

# GBC Scrapbook

## 2009-2010

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# ALL AROUND CAMPUS

## Enrollment at college up 40 percent

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO— The number of full-time equivalent students enrolled for the fall semester at Great Basin College is up 40 percent from last semester.

"We've seen a large increase in enrollment," said Julie Byrnes, director of enrollment management. "We're told this is a statewide trend."

Byrnes said the increase could be due somewhat to the economy, since more students are staying at home.

Policy changes at four-year universities, such as new GPA requirements, could also explain the enrollment increases at community colleges, she said.

Byrnes said not all the students enrolled will show up for classes and the enrollment numbers are estimates.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is based on the number of students completing an average of 15 credits per semester.

There were 1,749 full-time equivalent students enrolled at the college during the spring semester.

Byrnes said registration for fall semester classes began in April and will continue through the start of classes.

"We don't close off registration," she said. Most classes begin at the end of August.

Byrnes said if students are interested in enrolling, they should meet with an adviser sooner rather than later.

"Don't lose heart if classes are full and there's a wait list," she said. "We open up some sections and pull students off wait lists. Our goal is to get as many students registered as possible."

For enrollment questions, contact Byrnes at 753-2271.

7-31-09



# Welcome Back!



# College may receive \$1M for green energy

8-18-09

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO— Great Basin College could receive \$1 million in federal funding for green energy research under the 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Funds would be used to enhance the current "users group loop" and create a lab for Great Basin College students to learn about

green energy production and train for green energy jobs.

"I'm thrilled with the possibility of this funding," said John Patrick Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College.

The "users group loop" uses geothermal energy to heat a number of public facilities, including Flag View Intermediate

School, the Elko Convention Center, some buildings at Elko High School, the Elko County School District central administrative office, Elko City Hall, the city swimming pool and GBC's Electrical and Industrial Technology building.

Steve Bowers, building operations and construction manager for the Elko County School District,

said the "users group loop" was developed in November 1986.

"The funding would enhance the existing systems, which benefit thousands of people in Elko," Rice said, adding that the funding will also create an educational component at Great Basin College.

The system is shared and maintained by the users through an interlocal

agreement.

Bowers said 180-degree water is extracted from the ground and channeled through the closed heating loop.

Rice said the system has become unreliable as it serves more buildings.

He said despite flaws with the heating system, users save tens of thousands of dollars in heating costs, particularly during

the winter months.

"The annual savings are very substantial," he said.

Bowers said the school district hasn't done an estimate on savings in a number of years. However, he said annual savings are likely in the \$250,000 range.

"It has been a valuable resource since it was put

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on the line," he said.

Bowers said the system's users try to meet quarterly and when special circumstances arise. He said the group is planning to meet during the first or second week of September.

Great Basin College offers an associate degree program in industrial energy efficiency through a partnership with the Community College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College and Western Nevada Community College.

The research initiative is among \$57 million in Nevada projects under the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The bill would provide \$33.3 billion in funding for projects nationwide.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill July 17, followed by the U.S. Senate July 29. The bill hasn't been signed by President Barack Obama.

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students for fall was up 40 percent from spring semester. "We narrowed the gap a bit in terms of enrollment numbers," she said.

The overall headcount has also increased, from 2,800 students last year to 3,253 this year, a 12.6 percent jump.

"It's a nice increase," Byrnes said. "It's about where I thought it was going to be."

Enrollment figures are based on Elko's campus, four other branch campuses and 14 satellite centers.

Rice said the college saw a 9 percent enrollment gain last year.

Coupled with this year's numbers, enrollment has increased nearly 25 percent in the past two years.

"That is a pretty significant increase," Rice said. "We are of the mind that enrollment will continue to increase."

Although most classes began Monday, Byrnes said an official enrollment count won't be taken until Oct. 15.

The official count is taken midway through the semester to accommodate late-starting classes and what Rice referred to as the "shuffling period" when students add and drop classes.

Rice said the number of traditional students, as well as career and technical education students, has increased.

"We've seen a big increase in the number of traditional age full-time students coming to college for the first time right out of high school," he said.

Rice said online enrollment has also increased 545 percent since fall 2003.

Within the past year, enrollment in online classes increased 33 percent from 465 full-time equivalent students last year to 616 students this year.

"GBC has an interesting student body," Rice said, noting that many full-time students take both traditional and online classes, which provides flexibility.

Rice said due to enrollment increases and state budget cuts, teachers' class loads are heavier and class sizes are larger than in previous years.

Despite budget cuts, Rice said there are still crucial general education teaching positions that need to be filled.

"We've had some challenges, but they're good challenges," he said.

## Enrollment at college nears 2,000 mark

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

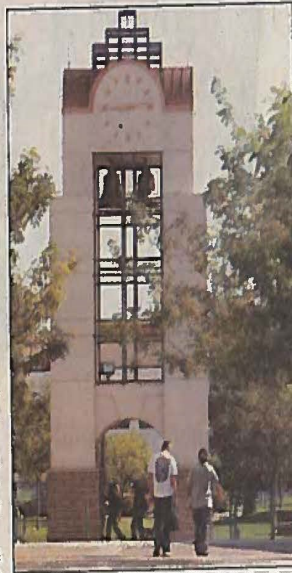
ELKO— Based on unofficial enrollment figures Monday, the number of full-time students at all Great Basin College campuses is up 14.1 percent compared with last year.

Julie Byrnes, director of enrollment management at Great Basin College, said 1,962 full-time equivalent students were enrolled compared to 1,720 last year.

"We are very close to breaking the 2,000 mark for full-time equivalent students," said John Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, calling the enrollment increases a "big milestone."

Full-time equivalent enrollment is based on the number of students completing an average of 15 credits per semester.

Byrnes said at the end of July that the projected number of full-time equivalent



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Students walk to classes this morning at Great Basin College near the clock tower.

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September 31, 2009

**Yum!  
Yum!**



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**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
Monday–Thursday: 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 6:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

## LUNDI, MARDI, ET JEUDI

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Salad Bar .....	\$ 5.70
Mixed Caesar mesclun, vinaigrette, ranch carrot, celery, alfalfa sprouts, tomato, beans, beets, cucumber, radish, fruit, crackers	
Add cup of soup .....	1.00
Soup (12 ounces) .....	2.81

## MERCREDI

Wednesday

### Barbecue

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tri-Tip, Chicken Breast, Pork Loin, Turkey, Hamburger, Salmon .....	served with salad bar
Half Sandwich .....	4.70
Specialty Sandwich or Panini .....	7.03
Bread: Multi-grain, Focaccia Meat: Beef, Ham, Turkey, Tuna Served with Sun Chips or Green Salad	
Add a cup of soup .....	1.00
Grilled Cheese .....	3.50
Grilled Ham and Cheese .....	6.00
Vegetarian Sandwich .....	7.03
Alfalfa sprouts, avocado, roasted bell pepper, lettuce	
Add Cheese .....	.75
Cheddar, Pepper Jack, Swiss, or Provolone	
Extra Meat .....	1.88

Drinks, Taxes not included

## PÂTISSERIE ~ Pastries

Death by Chocolate Brownie (Sharing?) .....	2.50
Danish .....	1.88
Muffins .....	1.88
Cookies .....	.75

## MISCELLANEOUS

Chips .....	.50
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## BOISSONS ~ Beverages

Buy 10 get one free

### Coffees and Teas

	Small 12 ounce	Medium 16 ounce	Large 20 ounce
Americano .....	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.75
Morning Buzz .....	2.00	2.50	2.75
Two shots of Espresso in regular coffee			
Hot Chocolate .....	2.50	3.00	3.50
With whipped cream			
Chai Tea .....	2.50	3.00	3.50
Cappucino .....	2.50	3.00	3.50
Latte .....	2.50	3.00	3.50
Mocha .....	2.75	3.25	3.75
Regular Coffee .....	1.00	1.25	1.50
Tazo Tea .....	1.25 (all sizes)		

(Any of the above served cold – Shaken – not stirred)

Café Xcetera Frappe .....	3.25 (24 ounce only)
Vanilla, Caramel, Java Chocolate chip, Pralines and Cream Non-fat Vanilla, Strawberry, Peach, Cookies 'n' Cream, Original Café Xcetera Mocha Frappe	

Smoothies .....	3.25
Strawberry, Mango, Banana or a mix	
Soft Drinks, Juices .....	1.64
Energy Drinks .....	3.00

Flavors added to coffee drinks add .....	.50
Hazelnut, Vanilla, English Toffee, Raspberry, Strawberry, Caramel, Creme de menthe, Cinnamon, Peach, White Chocolate, Pumpkin Spice Sugar Free Flavors: Vanilla, Hazelnut, Caramel, Raspberry	

Water (16 ounces) .....	.75
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# CONSTITUTION DAY



September 17, 2009

1:00 to 4:00

ET 208

**"Our Constitution: A Conversation"**  
In the summer of 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention gathered in Philadelphia to create a document that would establish the system of government of the United States. On September 17, that landmark document, our Constitution, was signed into law. This conversation, between Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Breyer, was taped in 2005 and is the first in a series produced by the Annenberg Foundation Trust.

