

Below: Preece and photo students view the print up close. Students, from left to right, Joanne Swallow, Jamie Peske, Chad Taylor, Nolan Preece.

Photos by Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent





Above: Professor Nolan Preece talks about the history and artistic aspects of platinum printing. **Right:** the platinum print must go through a series of washings for ultimate preservation.

GBC student art show on display

4-26-07

ELKO — The Great Basin College art department is hosting its spring show in the Great Basin Gallery on campus.

The show entitled "Celebrate Change" is the first ever judged show for students enrolled in art classes. Winning artists will receive awards donated by area businesses including Picture This, Enchanted Paper, Cherished Friends, Northeastern Nevada Museum and an anonymous donor.

The art department will have a reception for the students from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building. Refreshments will be served and the

public is welcome to stop in and greet the artists.

This is also an opportunity to find out about the various art classes offered at the college and appreciate the work firsthand.

There will be an ice cream social offered by ceramics instructor Laura Moore and her students with one-of-a-kind bowls made special for the event. They will also have a raffle with the proceeds going back to the ceramics program.

The show is installed and runs until May 11. For further information call the art department at 753-2228.

By Cynthia Delaney



ABOVE: Penney Ronk and Professor Xunming Du discuss the colorful pieces displayed in the school gallery.



LEFT: Summer Gazewood formed this enchanting figure in her ceramic sculpture class taught by Elaine Parks and Torrey Colyer.

Photos by Cynthia Delaney

Delaney photography on display at Picture This! 5-07

By CAROL PETRIE
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — An exhibit of artwork by local award-winning photographer Cynthia Delaney will be on display at Picture This! custom framing and art gallery at 418 Commercial St., from June 1 to June 30, with an artist reception scheduled for 6 - 9 p.m. June 1.

According to Delaney, the exhibit will feature approximately 28 images of the people, wildlife and landscapes of the northern Nevada deserts of Elko and White Pine counties she has shot over the last six to seven years.

Delaney, who has been photographing nature, wildlife and travel imagery for more than 20 years, says while she enjoys traveling and photographing distant locations, she is happiest photographing in Nevada.

"I was raised in rural northern Nevada and credit my love of nature and western lifestyle to the countless hours spent riding horseback across country and back roads with my parents and two brothers," she

said. "The lifestyle in rural northern Nevada is the best that I know of. While some things have changed since I was a kid, the basic feel is still the same. You can still hear the clink of spurs and the straight, honest talk of hardworking people. The land is wide and free and unexplored by most photographers, and I truly feel that this place I call home is my best subject."

Delaney received a degree in creative writing with minors in art and anthropology from the University of Alabama while working as a forensic photographer for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. She later earned a degree in photography through the New England School of Photography, and is currently pur-



Carol Petrie/Free Press Correspondent

Picture This! owner Vicky Andrus, left, and Cynthia Delaney show off just a few of Delaney's award-winning photographs.

suing a master's degree in documentary photography at Lesley University.

Her work has been featured in a variety of publications including Bugle, Country Magazine, Montana Magazine, Montana Outdoors, Nature Photographer, Nevada

Magazine, Nevada Rancher, Rancher's Journal and many other editorial and advertising sources. She is represented by The Image Finders and Geoimagery agencies.

Aside from her position as a photography instructor at Great Basin College, where she teaches a variety of traditional and digital courses, Delaney is also a correspondent for the Elko Daily Free Press, and conducts both national and overseas photography travel workshops.

Delaney, her brother Bruce, and their spouses are scheduled to participate in a photographic safari next month in Botswana, Africa.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the images we return with," said Delaney. "It will be interesting to view both the different creative views and the different views of the photographs from the trip."

An exhibit of their African photographs is scheduled to be on display at the Northeastern Nevada Museum from Aug. 28-Nov. 6.

For more information on the exhibit contact Vicky Andrus at 7955 or click on Delaney's Web at www.cynthiadelaney.com.



CAROL PETRIE • Special to the Independent

Local award-winning photographer Cynthia Delaney stands among just a few of her photographs that will be featured during an exhibit at Picture This! during the month of June. An artist's reception will be held at the gallery on Friday, June 1, from 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Exhibit to feature work of local photographer

By Carol Petrie
Special to the independent

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The exhibit will feature approximately 28 images of the wildlife, people and landscapes of the northern Nevada deserts of both Elko and White Pine counties that Delaney has photographed over the past six to seven years.

According to Delaney, she has been photographing nature, wildlife and travel imagery for more than 20 years throughout the United States and around the world.

"While I enjoy traveling and photographing distant locations, I am the happiest when photographing in Nevada," she said.

"I was raised in rural northwestern Nevada, and I feel that this is home and truly my best subject."

Delaney, who is also a photography instructor at Great Basin College, says she plans to begin her summer break by traveling to Botswana, Africa, with her brother Bruce and their spouses.

"We are all excited to be participating in a photographic safari," she said adding, "Bruce and I plan to share these images with the community in a dual exhibit at the Northeastern Nevada Museum in late August. It will be interesting to see both the different creative and gender views of the photographs from this trip."

For more information on the Picture This! exhibit, contact Vicky Andrus at 777-7955, or to view more artwork by Delaney click on her Web site at www.cynthiadelaney.com

6-07



GBC's Classified Council presents the

Chili & Soup Cookoff

Thursday, October 26th, 2006



Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Judging of the Entries: from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

\$5.00 Entry Fee (Includes Meal Ticket)

\$4.00 Meal Ticket

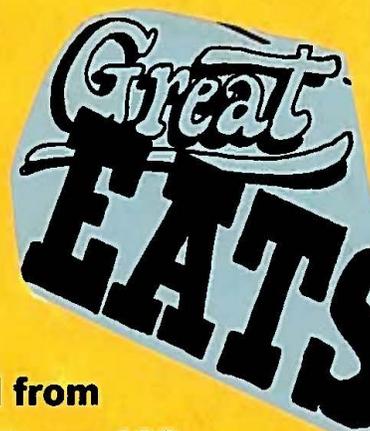
\$3.00 Students (with GBC Student I.D.)

Beverages May Be Purchased From Café X

**Desserts May Be Purchased From the GBC Child
and Family Center**

**Each meal ticket is an automatic entry in the drawing for the
DOOR PRIZE!**

CLASSIFIED STAFF



**Entry Forms may be obtained from
Marsha Holford in Lundberg Hall, Room 109.**

*This year the proceeds will benefit the
Tony Salvatierra Scholarship Fund*

**HELP THE CLASSIFIED STAFF
MAKE CHILDREN'S SMILES
"LIGHT UP" THIS CHRISTMAS**



**CHOOSE A TAG FROM THE
CHRISTMAS TREE IN BERG HALL
AND MAKE A CHILD
"SMILE" THIS CHRISTMAS.
ALL CHILDREN'S NAMES
WERE PROVIDED BY CADV**

**RETURN THE GIFT WITH THE TAG
ATTACHED AND PLACE UNDER
THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN BERG
BY THURSDAY, DEC. 14TH
THANK YOU FOR YOU GENEROSITY!!!**

Here's a quicky invitation:\

Leaving the Bunch



Lisa Robinson

is moving on...

Come wish her well
and celebrate her many years
of service to
Great Basin College

Thursday, March 15, 2007

4-5 p.m.

Health Sciences, Room 110

Come graze on some
Potluck Light Refreshments

Classified Meeting

Please join us
for a Cold Potluck

No crockpots

Dessert will be provided

HTC #121

June 29, 2007

11:00 A.M.

Final Meeting of the
Fiscal Year

Present officers going out

New officers installed

Let's show this year's officers our
appreciation!

Hope to see you there!!!

See food sign up page

EATS

**Yum!
Yum!**



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Mary Sweetick & Frank Daniels

Learn about nursing at GBC Jan. 4

The Great Basin College Nursing department will hold an informational session regarding the school's Certified Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs at a session on Jan. 4.

The event will begin 7 p.m. and will be held in the Gallagher Health Science Building, room 109 on the GBC Elko campus.

The three programs prepare students for different levels of health care provision. The Certified Nursing course provides students with the classroom, laboratory and

clinical experience to make them eligible to take to the State Certified Nursing Assistant Examination. A CNA licensee qualifies for an entry level position in the health care industry. It also opens the door to further study and advancement in health care.

The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing integrates courses in nursing with general education requirements in a variety of areas. Laboratory and clinical experience are offered on campus, at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, long-term health care centers and other commu-

nity health facilities.

GBC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree provides a high-quality and innovative educational opportunity for Registered Nurses. Graduates will be prepared for enhanced practice and leadership in a variety of rural health care settings. Students may be admitted to the program after having completed an approved Associate of Applied Science degree program in nursing. Many practicing nurses have chosen to return for the BSN degree. The program has been designed to enable working professionals to complete the

degree in a timely manner. For more information on the Nursing programs at Great Basin College call 775.753.2301.

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Great Basin College sets 'College Goal Sunday'

Students squirming over that application for financial aid can find relief on Jan. 28 at College Goal Sunday.

The Great Basin College campuses at Elko, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca will engage in a seminar to help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to

working with. "It's a great opportunity for students and parents to meet financial aid officers and begin financial planning. It's a good example of the kind of service a Great Basin College can provide to the community," she said.

College Goal Sunday is based on a program established by the Lumina

623-4824.

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Volunteers from the college's Student Services and Academic Affairs offices will be available to walk students and their parents through the forms.

help advise them on ways they can afford college. Current college students and high school seniors are encouraged to attend. The event begins at 2 p.m. in the High Tech Center on the Elko campus, the Ely Center on Bobcat Drive, the Pahrump Valley Center on Calvada Boulevard, and the Winnemucca Center on Klunzy Canyon Road.

"The FAFSA is a tough form to fill out," said Scott Nielsen, GBC's Student Financial Services Director, "we hope to lower the anxiety level."

The FAFSA is a mandatory step in securing financial aid, Nielsen said. The federal government uses the application to determine students' and their parents' expected contribution and how much money they are eligible to receive toward their education. Financial aid can come in the form of need-based grants and federally backed student loans.

Volunteers from the college's Student Services and Academic Affairs offices will be available to walk students and their parents through the forms. Lynn Mahlberg, GBC's Vice President for Student Services said the seminar will also connect students with the financial aid officers they'll be

Foundation for Education, a private foundation based in Indianapolis. It has been successfully implemented in Indiana, Arizona and now Nevada to help improve access to higher education. The state of Nevada applied for and received a \$170,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation to host College Goal Sundays for the next three years, always either right before or after the Super Bowl. GBC's Mahlberg and Jeanne Rosenthal, GBC's Grants Coordinator, led the effort in Nevada.

Mahlberg said students should apply for a personal identification number to fill out the FAFSA application online in advance by visiting www.pin.ed.gov, but students can also fill out a paper application at the sites.

If under 23, students should bring their parents along with a copy of their 2005 income tax information for both student and parents. Students 24 and older only need their own tax information.

For more information, visit the college website at www.gbcnv.edu, and click on the College Goal Sunday link. In Elko, call 753-2399, in Ely, 289-3589, Pahrump, 727-2000, and in Winnemucca,

GBC offers online drivers education for teens

Talk about going the extra mile, Great Basin College now offers Driver's Education to high school and non-high school students in Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Nye and White Pine counties.

The six-week, two credit course is delivered online. No, it's not a video game, it's the book instruction you're going to need in order to get behind the wheel, silly... what'd you think...

we're going to let you lose in the desert and grind up your daddy's transmission? The course is taught by experienced local school district instructors with the Driver's Education endorsements. If you're a high school student you'll enjoy a special \$35 tuition fee. (And if you've not been enrolled at GBC in the past, you'll also pay a once in a life-time \$10 admission fee which will also apply, but

what a bargain!) Non high school students may also enroll, but you'll have to pony up the regular tuition fee. But it's still a terrific deal!

Who can enroll? Anyone who will be 15 _ by the end of the course. How's that for a pre-requisite? The class will provide you with sufficient knowledge to pass the Nevada state written driver examination. A passing grade on the written examination enables you to

obtain your driver's permit. And then, **WATCH OUT WORLD!**

One of the chief benefits of completing a Driver's Education course are the discounts provided by many auto insurance companies. Your parents are going to love that. Plus, you get to learn with US, and we're cool.

For more information on Driver's Education at GBC call the Great Basin College campus in your community.

1-5-07

GBC registering for spring term

The holidays are in the rear view mirror and most classes are set to begin at Great Basin College on Jan. 22.

Registration for spring, 2007 is underway, and according to Julie Byrnes, GBC's Director of Enrollment Management, the process is simple.

"Students can register a couple of different ways," Byrnes said. "The simplest way is to log on to our website at www.gbcnv.edu and follow the easy steps to register online. Or just stop by at branch campuses and satellite centers in Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump or Winnemucca."

Academic advisors at each campus site can assist with registration. Advisors can assist students who are beginning or continuing education, and launching a career.

Byrnes said that the advisors

provide a valuable service to students. "They will help you establish a program of study, choose your first classes and find money for your education. They're very thoughtful and will put you on the right track," she said.

Byrnes said that once a student is enrolled, advisors can help students look further into the jobs and career opportunities their studies may present. The financial challenges of going to school don't stop after you've started, either, and advisors can help you work with the financial aid office to find ways to finance your education."

Whether a student decides to study full-time or part-time, the college offers several options for study. "In addition to our traditional schedule, we have a schedule of late starting classes you can enroll in now.

We also offer dozens of online courses. Studying online gives a student an incredible amount of flexibility. Evening and weekend classes are also available, as well as "compressed courses" that allow students to complete requirements in just a few weeks," Byrnes said.

For more information on enrolling in courses at Great Basin College call 775/753-2102. In Battle Mountain, 775/635-2318. In Ely, 775/289-3589. In Pahrump and Nye County, 775/727-2000. In Winnemucca, 775/623-4824.

1-12-07

2-2-07

Classes at GBC

If you wanted to sign up for courses at Great Basin College, but missed the start of the Spring semester, it's not too late. GBC will be offering several courses starting after the traditional semester, beginning in February. These courses

may be offered for credit or for personal enrichment. Courses to be offered include: Secondary Clinical/Field Experience III, Strategies for Effective Substitute Teaching, Let's Google: Tips, Tricks, and Amazing Tools in Google, Beginning Guitar, Computer Keyboarding I, Executive Office Procedures, Electronic Devices in Instrumentation, Self Defense for Women, Book Discussion Group, Health and Nutrition for Young Children, Inventory and Planning Operation and Maintenance, Introduction to Windows. Interested students are encouraged to check the Spring Schedule or call the GBC Admissions office at (775) 753-1202.

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GBC Ely Dean's List

Fall Semester 2006

Julie Heggie (4.0)
Kristy Sedlacek (4.0)
Christina Sawyer (3.9)
Clinton Henriod (3.85)
Stephanie Spear (3.85)
Shellie Watts (3.85)
Jodean Pay (3.67)
Patricia Petersen (3.67)
Jennifer Wallace (3.67)
Mark Andreas (3.56)
Kevin Netcher (3.85)

New scholarships available for students at Great Basin College

The Great Basin College Financial Aid office announced a USA Funds Access to Education Scholarship open to high-school seniors, currently enrolled college students or incoming college students. Students must be planning to enroll or be enrolled in full- or half-time undergraduate full-time graduate- or professional-degree coursework. College bound students with a GED are also eligible.

The application deadline is February 15, 2007. To qualify an applicant must have an annual adjusted gross family

income of \$35,000 or less, as documented on a 2006 federal 1040 income-tax return on which the applicant is claimed as a federal tax exemption.

The scholarship award is open to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities at Great Basin College, contact the Office of Student Financial Services at the Ely campus at 289-3789.

Or call the Elko office at (775) 753-2399.

In Battle Mountain call (775) 635-2318.

For Pahrump, the number is (775) 727-2000.

Or in Winnemucca, contact (775) 623-4824.

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2-2-07

Great Basin College Trustees



The Board of Trustees of Great Basin College Foundation met in a workshop session Thursday night, January 25. The Board met to formulate strategies for the coming year. Trustees from Elko, Ely and Winnemucca were in attendance.

Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice said the evening was productive. "The trustees broke into two brainstorming groups to discuss strategies for Foundation operations and capital projects. The sessions resulted in a to-do list to advance the mission of the

Foundation and support the instruction of students in the coming year."

Great Basin College will celebrate its fortieth anniversary beginning with the Foundation's annual Dinner Dance in February. This summer also marks the 25th year of Great Basin College Foundation. In that time the Foundation has raised nearly \$22 million in private funds to support the education of students at the college.

Pictured are, from left John Pryor, Rick Howe, Chris Johnson, Mike Popp, Jim Winer, Jim Kelley, Dave Roden, Greg

Brorby, Mark Laffoon, Dr. Robert Colon, Antoinette Cavanaugh, Lori Lynch, Holly Wilson, José Negrete and Kim Miller.