**"A Conversation on the Constitution: Judicial Independence"**  
Judicial independence is a cornerstone of democracy, guaranteed by the Constitution and enshrined in our system of government. In a conversation with students, three Supreme Court Justices discuss the Constitution and the role of judges who are sworn to uphold the laws of this nation and to protect the rights of all citizens. This is the second in a series produced by the Annenberg Foundation Trust.

**"Key Constitutional Concepts"**  
These three 20-minute videos examine key constitutional concepts. The first explains why the nation's framers created the Constitution. The second describes the protection of individual rights by highlighting the Supreme Court case of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, affirming the right to an attorney. The last explores the separation of powers by examining the Supreme Court case of *Youngstown v. Sawyer*, a challenge to President Truman's decision to take over steel mills during the Korean War.

# Higher education regents to meet at Great Basin

By JULIE WOOLTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents will review and possibly approve Great Basin College's seven-year strategic plan this week.

The regents will be in Elko for one of their five regular meetings this year.

"I'm pleased that we're meeting here," said Dorothy Gallagher of Elko, a member of the board.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs at Great Basin College, is scheduled to give a 45-minute presentation beginning at 2:25 p.m. Friday at the Fitness Center.

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"The regents typically come to Elko once every two years," McFarlane said. "It gives the regents a chance to see a part of Nevada they might not see too often."

McFarlane said the regents will have the opportunity to see the Electrical and Industrial Technology Building that opened one year ago. Regents will also take a tour of Barrick's Cortez Mine.

College administrators approved the 25-page strategic planning document last month for 2009-2016.

"The strategic plan is in line with plans we've had in the past, with one significant variation," said John Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College. "We're implementing an institutional assessment plan as a better way to assess what we're doing."

The college developed an assessment plan partly in response to a recommendation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, an agency that handles accreditation for Great Basin College and others in several western states.

McFarlane said each department will also have its own plan and will be evaluated on how it's doing.

Every six years Great Basin College develops a new strategic plan.

Rice said it generally takes one-and-a-half years for a committee of faculty, staff and students to complete the process. The committee started the planning process in early 2008.

Great Basin College's four central institutional themes, expanded upon in the plan, are: Student success, planning and performance, sustainability and serving rural Nevada.

"We try to identify major things we will do for the next seven years," McFarlane said, adding that all parts of the plan relate to the college's mission.

The college changed its mission about one decade ago to offer bachelor's degree programs in areas such as teaching, business and nursing.

The strategic plan begins with an overview of the services offered and statistics about the college's stu-

dents and service area.

Full-time equivalent student enrollment increased 48 percent during the eight-year period from 2001-2009. Full-time equivalent enrollment is based on the number of students taking an average of 15 credits per semester.

The plan also notes that the number of degree offerings more than doubled during the past eight years.

The plan includes facilitating students' transitions from high school to community college to university to career.

McFarlane said a goal is to ease transitions "as students move between different levels."

Another major goal in the college's strategic plan is to continue developing distance education opportunities.

"We would like a stronger presence in Nye County, particularly Pahrump," McFarlane said.

He said a goal is to establish a physical campus location in Pahrump.

A chart included with the strategic plan shows the projected growth of the college's total service area — from 142,109 residents in 2009 to 177,296 in 2028.

The plan projects that Elko County will grow from 50,434 residents in 2009 to 56,780 in 2028.

The Board of Regents oversees Nevada's higher education system, which includes four community colleges, one state college, two universities and one research institute.

The meeting is open to the public Thursday and Friday at Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway in Elko.

Read the full agenda online at [elkodayly.com](http://elkodayly.com).

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GBC photography instructor Cynthia Delaney will guide you through the nuances of urban and rural photography.

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*Ancient Art and Culture*

## *China ~Emerging Dragon*

### **Informational Session**

*Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm*

*Café Xcetera EIT Building*



Please stop by to learn more about GBC's upcoming trip to China June 7-20, 2010! Session will be led by trip coordinators, Lijuan Zhai, Pat Warren, and Cynthia Delaney. Learn about the past GBC trip to China, and find out how to participate in a Photography Class while studying abroad on this trip!





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# Town Hall Meeting



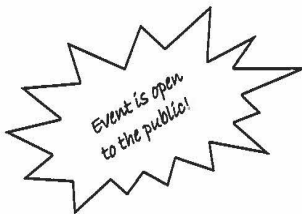
with Nevada Attorney General

**CATHERINE  
CORTEZ MASTO**

Wednesday

**October 21, 2009**

**5:30 p.m.**



Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko  
(Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Room 130)





*Winter and cold weather are sneaking up on us!  
It is also time for ....  
"Shoes That Fit."*

"Shoes That Fit" is a program which was initiated in 1992 by Elodie Silva who partnered with Harvey Mudd College to provide elementary school children with clothing. Her idea has since grown to over 500 sites in 25 states.

Great Basin College has partnered with Elko's Southside Elementary School for more than ten years to provide new, cold weather clothing and shoes for many children. Sue Kimmet, Southside's counselor, has provided GBC with the names of several children who could use our help again this year and she will continue to give us additional names as she receives them.

The bulletin board across from the mailboxes in Berg Hall will display the index cards listing the students' needs and their sizes. Once you have selected your student's card, please return the purchased item to Yvonne Sutherland at Student Services in Berg Hall within a few days. Since the temperatures are dropping, we want to get these students their warmer clothes soon. *Please do not gift wrap the items.*

If you have any questions,  
please contact Yvonne Sutherland at ext. 2184  
or Jeanne Long at 738-8493.



## Full-time college enrollment tops 2,000

ELKO— Full-time equivalent enrollment at Great Basin College topped 2,000 students this week.

The figure is unofficial until the headcount date in October to accommodate late starting classes and students adding or dropping classes.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is based on the number of students completing an average of 15 credits per semester.

In a release, director of institutional advancement John Rice called the enrollment increase "a milestone in the college's history."

9-18-09

# Regents approve Great Basin strategic plan

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO— The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents approved Great Basin College's strategic plan Friday afternoon after several regents called the plan "outstanding."

The regents met at the college Thursday and Friday for one of their five regular meetings this year. Dozens of college administrators and staff members from around the state also attended.

Great Basin College President Carl Diekhans gave a brief introduction before the presentation, which lasted less than 30 minutes.

He said the strategic plan is built on the college's themes and goals.

"It's a cooperative effort of the entire college community," Diekhans said.

He said every college department, including departments such as financial aid and security, has its own mission statement.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the planning process began more than a year ago.

The 25-page planning document for 2009-2016 expands on four central institutional themes: Student success, planning and performance, sustainability and

performance in the programs, and individual courses and services.

McFarlane said institutional themes will be one of the criterion considered during the next accreditation cycle by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

"It's going to put us ahead with our future accreditation visits," he said.

McFarlane said a system of assessment is directly incorporated into the strategic plan.

"Assessment is really difficult and hard to get your hands around," he said.

Four levels of assessment include the college as a whole, at a department level, student per-

formance in the programs, and individual courses and services.

McFarlane said each department created its own mission statement, "which they've never done before."