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2-2-07

College seeking top alumni

Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick announced plans for a Great Basin College Distinguished Alumni award. The inauguration of the award comes as the College prepares to celebrate 40 years of providing higher education to rural Nevada.

The public is invited to nominate Great Basin College alumni for the recognition. In order to be eligible a nominee must have graduated from GBC at least five years ago. Nominations should be based on an individual's exemplary achievements, encompassing academic, professional and civic activities.

All nominations will be reviewed by the college's nominating committee. Three finalists will be forwarded for final selection. Nominations forms are available in the Office of the President in Berg Hall on the Elko campus, or by calling 775.753.2265. Nominations close on March 23.

2-23-07

Local students can get online driver's education from GBC

Great Basin College will now offer Driver's Education to high school and non-high school students in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, Nye and White Pine counties.

According to Pat Warren, the college's Director of Continuing Education, the course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half. "DMV requires 100 hours on a log of hours driven with an adult. With a Driver's Ed course the time is reduced to just 50 hours," she said.

Students can enroll in the Driver's Ed course by clicking on the "driver's ed" icon on the college's website at www.gbcnv.edu.

The eight-week, two credit course is delivered online and is taught by experienced local school district instructors with the Driver's Education endorsement. The next class starts March 5 and another section starts June 5, 2007. High school students enjoy a special \$35 tuition fee. If a student has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a once in a life-time \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non high school stu-

dents may also enroll but will pay the regular tuition fee.

In order to enroll, students must be 15 _ by the end of the course. The class provides the student with sufficient knowledge to pass the Nevada state written driver examination. A passing grade on the written examination enables the student to obtain their driver's permit.

Once of the chief benefits of completing a Driver's Education course are the discounts provided by many auto insurance companies.

For more information on

Driver's Education at GBC call 775.753.2231.

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Poly-sci classes offered at GBC

The Great Basin College Social Sciences Department is offering an online late spring course. Political Science (PSC) 103, Principles of American Constitutional Government, examines a fascinating array of political and constitutional history.

GBC Political Science Instructor Dr. Danny Gonzales encourages students who have ever wondered why the elephant is the symbol of the Republican Party and the Donkey is the symbol of the Democratic Party to enroll. "Do you know how much money is going to be spent in the 2008 presidential election? Is burning the American flag a form of free expression protected by the U.S. Constitution? These are just a few areas to be covered along with the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions in the online class starting this week," he said.

PSC 100: The Nevada Constitution takes a similar look at Nevada political issues. Gonzales said the course examines the major events leading to the Great Basin

region's development. The one-credit online class satisfies the Nevada Constitution requirement for Nevada's teachers with a provisional license. The course begins March 17 and runs through May 16.

To register visit the college

website at www.gbcnv.edu, or call the Ely GBC campus at 289-3589.

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GBC schedules 2007 graduation for Saturday

Members of the Great Basin College Class of 2007 will commence their professional lives in a ceremony on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in the Elko Convention Center. To be awarded are 263 baccalaureate and associate degrees. Among them will be GBC's first graduates from Nye County.

Dr. Paul Killpatrick, President of Great Basin College, will preside over the proceedings. United States Congressman Dean Heller has been chosen by the student body as the commencement speaker. Dale Porter will be honored as a Distinguished Graduate by Dorothy Gallagher of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Carrie Rowley, the outgoing president of the Student Government Association, will address the class. Rowley will receive her Associate of Science in Nursing. Regent Heather Steele of Spring Creek will be acknowledged as well. Steele is working towards her bachelor degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Agriculture. She was honored by the Board of Regents for her academic achievements and leadership. The college will award 34 bachelors of arts, 22 bachelors of

applied science, five bachelors of science nursing, 74 associate of arts, 15 associate of science, 19 associate of general studies, 81 associate of applied science, two post baccalaureate certificates in education, and 15 certificate awards. Five graduate degrees will be awarded to students who will be from GBC's new campus in Nye County. The college began to deliver higher education programs to that region in July of last year. An honorary bachelor of arts degree will be awarded to Mike Marfisi of Elko. Marfisi, an attorney, was one of 10 visionary area businessmen who, in 1967, created what

would become Great Basin College. Elko Community College, as it was first called, was Nevada's first community college. It later became Northern Nevada Community College. In 1995 the name was changed to Great Basin College to better reflect its mission in the college's service area, which now covers 62,000 square miles. Marfisi continues to practice law in Elko. Great Basin College is a member institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. For 35 years GBC has provided opportunities in higher education for central and northeast Nevadans. GBC awards Certificates of Achievement, Associate and Baccalaureate degrees using a variety of instructional methods.

5-16-07

GBC Nursing Program offers CNA training

4-13-07

The Great Basin College Nursing Program will offer training sessions for students interested in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). The session will be offered twice in the coming months; the first course will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, April 30 - June 1.

The second course will be offered in a "compressed" format Monday through Friday June 4 - June 22. Students must provide evidence of a negative TB skin test or negative chest x-ray, and have a current CPR certification. CPR certification is available through the Elko chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Nursing Assistant course provides students with the classroom, laboratory and clinical experience to make them eligible to take to the State Certified Nursing Assistant Examination.

A CNA licensee qualifies for an entry level position in the health care industry. It also opens the door to further study and advancement in health care.

For more information on the CNA Program at Great Basin College, contact Jo Dean at 775.753.2216.

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Late spring classes at GBC include math, algebra, biology and learning to drive a truck

Great Basin College has a late spring schedule of classes at the Ely Campus that include a Class B Commercial Driver's License class beginning May 7; the pre-program class begins this Monday, April 30. Students requesting financial assistance for the CDL classes are encouraged to contact Nevada Job Connect. Proficiency in certified firearms class taught by Bill Book will be offered May 4 with the renewal course on May 11.

Other courses being offered throughout the months of May through July are Basic Math 091, Intermediate Algebra 096, Organismal Biology 191, Nevada School Law (EDU 210), Advanced English Reading Strategies for secondary teachers (ENG 418) taught by Dr. Kevin Laxalt, basic driver's ed for high school students, and two field schools in

biology.

A CNA class for nursing assistant will be taught by Kathy Poole June 11-29 from 9 am - 5 pm. Students must show proof of current TB test to register. Students may request financial assistance for job training through Nevada Job Connect.

The summer schedule begins in July and includes Internet classes such as music, nutrition, philosophy, and American government.

For more information, contact Great Basin College at 289-3589 or visit the campus at 2115 Bobcat Drive. The administrative office is open 7 am - 10 pm Monday through Thursday and 7 am - 5 pm Friday. The college website includes any updates for summer courses as well for next fall at www.gbcnv.edu.

4-20-07

Traveling history part of spring at GBC

A traveling lecture on Nevada history will be offered for three credits by the Ely Campus of Great Basin College beginning Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. The group will then travel together June 14, 15, and 16 visiting prehistoric sites and historic sites relevant to the state of Nevada. Instructor Sean Pitts will coordinate HIST 295 which will visit over twenty sites within the three-day period, including Austin, Berlin, Hidden Cave, Virginia City and Stewart Indian School. To register for this class, use call #26456.

A nursing assistant class is also slated to be

held June 11-29. The six credit NURS 130 will be taught 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and students must show proof of current TB test to register.

Dr. Kevin Laxalt is teaching Advanced Reading Strategies June 11-22 from 8 a.m. – noon. This course is designed to enhance any content area taught by practicing middle school and high school teachers. It is being taught by interactive video from the Ely Campus and will include a diverse group of teachers from the GBC service area to allow for collaboration with colleagues from other settings. Participants will utilize informal assessment strategies

in order to identify their students' literacy proficiency while combining reading theory with hands-on and practical teaching activities designed to be woven into their own classrooms. ENG 418A is a three credit class and will also count for Professional Development credits.

For more information, on any of the courses, call 289-3589. An updated list of late spring, summer, and fall courses is listed on the college website www.gbcnv.edu. The fall schedule may be picked up at the Ely Campus at 211 Bobcat Drive.

5-23-07

Great Basin welcomes new staff

9-15-06

Eleven join faculty in Elko, Ely

ELKO — Great Basin College is welcoming at least 11 new faculty and staff to their campuses throughout rural Nevada this fall.

Elko Campus

Mary Doucette leads the new Radiology Technology Program. She has more than 20 years experience, including six years as the department director at Northern Nevada Regional Hospital.

Jodi Gerrits is the new Student Information Systems computer technician. She received her associate of science degree in networking from GBC and in May will receive her bachelor's degree in management and technology.

Robert Hannu is the school's new Interactive Video coordinator/technician. He previously worked at the Wisconsin Overlay Network for Distance Education Resources. According to a news release, Hannu



Adriana Mendez

moved to the West this July and hopes to "assist the college in moving forward with all aspects of its distance learning program."

Maraha Holford is the administrative assistant for the social sciences department and bachelor of Social Work degree programs. After a stretch with an environmental consulting firm in California, Holford will assist the social sciences, BAIPS and BSW faculty in achieving department and degree program goals.

Laura Johnson is the college's new GIS/CADD instructor and hopes to "make GBC students and rural Nevada GIS-literate" according to a



Kandy Scheel

news release.

Adriana Mendez is GBC's new recruiter. She will develop more awareness about GBC throughout the state and pass onto students the opportunities of continued education. A graduate of Westminster College with a psychology degree, Mendez recently worked as a substitute teacher for the Elko County School District.

Amber Overholser is



Vivian Settle

the new Foundation Services Coordinator. She graduated from GBC's BAIPS program and said in a news release she is "excited to have the opportunity to work with the college that enabled me to reach my educational goals."

Lijuan Zhai is the new Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness. She received her doctorate from Ohio State University and recently



Lijuan Zhai

came from San Diego Community College district where she was the research and planning analyst for six years.

Ely Campus

Kandy Scheel is a new administrative assistant on the Ely campus and joins GBC after having worked in White Pine County for 10 years. She received an associates degree from GBC.

Vivian Settle is another new administrative assis-



Amber Overholser

tant on the Ely campus. She earned her AAS in business administration from GBC.

Carol Martin is another new administrative assistant on the Ely campus. She previously served as a data analyst at Kaiser Permanente in California, where she processed statistical information for all of San Diego County and more than 170 call center service representatives.

FACULTY & STAFF

9-15-06



Mary Doucette



Jodi Gerrits



Robert Hannu



Mareha Holford



Laura Johnson



Carol Martin

GBC Welcomes New Staff



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WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD

Soroptimist International of Elko officers recently presented a \$1,000 check to Linda Gravier, third from left, who was selected to receive the group's Women's Opportunity Award. Gravier's winning application will be forwarded to the Sierra Nevada Region to be considered for additional awards. A second, \$300 award was given to Jo Lynn Wallace (not pictured). To be eligible for the awards, the women had to be their families' primary financial support and either attending or accepted to attend an undergraduate degree program or vocational/skills training program. From left: Soroptimist International of Elko Co-chair Barbara Maple, committee member Mardell Wilkins, Gravier and Co-chair Theresa Portwood.

2-10-07

Registered Nurses of Northeastern Nevada donate \$14,000 to charities

Profits from annual Nurses' Bazaar turned towards community good

By Carol Petrie
Special to the Independent

ELKO — The Registered Nurses of Northeastern Nevada (RNONN) recently donated proceeds from the 2006 Nurses Bazaar to two local organizations.

According to RNONN representative Lisa Dinwiddie, Horizon Hospice received \$6,000 to help fund the group's uninsured program, which provides pain medication assistance for individuals at the end of life who have exhausted all other financial resources.

BrightPath Adult Enrichment Center was the group's second recipient and received \$8,000 in funding. BrightPath Secretary and Treasurer Cory Martin said the funds will be used to assist their clients who are unable to afford to pay for adult health day care.



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Back row, from left, RNONN representative Amy Chaffin and Horizon Hospice program director Billie Jean Crawford. Front row, from left, RNONN Representatives Marilee Kuhl and Lisa Dinwiddie and Horizon Hospice board chairman and BrightPath secretary and treasurer Cory Martin.

GBC hires new VP to replace Diekhans

ELKO (AP) — One of the top officials in the state controller's office has been named vice president for administrative services at Great Basin College in Elko.

C. William Reinhard Jr. will join the college May 1 and will succeed Carl Diekhans as vice president June 30, college President Paul Killpatrick said Thursday.

Diekhans has served in the position since 1989 and will return to the faculty as a math professor.

Reinhard, who is chief deputy in the state controller's office, was chosen following a national search.

He has a master's and a doctorate in political science and public administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.

4-6-07

Reinhard selected as GBC VP for Administrative Services

Special to the Independent

ELKO — Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick has announced that C. William Reinhard, Jr. has been selected to replace Carl Diekhans as the vice president for Administrative Services at Great Basin College. Diekhans has served in the post since 1989 and will return to the faculty as a math professor.

Reinhard, of Reno, was tapped for the position after the college engaged in a national search. He currently serves as the chief deputy in the Nevada State Controller's office.

"I'm flattered," he said. "This is a wonderful window of opportunity. The opportunity of providing service to Great Basin College is very exciting to me. Many of my closest friends live in Elko. I'm thrilled. It's a wonderful community, and to be a part of it at the college level is about as good as it gets."

Killpatrick said that with a master's in business administration and a doctorate in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno, Reinhard is particularly qualified for the position.

"His education and experience have been uniquely tailored to meet the needs of GBC," he said.

The focus of Reinhard's doctoral studies was on creating, strengthening and improving organizations with vital leadership, coupled with dynamic economic initiatives.

"When leaders like Dr. Killpatrick reach out to the community the community responds, and the response often results in initiatives that help the college to grow," he said.

In addition to working full-time he has also been a full-time student, which he says has given him a unique perspective on what an academic facility needs to do to meet the needs of students, faculty and the entire community.



C. William Reinhard, Jr.

Killpatrick also noted Reinhard's most recent work experience as being of considerable value to the college.

"Carl Diekhans has done wonderful things for GBC, and one of the reasons we have been successful is because Carl knows his way around the (Nevada) State Legislature," Killpatrick said. "Dr. Reinhard's experience as chief deputy controller for the state of Nevada will be considerably valuable to us in terms of our work with the legislature. He knows the process, he is able to make complex budgets understandable to others and he has shown that he is a collaborative player. All of those are assets to the future of Great Basin College."

Reinhard will begin work on May 1.

"Carl Diekhans will be a tough act to follow, I know that," Reinhard said. "I come out there ready to work because I know I'll need to be vigorous to be successful. To follow Carl is kind of like taking over as manager of the L.A. Dodgers

following Tommy Lasorda."

Diekhans will remain at his post until June 30, when he will return to the faculty where he began his work with Great Basin College in 1980. He took over as the vice president for Administrative Services during former GBC President Dr. Ron Remington's administration. During that time the college experienced substantial growth, from just a few hundred students to the current headcount of just under 3,500 part-time and full-time students. The college service area also expanded to include Nye County. It now covers 62,000 square miles, borders California, Oregon, Idaho and Utah, includes two time zones and has campuses in Battle Mountain, Biko, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca and satellite centers in communities throughout rural Nevada.

The physical growth of the college has also been remarkable. During Diekhans' tenure thousands of square feet of classroom space has been added. The construction of the College Community Center, the theatre, fitness center, health science building and high tech center were overseen by Diekhans.

In addition, McMullen Hall, including the college library, and Berg Hall, the administrative building, were expanded. The \$5 million Reynolds Campus enhancement project with the solarium, the amphitheatre, clock tower and landscaping were completed under his direction.

Great Basin College is a member institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. For 40 years GBC has provided opportunities in higher education for rural Nevadans. GBC awards certificates of achievement, associate and select baccalaureate degrees using a variety of instructional methods.

4-10-07

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!

Come pay tribute
and wish them well...outstanding retirees

BETTY ELLIOTT & MIKE MYRHOW

at a reception hosted by GBC Staff

Friday, May 11, 2:30 p.m.

(directly following Faculty Senate)

Solarium

Refreshments? Of course!

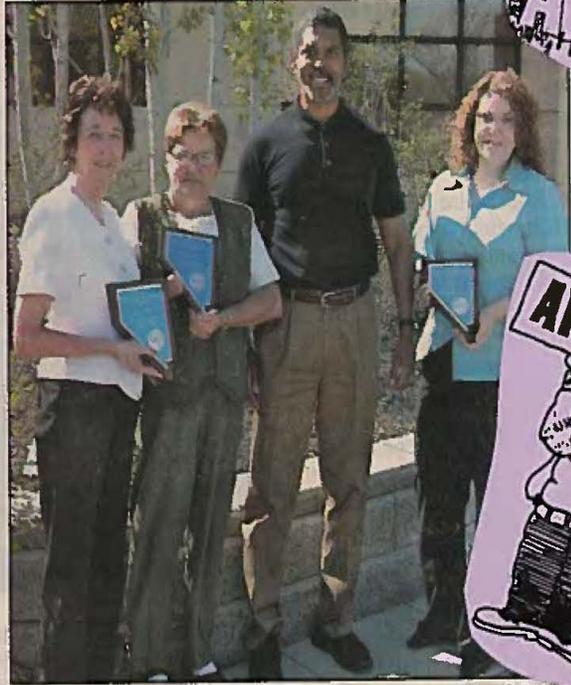
Great Basin staff, faculty honored at conference

ELKO — Three members of the Great Basin College faculty and staff were honored with Excellence Awards at the seventh annual Nevada Community College Conference.