He showed regents a Web site that allows the college to track goals and assessments. He estimated that the online system will replace at least 1,000 pages of paper documents.

Administrators can go into the system and make changes.

"We can keep a documented record of this for all time," McFarlane said.

Regents suggested adding a nondiscrimination statement

under the section with the college's mission statement and to work in a clearer theme related to the health sciences program.

Regent Ray Rawson said he enjoyed visiting the campus and that he understands the plan is "a work in progress and always will be."

Regent Dorothy Gallagher of Elko said she was impressed with the college's strategic plan.

The Board of Regents oversee Nevada's higher education system, which includes four community colleges, one state college, two universities and one research institute.

9-19-09

# College to host mining tour

10-2-09

ELKO – Forty-five high school and college students can sign up for the “Nevada Mining Rocks!” tour and explore careers and programs in the mining industry.

The tour will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21.

Great Basin College is offering the tour in collaboration with Barrick Goldstrike.

Tour participants will be able to get an up-close look at daily mining operations and meet with employees to learn about the variety of career opportunities available in mining.

Some of the different careers and programs at Great Basin College related to mining discussed on the tours will include: Electrical systems technology, diesel technology, welding technology, mining, engineering, natural resources, earth sciences, office technology, human resources and business.

This opportunity will be open to 45 participants.

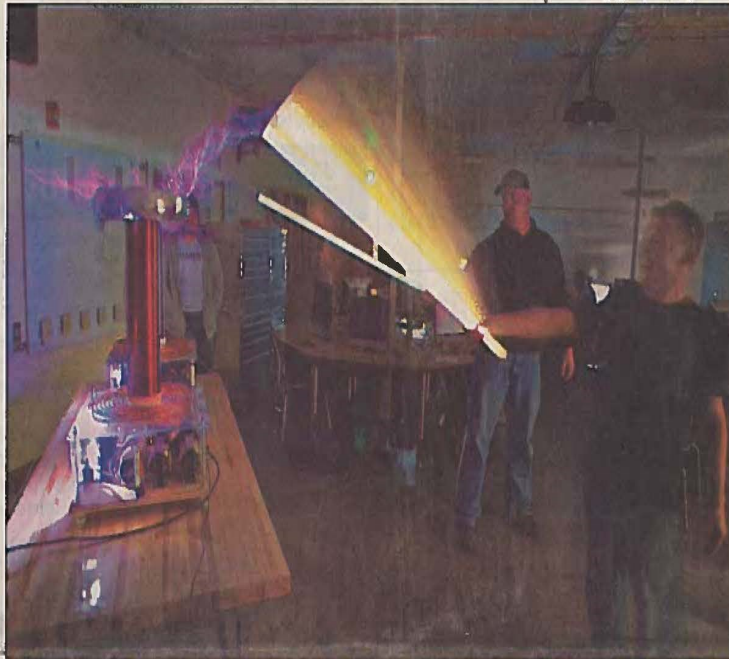
Interested high school students who want to participate will have first priority.

Great Basin College students and community members who are interested in attending the college are also encouraged to sign up if there are additional seats available for the tour.

Call 738-8493 for information and to sign up by Oct. 16.

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Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Electrical systems technology students Travis Shinderling, left, and Dannie Eaves light fluorescent bulbs using a 500,000-volt Tesla Coil during a demonstration Wednesday at Great Basin College.

## Enrollment in career, tech programs ‘maxed out’

By JUIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO – As Great Basin College’s student enrollment headcounts increase, the career and technical education programs are at full capacity.

Full-time equivalent enrollment at the college broke the 2,000 mark a few weeks ago. Based on unofficial enrollment figures at the end of August, the number of full-time students at all campuses is up 14.1 percent over last year.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is based on the number of students taking at least 15 credits per semester. An official enrollment count won’t be taken until Oct. 15.

John Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, said a “significant” number of Great Basin students participate in career and tech-



First-year welding technology student Kody Utley grinds mild steel Wednesday at Great Basin College.

Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

nical education programs.

Health sciences and human services, which fall under the umbrella of career and technical education, are housed in the Dorothy Gallagher Health Sciences Building.

Margaret Pucinelli, dean of health sciences and human services, said the department is “very busy,” especially due to record enrollments.

Enrollment in the programs is increasing partly because there’s a high demand for health care professionals, Pucinelli said.

“The health field is a job market that still looks positive and bright,” she said.

However, she said programs are “maxed out” in terms of the number of students and faculty members.

“We can only do as much as the state funds us,” Pucinelli said.

Bret Murphy, dean of applied science, said technical education programs are making do with less funding, despite having more students enrolled.

“What’s ironic is that numbers are up, but funding is down,” he said.

Murphy said the technical education department receives funding support from the mining industry.

“The mining industry recognizes that our programs are of great value to companies,” he said.

Murphy said the college has seen record enrollment numbers in technical programs over the last two years, which mirrors a trend at community colleges nationwide.

The college began offering two class sections of the diesel technology program this year in order to accommodate more students.

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*This is part one in a four-part series.*

# College tech building fills need

10-2-09

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

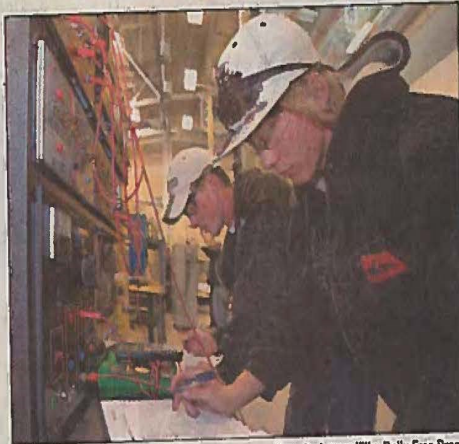
ELKO - Electrical and industrial technology students have most everything they need at their fingertips in their one-year-old building, even food and the college's Academic Success Center.

The 36,400-square-foot building opened a year ago and houses technical programs such as welding and electrical technology.

The Legislature approved \$15 million in funding for the building and the college was required to raise an additional \$500,000.

John Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, said the career and technical education programs outgrew their space on campus and were located downtown for seven or eight years.

He said it took nearly eight



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Electrical systems technology students Spencer Hess, right, and Josh David work on an alternating current exercise Wednesday at Great Basin College.

years to go through the legislative process to secure funding and construct the Electrical

Part two in a four-part series

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"We are pleased that we could bring the program back to campus," Rice said.

Architects designed the building to be open and accessible and allow students to "see what's going on," Rice said.

It's only fitting that the building

incorporates some of the high-tech elements students learn about in their classes and during hands-on labs.

Solar-powered shades on the outside of the building automatically come down if too much sunlight comes through the tall, glass windows.

The new building houses the college's Academic Success Center,

which includes 75 computer stations. Professional tutors and peer counselors are available to assist students.

Students can also utilize study rooms upstairs.

"Many of the career and technical education students are first generation college students," Rice said. "They tend to need more direct academic support."

# Tech ed focuses on hands-on instruction

10-3-09

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO - In and out of the classroom, hands-on learning is a focus of technical education at Great Basin College.

John Rice, director of institutional advancement, said labs allow students to receive applied instruction.

"Students practice what it is they're learning," he said.

Bret Murphy, dean of applied science, said a typical technical education class is 15-20 percent theory and the rest is hands on.

However, he said as technology changes, instructors are spending more time teaching theory.

Rice said most technical education students attend classes Monday through Thursday and many work on Friday and Saturday.

Part three in a four-part series

Students take classes on a block schedule, which allows them to concentrate on one class at a time.

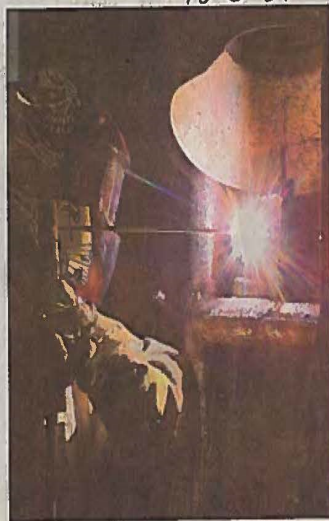
The schedule differs from more traditional general education classes, Murphy said.

Some students work at part-time jobs related to their field, such as at car dealerships and as electrical contractors.

The Manpower Training Cooperative, formed in the early '90s, provides scholarships for Great Basin College students in technical fields.

Each student awarded a \$5,000 scholarship is also matched with a company and given a part-time job in their field of study.

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Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

First-year welding technology student Doug Kehoe welds a groove into steel Wednesday at Great Basin College.

Continued from front page Since the inception of the scholarship program, students have received more than \$5 million in financial assistance.

The technical programs are housed in two buildings, the Electrical and Industrial Technology Building and the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, where the art department and diesel programs are located.

Murphy said the diesel program received an overhaul this fall. More emphasis is placed on hydraulics and electrical technology and less emphasis on engine rebuilding.

He said advisory boards, which include high school faculty members and industry professionals, help shape curriculum for technical programs.

The boards, which meet at least once a year, "make sure we're doing what we're supposed to," Murphy said.

In the future, the department is looking to add classes on alternative fuels.

"Technology is always changing, so educating our instructors is critical," Murphy said, adding that the department tries to send faculty to at least a few conferences per year.

"Technology is always changing, so educating our instructors is critical."

— Bret Murphy  
dean of applied science

The department offers bachelor degree programs in agriculture management, digital information technology, instrumentation, land surveying/geomatics and management in technology.

Other program offerings include associate of applied science degrees in diesel technology, electrical systems technology, fire science management, industrial energy efficiency, industrial millwright technology and welding technology.

The department also offers certificates of achievement in diesel technology, electrical systems technology, fire science management, industrial millwright technology, instrumentation technology and welding technology.

In the electrical technology lab, students can see and put together circuitry.

"The architects left the infrastructure exposed so students can see how the building is wired," Rice said.

Electrical technology students rebuild a solar car each year and learn about alternative energy sources.

The millwright technology program combines skills such as welding and electrical technology and many graduates go into the mining industry.

"Students learn how to build and maintain mechanical systems," Rice said. During labs, students can learn on heating systems and other items such as conveyor belts.

Rice said the program teaches students to operate machinery effectively and efficiently.

"Students can apply the skills they learn in so many different ways," he said.

In the instrumentation lab, students measure volts, volume and pressure.

The low voltage lab allows students to work on sound systems, such as stereos and intercoms.

The department also provides contract training programs for companies such as Barrick Gold of North America and Newmont Mining Corp.

Murphy said as the price of gold increases and mining companies hire new employees, there's a need to increase the skill level of workforces.

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# College tech building fills need

10-2-09

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Electrical and industrial technology students have most everything they need at their fingertips in their one-year-old building, even food and the college's Academic Success Center.

The 36,400-square-foot building opened a year ago and houses technical programs such as welding and electrical technology.

The Legislature approved \$15 million in funding for the building and the college was required to raise an additional \$500,000.

John Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, said the career and technical education programs outgrew their space on campus and were located downtown for seven or eight years.

He said it took nearly eight



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Electrical systems technology students Spencer Hess, right, and Josh David work on an alternating current exercise Wednesday at Great Basin College.

years to go through the legislative process to secure funding and construct the Electrical

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"We are pleased that we could bring the program back to campus," Rice said.

Architects designed the building to be open and accessible and allow students to "see what's going on," Rice said.

It's only fitting that the building

incorporates some of the high-tech elements students learn about in their classes and during hands-on labs.

Solar-powered shades on the outside of the building automatically come down if too much sunlight comes through the tall, glass windows.

The new building houses the college's Academic Success Center,

which includes 75 computer stations. Professional tutors and peer counselors are available to assist students.

Students can also utilize study rooms upstairs.

"Many of the career and technical education students are first generation college students," Rice said. "They tend to need more direct academic support."

# Tech ed focuses on hands-on instruction

10-3-09

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — In and out of the classroom, hands-on learning is a focus of technical education at Great Basin College.

John Rice, director of institutional advancement, said labs allow students to receive applied instruction.

"Students practice what it is they're learning," he said.

Bret Murphy, dean of applied science, said a typical technical education class is 15-20 percent theory and the rest is hands on.

However, he said as technology changes, instructors are spending more time teaching theory.

Rice said most technical education students attend classes Monday through Thursday and many work on Friday and Saturday.

Part three in a four-part series

Students take classes on a block schedule, which allows them to concentrate on one class at a time.

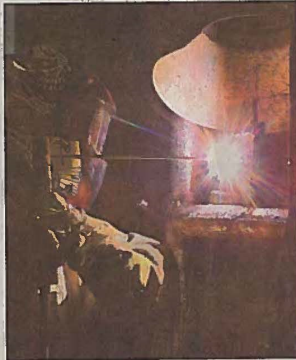
The schedule differs from more traditional general education classes, Murphy said.

Some students work at part-time jobs related to their field, such as at car dealerships and as electrical contractors.

The Manpower Training Cooperative, formed in the early '90s, provides scholarships for Great Basin College students in technical fields.

Each student awarded a \$5,000 scholarship is also matched with a company and given a part-time job in their field of study.

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First-year welding technology student Doug Kehoe welds a groove into steel Wednesday at Great Basin College.

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Since the inception of the scholarship program, students have received more than \$5 million in financial assistance.

The technical programs are housed in two buildings, the Electrical and Industrial Technology Building and the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, where the art department and diesel programs are located.

Murphy said the diesel program received an overhaul this fall. More emphasis is placed on hydraulics and electrical technology and less emphasis on engine rebuilding.

He said advisory boards, which include high school faculty members and industry professionals, help shape curriculum for technical programs.

The boards, which meet at least once a year, "make sure we're doing what we're supposed to," Murphy said.

In the future, the department is looking to add classes on alternative fuels.

"Technology is always changing, so educating our instructors is critical," Murphy said, adding that the department tries to send faculty to at least a few conferences per year.

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The department offers bachelor degree programs in agriculture management, digital information technology, instrumentation, land surveying/geomatics and management in technology.

Other program offerings include associate of applied science degrees in diesel technology, electrical systems technology, fire science management, industrial energy efficiency, industrial millwright technology and welding technology.

The department also offers certificates of achievement in diesel technology, electrical systems technology, fire science management, industrial millwright technology, instrumentation technology and welding technology.

In the electrical technology lab, students can see and put together circuitry.

"The architects left the infrastructure exposed so students can see how the building is wired," Rice said.

Electrical technology students rebuild a solar car each year and learn about alternative energy sources.

The millwright technology program combines skills such as welding and electrical technology and many graduates go into the mining industry.

"Students learn how to build and maintain mechanical systems," Rice said.

During labs, students can learn on heating systems and other items such as conveyor belts.

Rice said the program teaches students to operate machinery effectively and efficiently.

"Students can apply the skills they learn in so many different ways," he said.

In the instrumentation lab, students measure volts, volume and pressure.

The low voltage lab allows students to work on sound systems, such as stereos and intercoms.

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# College programs prepare students for health field

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

10-5-09

ELKO — After dropping out of the radiology program at Great Basin College 15 years ago to raise her children, Lori Wooden returned to earn her degree.

Wooden, a single mother of two daughters, ages 11 and 14, said she wanted to set an example for her children and let them know that education is important.

"I want my daughters to know that they need to have some kind of education," she said.

After two years in the program, Wooden graduated with an associate of applied science in radiology technology degree in May.

This fall, she's back at the college in



Wooden

Final part in a four-part series

Continued from front page the ultrasound program while working full time as a radiology technician at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital.

"I always wanted to go into the health field," Wooden said. "The field is so exciting."

The health sciences department just added the ultrasound program this fall.

Wooden attended classes at the college on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and said the hospital has worked around her schedule.

"Going back to college already paid off," she said. "I got a job within two months of graduation."

The college's health sciences department offers a bachelor's degree in nursing, associate of applied science degrees in nursing and radiology technology, a certificate of achievement in diagnostic medical sonography, a certified nursing assistant program and program for emergency medical services.

At the college, simulation skills labs allow students to practice caring for

mannequins that breathe and have a heart beat.

The lab also incorporates patient scenarios and physician orders.