Dr. Betty Elliott, Betty Richardson and Jeannie Rosenthal were honored at a ceremony at Truckee Meadows Community College. The conference focused on defining the future of community college education. Award recipients were honored by their peers for their contributions to high academic standards in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Dr. Elliott teaches biology, nutrition and early childhood education. She began her career in higher education more than 34 years ago as an adjunct instructor at Western Nevada College. She joined the staff at Great Basin College in 1996 as vice president for Academic Affairs and was instrumental in the development of four year degree programs at GBC. Her peers describe her as an excellent student-centered educator, providing a learning environment where traditional and non-traditional students can achieve goals in life.

Betty Richardson is the manager of GBC's controller's office. She has been with the college since 1978. She now oversees the institution's massive financial data warehouse. While the focus of her



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Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick and college staff, from left, Dr. Betty Elliott, Betty Richardson and Jeannie Rosenthal show off awards won recently by the staff.

work at GBC is in accounting, she is also an adjunct member of the faculty. She teaches fitness courses and classes in American Sign Language. Her skills are of great value to the deaf community, assisting those in need of medical and legal help throughout Elko County.

Jeannie Rosenthal is the grant writer and manager for Great Basin College. Her excellent work has resulted in millions of dollars in supplemental funding for GBC's academic, career and technical programs. She is also responsible for much of the success of the college's

Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment, or ICE committee. Through grants she has written to Nevada Humanities, Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, ICE has been able to bring National Poet Laureate Billy Collins and best-selling authors Simon Winchester and Sherman Alexie. In addition, ICE sponsored the Utah Reparatory Dance Company and a nationally acclaimed touring Shakespeare Company. Rosenthal's work provides opportunities for students throughout the college's 62,000 square mile service area.

5-11-07





Huntin' for a good party?

Come celebrate the many years of service and friendship of **Carl Diekhans, Vice President at Great Basin College**

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2007
5:00 p.m.

Roast (Skewers Not Included)
GBC Theatre, 1500 College Parkway
Elko, Nevada

6:00 p.m.
Hunting Camp Cuisine
featuring Carne Asada
prepared by the loyal B&G Crew
accompanied by all the fixin's.
Hunting Camp casual attire.
No host bar available.
College Community Center

RSVP with your check made payable
to Board of Regents with the card below
by June 15

He's what? Retiring?!

GBC president receives Human and Civil Rights Award

6-15-07

ELKO — The Nevada State Education Association recently honored Great Basin College President Dr. Paul Killpatrick with the Human and Civil Rights Award for his work in promoting entrepreneurial opportunities for underserved communities in rural Nevada.

The Association's Minority Affairs Committee recognized Killpatrick's effort to organize a Native American Advisory Board when he arrived at Great Basin College.

The advisory board's work resulted in two significant and sustained projects. The first involved Native American youth who spend a week each summer on the Great Basin College Elko campus. The students live in the college dormitories and work during the day with professionals in business and web development.

The second project is the Great Basin Native Market held each year during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. The market created opportunities for Native American artisans from the Great Basin, and is now a self-sustaining mainstay of the Poetry Gathering.

Great Basin College president Paul Killpatrick was honored with the Human and Civil Rights Award. Pictured are Killpatrick and NSEA representative Leah Brady.

Courtesy photo



FITNESS CENTER

Great Basin College hosts blood drive today

ELKO — Great Basin College will host the United Blood Services blood drive until 3 p.m. today in the Fitness Center on the college's Elko campus.

To schedule an appointment, contact the fitness center at 753-2113. 9-29-06

HOLIDAY FITNESS SAMPLER



PEX 199, 1 Credit (P,W)
 Special Topics: *The New You—
 Holiday Fitness Sampler*

Make that New Year's resolution a reality!
 Monday through Friday
 January 2 through January 19, 2007
 12:00-1:05 p.m.

This class will feature various instructors teaching at the Fitness Center on the GBC campus in Elko. Here's an opportunity for students...faculty...anyone interested in sticking with their New Year's resolution for a healthy lifestyle and to get fit...to check out the following classes and instructors. Then you can decide if you'd like to sign up for the entire spring semester.

Basketball Fundamentals *Norm Cavanaugh*
 Exciting and fun basketball conditioning drills for participants, plus an aerobic work out with running and endurance building.

Strength Training *Betty Richardson*
 Opportunity for safe and effective conditioning of the body through muscular fitness training and aerobic work out.

Step Aerobics and Conditioning *Terri Covert*
 Intended to enhance physical activity to improve overall health and quality of lifestyle. An aerobic work out involving cardiovascular endurance, body composition, flexibility, and improved body contour.

Kickboxing *Michelle Smith*
 Cardiovascular, all-round aerobic work out involving strength training and conditioning of the entire body. A guaranteed fat burner!

Pilates *Terri Covert*
 Flexibility emphasis with a variety of exercises involving relaxation techniques and coordination for physical body contouring.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Biggest Loser Contest

Weigh in January 2nd



Life

*Do you feel like this?
Join the biggest loser contest!*



Final day February 23th

Body mass measurement or scale, consensus of participants

Weigh-in every Monday!!

Four categories:

- 1) Female*
- 2) Male*
- 3) 55 years and over*
- 4) Two person team*

Prizes will be awarded for each category

Entry fee: \$5.00

Deadline is January 2, 2007

Sign up at GBC Fitness Center or call 753-2113



Fitness Zone donates to Great Basin College Foundation

6-23-07

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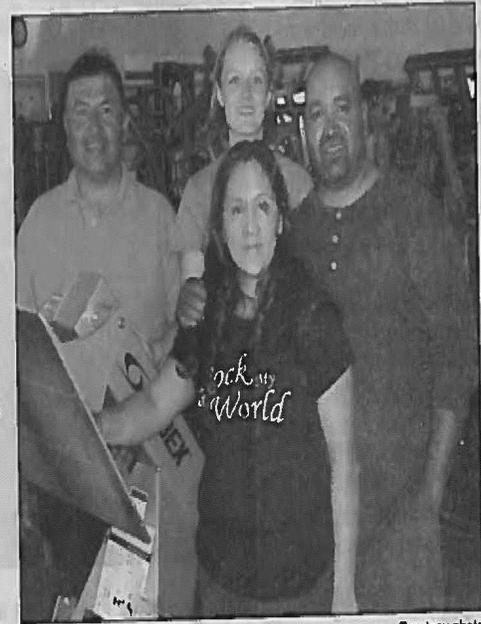
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center, with a gymnasium and a variety of fitness courses to offer the community. The new equipment adds to our ability to serve our students," said GBC Fitness Center director Norm Cavanaugh.

GBC Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice was also pleased with the donation.

"Mr. Gaytan's generosity is another example of the partnerships that can be formed between the private sector and public institutions," Rice said. "His cooperative spirit goes beyond donating equipment. He's promoting 'wellness,' and that's good for the entire community."



Courtesy photo

Front, Gabriela Gaytan, Fitness Zone co-owner; back, from left, GBC fitness director Norm Cavanaugh, Fitness Zone personal trainer Renee Crouch and Ramiro Gaytan.



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Brent Chamberlain, human resource manager for Queenstake Resources, right, presents a \$25,000 check to John Patrick Rice, executive director of the Great Basin College Foundation.

Mine donates to college

ELKO — Queenstake Resources made good on its \$25,000 pledge to the fledgling Great Basin College's Electrical and Industrial Technology building on Friday when Brent Chamberlain of Queenstake tendered a check to John Patrick Rice, the college's executive director of the Great Basin College Foundation.

Queenstake Resources is one of several partners to pledge significant cash to the Foundation's Campaign for Rural Nevada: Transforming Higher Education. The major contributors are Barrick North America and Newmont Mining Corp., which pledged \$100,000 each, and Sierra Pacific Power has

agreed to build a \$300,000 photovoltaic system as an in-kind contribution.

The Nevada Legislature provided \$14.6 million and the Foundation is two-thirds of the way to honoring its \$500,000 commitment, said Rice. Construction is scheduled to begin "soon," said Rice, with classes set to begin late in 2007.

The building will house the college's electrical, instrumentation and industrial plant mechanics programs, which are all needed in the mining industry.

Rice said the Foundation continues to seek businesses and individuals interested in the project. He may be contacted at 763-2246.

FOUNDATION

Wells man gives \$50,000 to GBC

9-22-06

ELKO — Longtime Wells resident Robert L. Mecum recently gifted Great Basin College Foundation with more than \$50,000 to fund scholarships for future college students from Wells.

The Robert L. Mecum Endowed Scholarship will provide Wells High School students an opportunity to advance their education by pursuing either an associate or bachelor's degree at GBC. Mecum's gift will benefit Wells High School graduates who are full time students at GBC and demonstrate good character, financial need and scholastic ability.

"Mr. Mecum thoughtfully made sure that our students would not have to sacrifice their education due to financial hardship," said Patty Jones, planned and acting manager for Great Basin College Foundation. "His gift is more than just the gift of education. It is a gift of a brighter future for hundreds of families who benefit from his generosity."



Robert Mecum



PLAZA SWEET

Saturday, August 26, 2006
7-10 p.m.



Dance to the music of
FLYIN' BLIND
In the shadow of the clock tower
Central Plaza, GBC Elko Main Campus
No Host Bar



FREE

Questions? Call 775.753.2246.

Jones to join school board

ELKO — Elko resident Patty Jones won the Elko County School District Board of Trustees District One seat with nearly 58 percent of the votes.

Jones, the manager of planned and annual giving for Great Basin College Foundation, defeated Elko resident Mason Simons, a deputy public defender for Elko County.

Jones thanked voters, her children, mentors and friends for their support. She said her immediate goals for the office are to "uphold the mission and objectives of the school district." She added that she is open to hearing all sides of every issue and encourages involvement.

"I hope to do my best in helping all our students learn at high levels," Jones said. "I'd really love to see all our schools make high



Patty Jones

achieving or exemplary status."

Jones said her campaign strategy emphasized lots of "grassroots campaigning."

"I got out and pounded the pavement and talked to a lot of folks," Jones

said. "Plus all those years of attending school board meetings and being aware of the issues and challenges."

Jones' opponent, Simons, congratulated her for her victory and said he thinks she will do a good job for the district.

"It was a hard fought race ... No matter what the outcome was, the school district will be well served," Simons said. "I think Patty Jones will do an excellent job on the school board and I congratulate her."

Simons added that he appreciates all the support he received in his campaign from everyone involved.

Jones replaces school board trustee John Smales, who chose not to run for an additional term.

By John Sents

Foundation Planned/Annual
Giving Manager



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The board of trustees for the GBC Foundation recently met to plan goals for the coming year. Pictured from the left are John Pryor, Rick Howe, Chris Johnson, Mike Popp, Jim Winer, Jim Kelley, Dave Roden, Greg Brorby, Mark Laffoon, Dr. Robert Colon, Antoinette Cavanaugh, Lori Lynch, Holly Wilson, José Negrete and Kim Miller.

College prepares for 40th anniversary

ELKO — Great Basin College Foundation's board of trustees has formulated strategies for the coming year. Trustees from Elko, Ely and Winnemucca attended a Thursday workshop to discuss their plans.

Great Basin College Foundation

Executive Director John Patrick Rice said the sessions resulted in a to-do list to advance the mission of the foundation and support the instruction of students in the coming year.

Great Basin College will celebrate its 40th anniversary, begin-

ning with the foundation's annual dinner and dance in February.

This summer will mark the 25th year of the Great Basin College Foundation. In that time the foundation has raised nearly \$22 million in private funds to support the education of students.

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GREAT BASIN COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

Ruby Reflections

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT GBC

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2007
Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 24
Elko Convention Center
\$60.00 Per Person

No-Host Cocktails and
Silent Auction 6 p.m.
Fine Dining 7 p.m.

Followed by dancing with
The Joe Muscolino Orchestra



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Teacher leaves \$260,000 to college

ELKO — Great Basin College will receive a bequest of about \$260,000 from longtime Elko resident Thelma Trescartes, who died in December at 101 years old.

The donation comes from a trust she established some years ago. Other beneficiaries include The Unity School of Christianity, Northeastern Nevada Museum and Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

Local attorney Robert Vaughan and trustee Fred Williams declined to state how much will be provided to beneficiaries other than GBC. Some years ago, Trescartes arranged for Vaughan and Williams to sell her assets and put the money into the trust.

The trust will be divided after March 15. The final amounts to be provided to beneficiaries are still being determined based upon the state of financial markets when it is divided. The amount provided to GBC should be about \$260,000, Vaughan said.

"She was a wonderful, generous person," Vaughan said.

Trescartes taught at Elko schools, including as a first-grade teacher at the old Elko Grammar School No. 1, for 30 years. She retired in 1964.

"She was just a good lady," Williams said. "She didn't run around and rabble-rouse or anything. She liked to stay at home and read."

GBC President Paul Killpatrick said the donation, which was announced Saturday at the GBC Foundation's annual dinner and dance event, was a big surprise.

"It was very nice to top it off for our 40th anniversary," Killpatrick said.

By John Sents



Submitted

Chris Walther of Western Nevada Supply, third from left, presents a \$10,000 check to Great Basin College Foundation board of trustees President Kim Miller. At left is foundation director John Patrick Rice and at right is GBC's Bret Murphy.

CHANCELLOR'S CHALLENGE

Western Nevada Supply donates \$10,000 to GBC

ELKO — Western Nevada Supply Company donated \$10,000 to Great Basin College Foundation to help fund the Electrical and Industrial Technology building on the college's Elko campus. The donation will be matched dollar for dollar by Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Jim Rogers.

"Western Nevada Supply is a longtime supporter of higher education in Nevada, and Great Basin College in particular," said GBC Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice. "Their gift is especially generous, and matched with the Chancellor's Challenge, brings us much closer to our \$500,000 goal."

The private funding portion of the EIT building was spearheaded by Barrick Gold of North America Inc., and Newmont Mining Corp. in an unprecedented partnership to support Great Basin College Foundation, committing a total of \$200,000 to the project. Barrick and Newmont have been active in inviting vendors whose businesses support the mining industry to join in the effort.

In addition to its most recent gift to the foundation, Western Nevada Supply donated \$25,000 for materials to construct "Building B" in the College's Mark W. Dawson Child Care Center. The center provides preschool opportunities for young students, as well as laboratory learning space for GBC's Early Childhood Education Program.

The company also has supported other foundation fund-raising efforts at Great Basin College and in other communities across northern Nevada.

Chancellor Rogers agreed to match major gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Great Basin College Foundation. He will match up to \$100,000 in donations.

In the few weeks the Challenge has been under way it has been met by several businesses and individuals, totaling nearly \$30,000. The challenge funds can be directed at any one of the foundation's several funding options.

For more information on supporting Great Basin College Foundation, call 753-2246.

3-21-07

Criminal justice program gains support of local law enforcement

ELKO — The Elko Police Officers Protective Association recently established a scholarship with Great Basin College Foundation for students wishing to study criminal justice at Great Basin College.

Elko police Sgt. Mark Butterfield told GBC Foundation staff the department is interested in developing dedicated, well-trained law enforcement professionals, according to a statement from GBC.

The \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded yearly to an incoming freshman at GBC who is a graduate of an Elko County school. The student must be enrolled full-time and studying criminal justice. The successful candidate will have a 3.0 GPA, submit a resume detailing extracurricular and community involvement and two letters of reference. They also must pass a background check.

Students interested in the scholarship should contact the Office of Student Financial Services



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Elko police officer Mike Palhegyi presents a new scholarship from the Elko Police Officers Protective Association to Patty Jones, Great Basin College Foundation director of planned and annual giving, and John Patrick Rice, executive director of the foundation.

at (775) 753-2399. GBC currently offers an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, with emphases in Law Enforcement or

Corrections. Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship for GBC students should contact the foundation office at (775) 753-2246.

5-11-07

\$2.3 million for GBC

5-31-07

Donation will build center for student life

ELKO — Great Basin College Foundation trustees have accepted a bequest of more than \$2.3 million to fund the Paul A. and Gwen F. Leonard Center for Student Life on the Elko campus at GBC.