"Students get emerged into the whole experience like hospital settings," said Margaret Puccinelli, dean of health sciences and human services. "It becomes real for students."

Labs allow students to learn practical skills in a safe environment.

"It is a good way for students to learn a profession that is hands-on and high-risk," she said.

Students apply what they learn in labs to real-life situations during clinical rotations at facilities such as the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital or assisted living facilities.

Wooden said the best and worst part about her experience in the radiology program were the clinical rotations.

She said students drew three locations at random where they would be working. She said she drew Elko twice and Winnemucca once.

"You learn so much when you travel around to work," she said.

Wooden said the college

helps students financially when they travel out of town for clinical rotations.

Puccinelli said more than 150 students each year participate in courses through the health sciences and human services department.

"At any given time, we're advising over 100 students, many of whom are just starting in college and are deciding what they want to do," Puccinelli said.

Forty-five students are enrolled in the associate degree program in nursing this year — 22 first-year students and 23 second-year students.

Ten students graduated from the program in May and 100 percent passed the national licensed nursing exam.

Twenty-five students are enrolled this semester in the radiology technology program, which started two years ago.

During the spring semester last year, 92 students were enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant program.

Although the nursing program is based in Elko, CNA classes are also offered at the

Winnemucca, Pahrump, Battle Mountain and Ely branch campuses.

"The CNA program is also very popular," she said, adding that it's a prerequisite for entry into the associate of applied science in nursing program.

The department's emergency medical technician program is certified by the American Heart Association to train students to provide advanced life support.

"That is a big deal," Puccinelli said. "It's the first time it's happened at the college."

The department's human services program offers a bachelor of science degree in social work, associate of applied science degrees in human services and criminal justice and certificates of achievement in human services, substance abuse counseling and Spanish interpretation and translation.

Puccinelli said the program prepares students for social work positions and to work in non-profit agencies.

The program, which is a few years old, was formed when the college received a grant.







# GBC to use \$7 million in stimulus funds 11-3-09

## Money will fill budget gaps

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College will use about \$7 million in federal stimulus funds over a two-year period to fill budget gaps and operate several pro-

grams through the Pahrump branch campus.

The college received \$3.45 million in funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as part of the 2009-10 budget. An additional \$3.5 million in stimulus funding

is projected for the 2010-11 school year.

John Patrick Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, said the stimulus money came directly to the Nevada System of Higher Education, which added funds to the college's budget.

"The stabilization funds allowed us to keep our doors open," Rice said. "Without the dollars, we wouldn't be able to train students at our current level."

He said the college provides training for workers in the mining industry, for example, which helps the local economy.

Rice said ARRA funds have helped maintain staffing levels at the college, while student enrollment has increased by 25 percent since 2007.

Great Basin College is also using ARRA funds for several programs serviced by the Pahrump branch campus in Nye County.

The college and Nevada

Workforce Connections used \$500,000 in stimulus money, as well as other grants, to open a \$1.5 million career connections center.

"The center assists displaced workers find employment and other

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Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press file

An aerial shot of the Great Basin College campus.

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employees enhance their job skills," Rice said.

The college is also partnering with Valley Electric Association in Pahrump to train students how to install and maintain solar hot water heating systems.

Rice said the program is projected to create 178 new jobs in Nye County, which has an unemployment rate of 16 percent.

Great Basin College will also provide training to 280 new administrative employees at a detention center that the Corrections Corporation of America plans to open in Pahrump within the next year.

"We will also hire part-time instructors in the programs," Rice said.

The Nevada System of Higher Education has received more than \$200 million in federal funding over the past six months, with \$184.4 million coming from ARRA.

ARRA funds reportedly created or saved 2,100 jobs within Nevada's higher education system this year.



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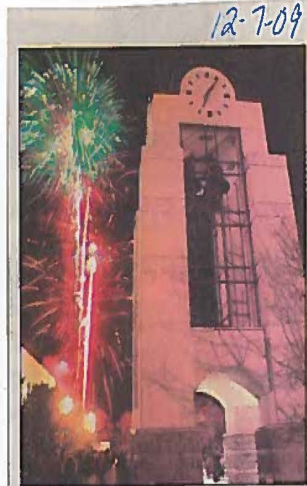
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### Christmas lights

Fireworks erupt Saturday night above the campus of Great Basin College during the 2009 Christmas in the Nighttime Skies.

1-13-2010

## GBC looking at 8 percent budget cut

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College may have to cut 8 percent of its budget for the rest of the 2010 fiscal year.

Great Basin College president Carl Diekhans said Tuesday that college officials are looking at a state-imposed reduction plan that could be effective March 1.



Diekhans

"These are not actual reductions at this time," Diekhans said.

An 8 percent reduction could amount to \$390,000 less in state funding for the college this year.

"Eight percent will be devas-

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tating to the institutions," Diekhans said, calling the possible reduction a "very significant cut."

The head of Nevada's higher education system told the Associated Press earlier this week that Gov. Jim Gibbons is seeking budget cuts that could cripple colleges and universities and endanger the \$184 million they've been promised in federal stimulus funds.

The Republican governor has directed all state agencies to submit plans outlining how they would reduce their budgets by 6 percent, 8 percent or 10 percent to offset a \$72 million shortfall.

Chancellor Dan Klaich

says an 8 percent reduction would mean a cut of \$13.3 million in the first year and \$40 million the second year for Nevada colleges and universities.

Diekhans said Great Basin College would use the operating contingency fund to make up for cuts this year.

"The bigger problem is the 8 percent reduction plan for the 2011 fiscal year," he said.

Great Basin College could lose \$1.2 million during the 2011 fiscal year if another 8 percent funding cut is approved.

"We won't have enough money to use out of the operating reserve," Diekhans said.

College administrators would look at funding

reductions and capping enrollment for certain programs or seeking early staff retirements.

"We have not figured out specific programs that could be targeted yet," he said.

Diekhans said Great Basin College was affected by a 12 percent funding cut this year and faces an additional 8 percent reduction.

The Nevada Board of Regents are scheduled to have a special meeting next month in Las Vegas to discuss more specifics about reduction plans.

"They will give more direction as to what we can expect," Diekhans said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# Higher ed system facing millions in cuts

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The sheer magnitude of budget cuts could destroy Nevada's higher education system, the chancellor told regents Tuesday.

Nevada System of Higher Education regents met in special session in Las Vegas to tackle issues related to system-wide budget cuts.

The meeting, which lasted most of the day, was videoconferenced to Great Basin College, where about one dozen administrators, faculty and staff watched. Mike



Klaich

a \$37 million funding cut for eight colleges and universities statewide,

McFarlane, the college's vice president for Academic Affairs, represented the school from Las Vegas.

Up to 22 percent may be cut from the NSHE's general fund, effective March 1. That would mean

including Great Basin College, during fiscal year 2010 and an additional \$110 million cut during 2011.

Daniel Klaich, chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, said budget reductions will bring funding back to fiscal year 2002 levels, while serving 20,000 more students statewide.

"Higher education in Nevada is changing, and it's not changing for the better," he said. "We will literally be destroying the system that took decades to build."

Klaich said the budget problem isn't temporary and could have a profound

impact on the state's overall economy, including unemployment rates and business growth.

A system-wide cut of 22 percent would equal a reduction that exceeds the entire budget of a smaller community college, he said.

Klaich said with budget cuts, schools will be forced to unwind a decade of progress in Nevada's higher education system.

"We're not facing business as usual," he said.

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Regent Dorothy Gallagher of Elko said college administrators and regents will have to make some difficult decisions.

She said she's not afraid to stand behind college presidents if they have to make unpopular decisions.

"I do know that we'll come through it," she said, followed by applause from the audience in Las Vegas. Klaich said decisions regarding school budgets will need to be made quickly.

"Carefully thought out plans would normally accompany a decision of this magnitude," he said.

"We're not sitting here before you discussing budget cuts from a whole cloth," Klaich said, adding that the cloth, which represents the whole education system, already has holes in it.

He summarized the challenges each of Nevada's colleges currently face. Great Basin College has left 10-12 faculty positions vacant in order to save money, he said.