The Rev. Jackie L. Leonard of Reno presented a check to the board Wednesday, fulfilling the wish of her parents — Paul and Gwen Leonard — to advance the mission of Great Basin College. Paul Leonard once worked as a reporter for the Elko Daily Free Press.

The student center project is part of an expansion of the college's existing community center in Elko, intended to improve student leadership and student life facilities.

The new center will include an expanded dining plaza, state-of-the-art office and meeting facilities for student government and student organizations, a game room, stage for small performances and community meeting areas.

"It will be a hub for student leadership and community involvement in higher education," said GBC Foundation Board Chair Kim Miller in a statement.

There is a need for expansion of the existing center, said Patty Jones, the college foundation's director of planned and annual giving.

Approximately 20 clubs need space for student activities at the college. GBC's student housing is currently at capacity and the school is expecting continued growth into the future.

Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice said in a statement the student center will be a fitting tribute to the Leonards.



John Sents/Elko Daily Free Press

The Rev. Jackie Leonard of Reno reads off a check for \$2.3 million, which she presented Wednesday to the Great Basin College Foundation on behalf of her parents, while her associates, Marilyn Galli, left, and Felicia O'Carroll, listen.



Courtesy illustration

This conceptual illustration shows a possible exterior for the future Gwen and Paul Leonard Center for Student Life.

Jackie Leonard said it was very important for her to deliver the check in person. She said her parents "started their lives together" in Elko and it "has always had a very special place in our hearts."

She said her parents didn't have ties to the college, which was not in existence when they lived here, but had ties to the community.

See COLLEGE DONATION, A3

College donation ...

Continued from front page

Furthermore, they "were great believers in education."

Great Basin College President Paul Killpatrick said he is "overwhelmed" by the generous contribution.

"It is very appreciated," he said.

The student life center is one of three projects the college is working toward as part of its Campaign for Rural Nevada. The other projects are an endowment for new career programs and the new Electrical and Industrial Technology Center, on which construction recently began.

The Leonards recently bequeathed \$3.17 million to the University of Nevada, Reno's journalism school to fund the Paul A. Leonard Chair in

Ethics and Writing in Journalism and the Paul A. and Gwen F. Leonard Memorial Scholarship.

Paul Leonard started his career as a reporter at the Elko Daily Free Press. After military service during World War II, he became editor of the Ely Daily Times. He joined the Reno Evening Gazette and later became editor of the Nevada State Journal, where he remained until his retirement in 1972. The Gazette and Journal merged in 1977 as the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Gwen Leonard graduated from the University of Nevada in 1937 and was a patron of the arts and a member of numerous community organizations.

By John Sents

Atlas Copco meets GBC Chancellor's Challenge

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Fitness Zone donates to Great Basin College Foundation

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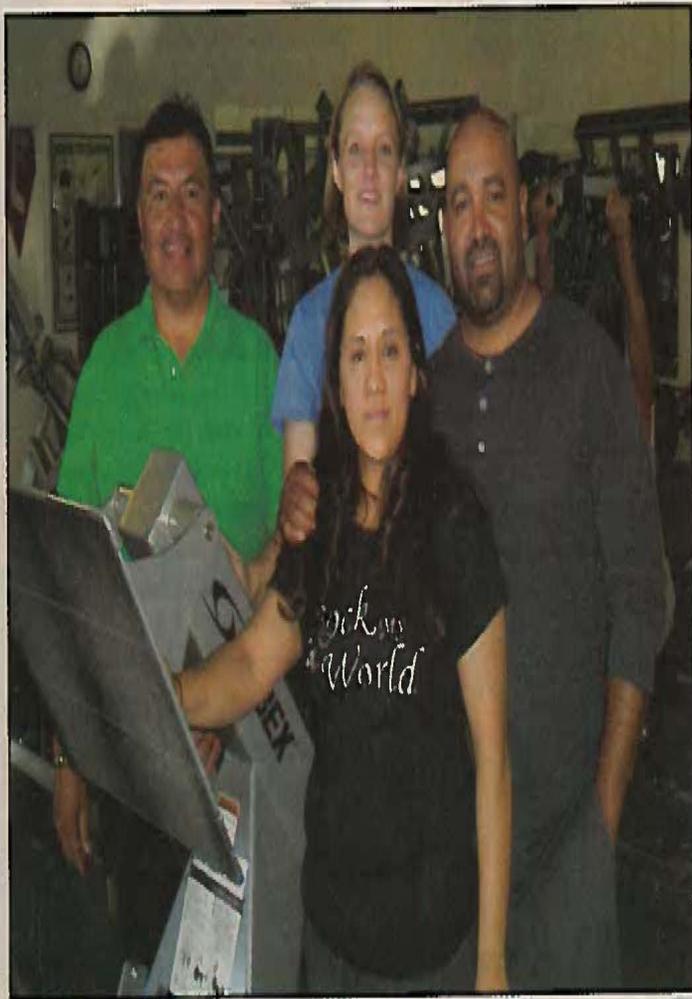
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Ramiro Gaytan, Fitness Zone owner, said he wanted to share with the community. "We purchased new equipment, but the old equipment was still useful. I wanted it to be used in the community," he said. Gaytan also donated equipment to Elko High School and the Elko Police Department.

GBC Fitness Center Director Norm Cavanaugh said the equipment is a fine complement to the college's facility. "We have a nice fitness center, with a gymnasium and a variety of fitness courses to offer the community. The new equipment adds to our ability to serve our students," he said.

Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice was pleased with the donation. "Mr. Gaytan's generosity is another example of the partnerships that can be formed between the private sector and public institutions," Rice said. "His cooperative spirit goes beyond donating equipment. He's promoting "wellness," and that's good for the entire community."

Great Basin College is a member institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

Front row, Gabriela Gaytan, Fitness Zone co-owner. Back row (left to right), Norm Cavanaugh, Fitness Zone Manager and Personal Trainer René Crouch and Ramiro Gaytan.

College meets \$100,000 goal

ELKO — Two \$1,000 donations Wednesday pushed Great Basin College to the \$100,000 goal of its Chancellor's Challenge fundraiser.

The fundraising effort began in February after Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Jim Rogers agreed to match donations provided to the college — up to \$100,000 total. The pledge means GBC's \$100,000 in private donations will equate to \$200,000 in new contributions to the college.

"We saw it as a terrific opportunity for fundraising in general," said GBC Foundation Executive Director John Rice. "It is encouraging to people when they know their gifts will be leveraged with a match like the chancellor's."

Following the chancellor's announcement, donations started pouring in toward worthy causes such as GBC's new Electrical and Industrial Tech-

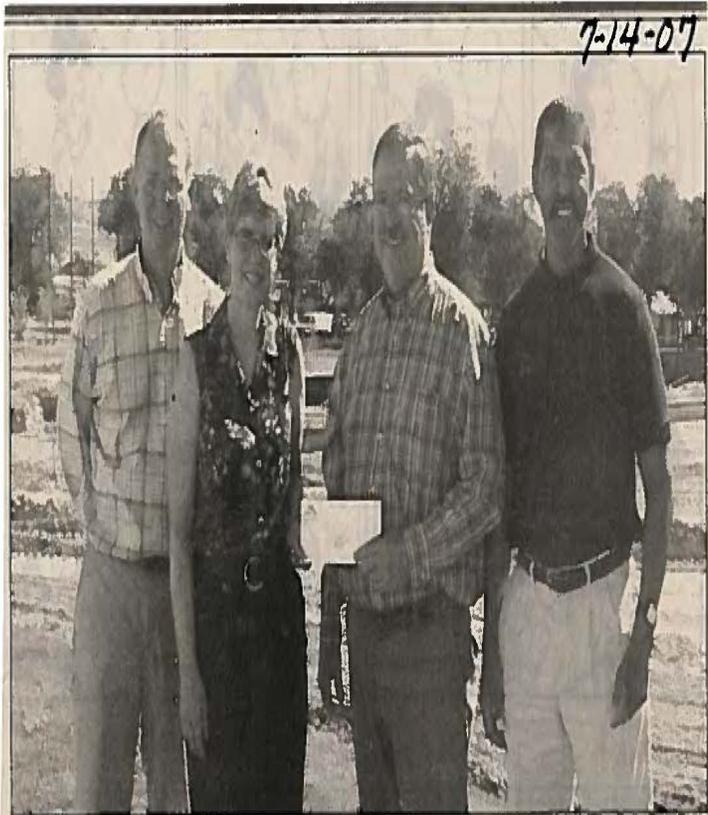
"What I am most pleased about is that we have broadened the community's commitment toward major giving for the foundation," Rice said. "The gifts are terrific and they enhance the value of the education our students receive. The dividends of that are amazing for the future."

Rice said the two final \$1,000 donations came from a trustee of the foundation and a GBC administrator.

Despite meeting the chancellor's limit, the college is still \$44,800 shy of reaching its \$500,000 goal for the EIT building. The Legislature provided \$14.6 million toward the building, and the college needs to raise \$500,000 on its own.

To make a donation, contact the school's foundation at 753-2246.

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Sierra Pacific donates to college foundation

Greg Brorby of Sierra Pacific presents the first installment of \$50,000 to the Great Basin College Foundation Thursday. From left are executive director of the Great Basin College Foundation John Patrick Rice, foundation chairwoman Kim Miller, Brorby, director of regional hub operations in Elko and eastern Nevada for Sierra Pacific Power and GBC President Paul Killpatrick. The donation is to help fund the college's new Electrical and Industrial Technology Center. In addition, \$10,000 of the \$50,000 donation will be matched by The Chancellor's Challenge program conducted by the college. Great Basin College plans to name the Electrical Technology Laboratory in the new Electrical and Industrial Technology Center as The Sierra Pacific Power Company Electrical Technology Laboratory. In addition to this \$50,000 commitment, in 2007 Sierra Pacific Power also provided \$5,000 in student scholarships to Great Basin College. Sierra Pacific Power and its sister company in southern Nevada, Nevada Power Company, distribute contribu-



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Free Press pledges \$5,000 to GBC Foundation

Great Basin College Foundation Director John Patrick Rice, left, accepts a \$5,000 pledge from Free Press advertising representative Aynne Robles Friday afternoon. The funds helped put the foundation meet it's \$100,000 goal in response to Chancellor Jim Rogers' "chancellor's challenge." Also, the Foundation is just \$45,000 short of its goal to raise \$500,000 in private donations to help fund the college's now under construction Electrical and Industrial Technology building. Rice and Robles are joined by Free Press Publisher Rhonda Zuraff and Patty Jones, a GBC staff member and school district trustee, far right.

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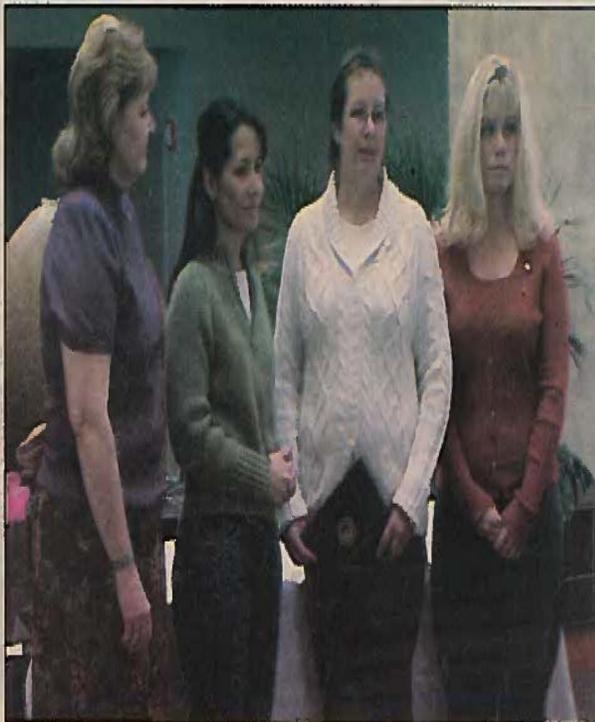
GBC graduates first Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students

Special to the Independent

ELKO — Nearly two years ago, a group of motivated registered nurses met for the first time as part of their orientation to Great Basin College's budding Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Four of those students, who began the degree program in January, 2005, were awarded a Bachelors of Science in Nursing during a graduation ceremony held at Great Basin College on Saturday, Jan. 6. Peggy Drussel, Paula Green, Diana Stundze and Starla Ricks were the first to complete requirements for the one of GBC's innovative baccalaureate degree programs. Dorothy Gallagher, Regent for the Nevada System of Higher Education, spoke during the ceremony and oversaw the conferral of the degrees.

"Two years ago I described the first group of BSN students as pioneers" said BSN Program Director Dr. Margaret Puccinelli. "A pioneer after all is a person or group that originates or helps open up a new line of thought or activity. Clearly, these four individuals have helped open up and prepare a new path for others to follow. History has been made today as these individuals will be receiving the very first bachelor's degree in nursing offered by a community college in the Nevada System of Higher Education."

Diana Stundze, who spoke on behalf of



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Graduates pictured from left to right, Peggy Drussel, Paula Green, Diana Stundze and Starla Ricks.

GBC's first BSN graduates stated, "When we applied to this program we were asked to identify both our personal and professional goals. Our responses centered on improving our abilities as nurses to care for our patients. As registered

nurses from diverse backgrounds with different experiences, we were seeking the next step in understanding the care that we provide. By exploring and learning what motivated our actions as nurses, we have gained insight into ourselves, our co-workers and most importantly those we care for."

"GBC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program is a wonderful addition to our long-standing, highly successful Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing Program," according to Dr. Puccinelli. "Many of our associate degree nursing students have taken or are in the process of taking BSN required general education courses and several are already planning on beginning their upper division nursing coursework as soon as they graduate from the associate degree program and successfully pass the national licensing examination for registered nurses. We currently have 13 registered nurses in the process of completing BSN Program course requirements and they are doing this while they work full-time. We plan on graduating another individual this spring and possibly four this time next year. Most of our nursing courses and many of the non-nursing courses are offered via the web so this makes our program very achievable.

Registered nurses can even begin working on their bachelor's degree by taking two courses this upcoming spring semester in advance of program admission this fall."

GBC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program was recently surveyed by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc. and was recommended by the survey team for the maximum five year accreditation status. Information regarding the BSN Program as well as applications for admission can be obtained by contacting Margaret Puccinelli, PhD, RN at 753-2135.

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The Health Sciences & Human Services Department cordially invites you to attend a pinning ceremony in honor of program graduates of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Friday, May Eighteenth
Two Thousand and Seven
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

GBC Theatre 1500 College Parkway

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the College Community Center Solarium



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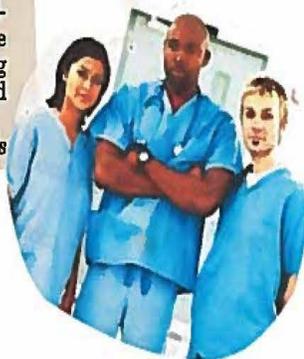
GBC holds nurses' pinning ceremony

ELKO — Sixteen graduates participated in the nursing pinning Friday at Great Basin College. Nurse Organization and graduation speaker Mari Hunter.

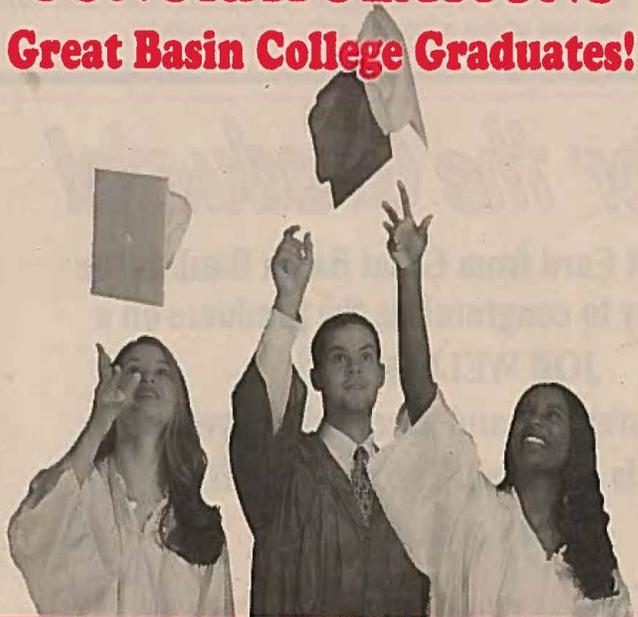
The nurses pinning is an annual event at the college that leads up to graduation, which will be held Saturday morning. Students in the ceremony have completed all requirements for an associate of applied science degree in nursing. They are eligible to apply to a state board of nursing for consideration to take the National Council Licensing Examination for registered nurses.

The college's director of nursing, Dr. Margaret Puccinelli, introduced the ceremony, which included speeches from Matthew Motten of the Student

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