One scenario includes cutting entire community colleges such as Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College or the College of Southern Nevada.

Last month, Great Basin College President Carl Diekhans told the Free Press the college could use the operating contingency fund to make up for cuts during the 2010 fiscal year. However, he said the college could lose \$1.2 million during the 2011 fiscal year and wouldn't have enough money in contingency.

College administrators would look at funding reductions and capping enrollment for certain programs or seeking early staff retirements, Diekhans said last month.

The University of Nevada, Reno is down 281 faculty positions, while the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is down 100 faculty and 200 staff positions, and offers 1,000 fewer class sec-

tions than last year. Klaich said all presidents are managing their schools with "one eye on the institutions and one eye on the budget."

He presented a number of scenarios to demonstrate what it would take to save \$110 million systemwide, the amount that could be cut during the 2011 fiscal year. All the scenarios would require the board to declare financial exigency, meaning the higher education system is facing a financial crisis.

"I see very little way to avoid the declaration of financial exigency," Klaich said.

One scenario included cutting departments or entire community colleges such as Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows

Community College or the College of Southern Nevada.

In order to save \$110 million, one option is imposing a 20 percent pay cut at all schools or adding at least five furlough days per month.

Another option would be 1,290 layoffs statewide.

"We're going to make some tough, tough decisions in the next month or two," Klaich said.

If students were to pay to keep schools running at their current levels, student fees would increase nearly 50 percent. Klaich said student fees have already increased about 40 percent over the past five years.

A full-time undergraduate at UNLV or UNR would pay an additional \$2,200 per year in tuition if a 50 percent fee increase were imposed.

Klaich said Nevada has the highest number of low-income students in the country and the increases would likely cause some students to drop out.

## Regents to discuss budget cuts today

ELKO — Nevada regents will meet this morning in Las Vegas to discuss budget reductions for the 2009-2011 fiscal years.

The Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education, which includes Great Basin College, will hear reports from different colleges statewide.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs at Great Basin College, will represent the school during the meeting.

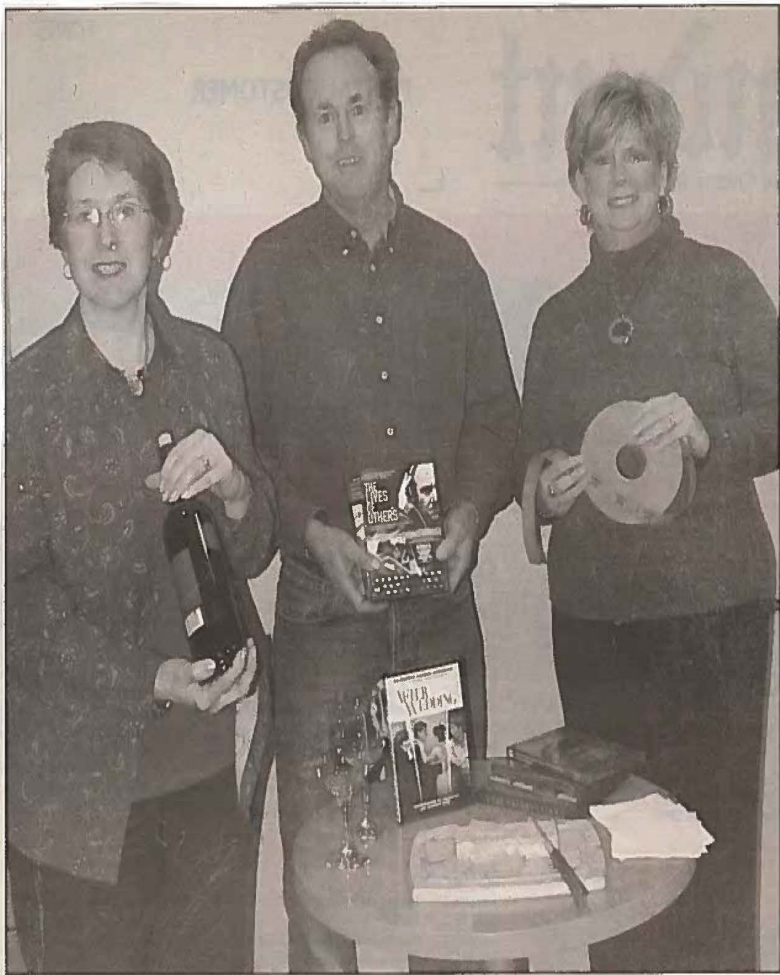
Regents will hear a report on the findings of the Jan. 22 Nevada Economic Forum meeting on declining state revenues.

During the meeting, regents may also make recommendations on higher education budgets, including ways to reduce personnel costs.

The Nevada System of Higher Education governs eight colleges and universities statewide.

The meeting is open to the public and will be videoconferenced at 9 a.m. to the Berg Hall conference room at Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway.

By Julie Wootton



CAROL PETRIE • Special to the Independent

Great films, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and a variety of wine will all be featured during the Great Basin College's 5th Annual Film Festival. Pictured from left are GBC Film Festival committee members Lisa Arkell, Russ Minter, and Michelle Smith.

## First film set for Thursday at 7 p.m. —

By Carol Petrie  
Special to the Independent

ELKO — The Great Basin Col-

lege will host their 5th Annual Film Festival Feb. 18 — 21.

Six films will be featured during the event and will be shown at the Great Basin College Theater. Show times are scheduled for 7 p.m., with a special double feature presentation starting at 2 p.m. on Feb. 20 and 21.

General admission ticket prices are \$5 each and Festival Passes, which includes entry to all six films along with a local merchant gift bag, are available for \$20 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase 45 minutes prior to the start of each show.

Film Festival committee member Lisa Arkell said while the event in the past has featured French films, this year's event features a

variety of films from the United States as well as around the world.

"We will be showing an award winning film from the Sundance Film Festival, as well as a Danish, German, and Israeli film," she said.

Attendees will also enjoy taste tempting hors d'oeuvres at no extra charge, and a variety of wines will be available for purchase prior to the start of each evening show.

"We are very excited to be able to offer this unique experience to our community members," said Arkell adding, "We are looking forward to seeing all of our regular patrons and hopefully some new faces as well."

For more information, contact Arkell at 777-3021.

# FILM FESTIVAL 2010

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7 P.M.

### The Lives of Others (2006) (German)

Political thriller set in 1980's East Berlin. The Stasi, the state police, monitor the lives of a successful playwright and his girl friend. The officer in charge of the surveillance becomes sympathetic to the people he is spying on. Won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 2007. Rated R.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7 P.M.

### Sunshine Cleaning (2008)

Desperate to get her son into a better school, single mom Rose persuades her slacker sister, Nora, to join her in the crime scene cleanup business. Tired of unrewarding work and failed relationships, Rose is finally ready to tidy up her life. Nominated for Grand Jury Award, Sundance, 2008. Rated R.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2 P.M.

### The Fall (2006)

In a hospital in 1920's Los Angeles, an injured stuntman begins to tell a fellow patient, a little girl with a broken arm, a fantastic story about 5 mythical horses. Thanks to his fractured state of mind and her vivid imagination, the line between fiction and reality blurs as the tale advances. Rated R.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7 P.M.

### Lemon Tree (2008) (Hebrew, Arabic, English)

A Palestinian widow fights to keep her lemon grove. Israeli security wants to uproot it when the Israeli defense minister moves in next door. Teaming with a young lawyer, and gaining the sympathy of the defense minister's wife, the widow takes her case to the Israeli Supreme Court. Not rated.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2 P.M.  
DOUBLE FEATURE

### Special (2006)

Les leads an unremarkable life as a parking ticket officer until he enrolls in a drug study for an experimental anti-depressant. An unexpected side effect of the drug convinces him that he is now a superhero. His doctor, and the pharmaceutical company, see things differently. Rated R.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 4 P.M.

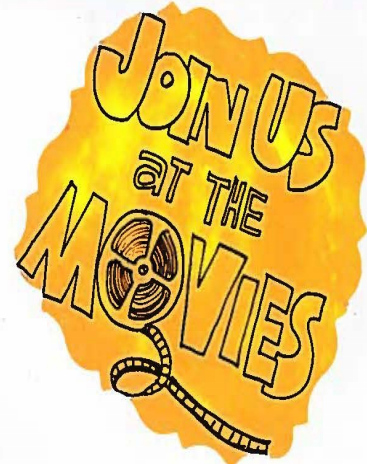


Doors open 45 minutes prior to viewing for refreshments and conversation.

Short films before features provided by Chapman University

### After the Wedding (2006) (Danish)

To save the failing orphanage he runs in India, Jacob returns to Denmark to meet a businessman, Jorgen, who offers a generous donation. Complicating matters is the unusual condition that Jacob must attend Jorgen's daughter's wedding. Nominated for the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 2007. Rated R.



**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE HOSTS  
EMPOWERMENT WEEK:  
CELEBRATING THE STRENGTH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT  
MARCH 1 – 5, 2010**

*Featured Speakers:*

*Chanrithy Him, Author and Founder of Project Empowerment  
Barbara Martinez Jitner, Filmmaker and Human Rights Activist*

ELKO, NV, Feb. 24, 2010 — Great Basin College enthusiastically encourages all of its students, faculty, staff, as well as the entire community of its service area to participate in its second annual *Empowerment Week*, sponsored by the college's Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment Committee (ICE). This year's theme is "Celebrating the Strength of the Human Spirit" and two awe-inspiring speakers are being presented. Both are free of charge.

Chanrithy Him, an award-winning author and Cambodian survivor will speak twice on March 2; once at 11:00 a.m. in Room 130 of the GTA Building; and again at 7:00 p.m. in the GBC Theatre. She will sign her books after the lecture. Copies of her books are now on sale at

the GBC Bookstore. Her earlier presentation will be televised live via interactive video to GBC's Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump, and Winnemucca Centers.

Barabara Martinez Jitner, the real-life hero of Jennifer Lopez's film *Bordertown*, will talk at 7:00 p.m. in the GBC Theater on March 4, after the screening of *Bordertown*, which begins at 5:00 p.m.

Born in Cambodia, Chanrithy Him grew up as young child with the fear of war teeming over from neighboring Vietnam. Then in 1975, the Khmer Rouge seized control of her village, turning it into a chaotic nightmare of murder and cruelty. Her book, *When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge*, is a memoir written from Him's almost photographic memory. It is composed from her heart in order to educate the world about the atrocities that occurred and to give a voice to those who can't speak for themselves, including the many family members she lost. According to a Cambodian proverb, "broken glass floats" when the world is unbalanced.

Today, Ms. Him lives in Oregon where she works with the Khmer Adolescent Project. Her amazing story informs and inspires all about the endurance of the human spirit in the worst of times.

Barbara Martinez Jitner once posed as a factory worker in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in order to try to uncover the truth about the disappearance of more than 400 female victims in this sprawling metropolis where many of the women work in *maquiladoras* (factories). She uncovered a shadowy world of harsh poverty, sexual abuse, and murder, the vast majority of which remain unsolved. She portrayed her findings by executive producing the political thriller film, *Bordertown* in 2006, starring Jennifer Lopez and Antonio Banderas. It has been acclaimed by Amnesty International.

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Ms. Jitner is the first Latina to ever be nominated for both a Golden Globe and an Emmy. Her television and film credits are extensive and include work on the film, *Selena*, based on the life of the slain Tejano superstar. Her mission is to bring untold stories of Latinas to TV and film.

In summarizing what GBC's *Empowerment Week* is all about, ICE Committee Co-Chair, Jeannie Rosenthal commented, "Human empowerment issues often involve members of groups that have been discriminated against or excluded from the decision-making process. It

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might be because of a disability, race, ethnicity, gender, religion or one of many other factors."

"In short, empowerment allows a person to gain the knowledge, skills, and attitude needed to cope with changing circumstances and a changing world," added ICE Committee Co-Chair, Lynne Owens. "It involves having access to information to make proper choices, and enhancing one's self image, as well as overcoming any stigma."

GBC invites everyone to participate in celebrating the strength of the human spirit with a week of energizing empowerment.

Chanrithy Him's GBC appearance is sponsored in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the GBC Human Services Program.

Barbara Martinez Jitner's GBC appearance is sponsored in part by Nevada Humanities.

Both guests' appearances are also co-sponsored by the Great Basin College Foundation and the Great Basin ICE Committee.

## Gibbons wants to give higher ed autonomy <sup>3-5-10</sup>

By SANDRA CHEREB  
Associated Press Writer

CARSON CITY — Gov. Jim Gibbons proposed sweeping reforms to Nevada's higher education system Thursday that would give administrators more

leeway to spend tuition and state funds as they see fit — a move to make them more self-sufficient.

"I believe in the years to come that this state will ask higher education to become more self-sustaining, that is, less dependent on state resources,"

Gibbons said in a written statement he delivered at a news conference in Las Vegas, where the state Board of Regents was meeting.

"If, as a state, we ask higher education to be more self-sufficient, it is right and reasonable

that we give them the tools to effectively meet that challenge."

Among other things, he proposed: giving campuses total control over any new registration fees or out-of-state tuition; exempting campus building projects from state Public Works

Board supervision to reduce design and construction costs; and integrating classified employees into the higher education system, as opposed to the state personnel system.

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Gibbons also said higher education should be allowed to retain 25 percent of leftover general funds each year. Currently, all general fund dollars left over are returned to the state.

The changes would require approval by the 2011 Legislature.

Gibbons' proposals come after a special session of the Legislature cut funding for higher education and public schools by nearly 7 percent — roughly \$50 million — for the rest of the biennium that ends June 30, 2011.

"We are all suffering from the fatigue of the declining economy and the continual adjustments that we have had to make to our budgets," Gibbons said, adding that plotting a course for higher education isn't achievable with "fluctuating state appropriations."

# GBC child, family center earns reaccreditation

ELKO — Great Basin College's child and family center was recently reaccredited.

The Mark H. Dawson Child and Family Center earned accreditation Feb. 24 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The center was reaccredited for another five years.

Connie Zeller, director of the center, said the accreditation team gave the center the highest possible marks in a few categories.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be rec-

ognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," she said. "NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

The child center has 10 programs, including extension care for kindergartners, a full-time program for children ages 3.5 to 5, two three-year-old classes, and six pre-kindergarten classes.

Overall, a staff of 44 providers serve approximately 200 children annually.

To earn accreditation, the center went through a self-study process, measuring the program and its services against 10 NAEYC early childhood program standards and more than 400-related accreditation criteria.

Great Basin College's child center is currently accepting registration for all classes for the 2010-11 school year.

For more information, call 753-2224 or drop by the center from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
Staff members at Great Basin College's Mark H. Dawson Child and Family Center take a break from their work Tuesday. The center was recently reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for another five years.

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## Enrollment at GBC up nearly 12%

ELKO — In the midst of budget cuts, full-time enrollment at Great Basin College is up 11.7 percent over last spring.

The college's spring semester enrollment reporting date was March 15.

Full-time equivalent enrollment was 1,904 as of that day, nearly 12 percent more than spring 2009. Full-time students are those who take a minimum of 15 credits per semester.

The overall headcount at all campuses, including online students, is 3,318, a 3.4 percent increase over last year.

Spring semester instruction ends May 14, followed by finals week. Graduation is May 21.

While enrollment at the college has increased, state funding for higher education has decreased.

As a result of the special legislative session, the college will see a 7 percent reduction in state funding during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year. The college will have to cut \$336,000 during the remainder of 2010 and about \$1 million in 2011.

Great Basin College administrators have convened a task force to look at options for budget cuts.

Nevada colleges and universities will present final recommendations to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents during a special meeting in mid-April.

3-23-10

By Julie Wootton

## GBC proposes program, job cuts

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Several programs at Great Basin College may be suspended, eliminated or restructured in order to deal with reduced state funding.

GBC president Carl Diekhans, as well as other Nevada college and university presidents, will present proposals to higher education regents Friday in Las Vegas.

Final proposals will be presented to the board during its regular June meeting.

GBC's budget reduction proposal could cut or leave vacant 18 job positions and affect 213 full-time students enrolled in the programs.

As a result of the state's special legislative session, GBC will receive \$336,000 less in state funding through June 30 and \$1.02 million less during fiscal year 2011.

The following programs could be sus-



Diekhans

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pended or eliminated:

Dual credit diesel program in Battle Mountain, broadcast technology, commercial driver's license program, fire science management, sonography (ultrasound) and underground mining.

The broadcast technology program, which began in fall 2008, is the only program in the state to offer an associate of applied science degree in the field.

No new students will be admitted to the program in fall 2010. The program, which currently has seven full-time students, will at least be suspended and may be eliminated, according to GBC's proposal.

The commercial driver's license program could be changed from state-supported to self-supported.

The fire science management program, which was recently reinstated and has four full-time students, may be suspended.

The sonography program, a new program with 10 full-time students, may be suspended.

A certificate program in underground mining training, which currently has 20 full-time students, could be eliminated.

Margaret Puccinelli,

dean of health and human services, and Bret Murphy, dean of applied science, were unavailable to comment Tuesday afternoon.

Agriculture, emergency medical services and physical education programs may be restructured.

The number of agriculture degree options may be reduced from five to two.

Plans to initiate an emergency medical services and paramedic program will be dropped, according to the proposal.

Some physical education classes might be taught by volunteers, which would save money by reducing adjunct instruction.

Reduced enrollment caps will affect 125 full-time students enrolled in the nursing, diesel, electrical, welding, millwright technology and instrumentation programs.

Five administrative faculty positions may be eliminated.

In addition, six positions may be left vacant starting in the 2011 fiscal year: One art instructor, 1.5 custodians, one maintenance worker, 1.5 administrative assistants and one library assistant.

Several college employees are seeking buyouts, which will also help save money.

Budget cuts will also

affect services provided to students.

A new cooperative program that provides mental health counseling services to students won't be state sponsored. The program is managed through the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; and Communities In Schools.

There could also be reduced hours in the library, Jobs and Academic Success Center.

A task force, including faculty, support staff, students and administrators, came up with the recommendations.

The board of regents' meeting will be broadcast live beginning at 9 a.m. on the Desert Research Institute's Web Site: [www.dri.edu](http://www.dri.edu).



4-17-10

# Regents OK plan to slash programs

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College will serve fewer students and reduce or eliminate programs and services, but will still maintain quality and the school's mission, GBC's president said Friday.

"I assure you that we are preserving quality," Carl Diekhans told higher education regents in Las Vegas.

The Nevada System of Higher Education's board of regents unanimously approved the college's budget reduction proposal Friday during a special meeting, which was broadcast live online.

Diekhans said when he was hired as GBC president in July 2008, he recognized the need to form a committee "to bring all areas of the college together to discuss budget cuts."

A task force — which includes senior faculty, administrators and the president of the student government association — met at the beginning of the school year to evaluate the effects of possible cuts.

Last fall, the college was looking at a possible \$140,000 reduction in state funding.

Following a 6.9 percent cut approved during the special legislative session, GBC will receive \$336,000 less through June 30 and \$1.02 million less during fiscal year 2011.

"By Christmas, we were looking at an excess of \$1 million," Diekhans told regents.

He said while the cuts are "fairly scary," the college planned ahead and was fiscally conservative by not filling all vacant job positions.

Budget cuts have affected students' ability to register for classes they need. Diekhans said 418 registrations were turned down during the fall semester. This semester, 112 students were turned away "and that's not all of them," he said.

Some colleges, such as Truckee Meadows Community College, have turned away more students. About 1,700

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students this semester weren't able to register for a single class after trying multiple times, said college president Dr. Maria Sheehan.

Among the programs slated for suspension at GBC is sonography.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs, said during an interview with the Free Press earlier this week that it's the only ultrasound program in northern Nevada. About 10 full-time students are enrolled.

Ultrasound students will be able to finish the program, but no new students will be admitted for the fall semester.

"We will be emphasizing radiology technology," he said.

Regent Ray Rawson from Clark County said when closures affect between one and 10 students, it may not look bad on paper, but it is.

He said regents have worked hard to establish health programs in rural areas.

"It kind of hurts to see some of these things gone," he said. "It's a vicious cycle."

Rawson said suspending the sonography program could also have an effect on rural hospitals.

Enrollment caps will be lowered for some programs such as diesel, electrical, welding, millwright technology and instrumentation.

McFarlane said admissions to the nursing program may be reduced 17 percent, from about 24 students to 20.

"We've already capped programs at Great Basin for a few years," Diekhans told regents Friday.

Some enrollment caps will decline from 50 to 36, but numbers will vary depending on the program.

"Every program is a little different,"

*"We're worried that budget cuts could become even worse in the next year or two. It's a major concern."*

— Mike McFarlane  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

McFarlane said.

The fire science management program, which was reinstated two years ago, will be suspended.

McFarlane said there's a relatively small enrollment in the program.

The elimination of the certificate program in underground mining will not have much effect, he said.

"Most mines are doing the training in house," he said.

The commercial driver's license program won't offer college credit anymore. Rates may be raised, allowing the program to become self-supported rather than state-supported.

Federal funding for the program should still be available, Diekhans told regents.

Services available for GBC students also will be impacted by budget cuts.

Hours could be reduced at the campus library, some labs and the Academic Success Center.

Mental health counseling services will no longer be state supported.

Diekhans told regents that the college won't close any centers.

GBC has become more efficient by offering interactive classes, he said, which can take students from as many

as five sites.

"We're unique in that we probably have the most extended video system in the state," he said.

Paulette Batayola, GBC's Student Government Association president, said she served on the budget task force and has worked to keep her constituents informed.

"We are very much one college," she said, referring to GBC's branch campuses and satellite centers.

Batayola said although "no one is in true support of cuts," students understand that administrators have difficult decisions to make.

Diekhans said the college had money in reserve to cover some of the cuts during this fiscal year.

The Great Basin College Foundation also has given about \$250,000 over the past two years to departments that were hard pressed.

The funding was mainly used to maintain equipment and none went toward salaries, Diekhans said.

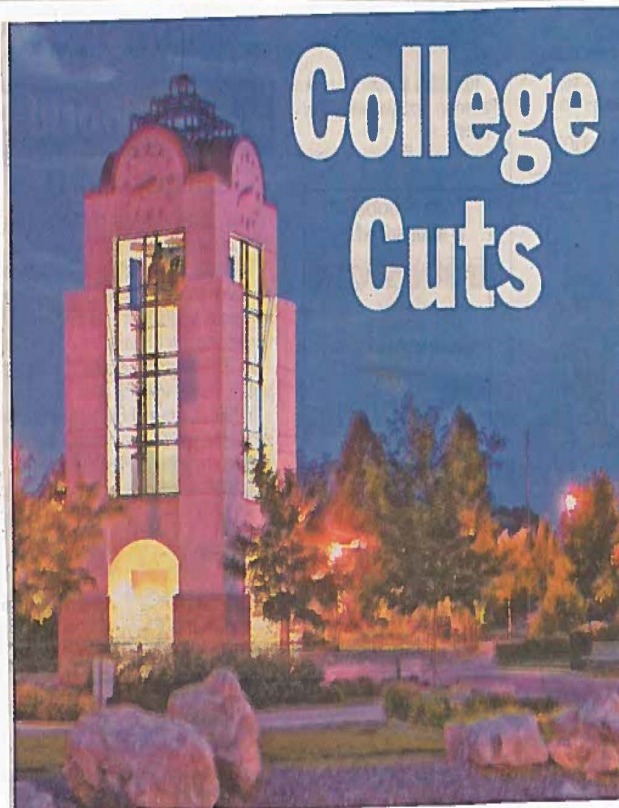
He said GBC will make a small reduction in force, although some changes won't take effect until the 2012 fiscal year.

Another way GBC aims to save money is through contract buyouts. Diekhans said three non-faculty and one faculty member are seeking buyouts.

Nevada colleges and universities will present their final budget proposals during a June meeting, but no new information will be presented.

GBC already made double-digit cuts during this biennium and more cuts will likely be on the way.

"We're worried that budget cuts could become even worse in the next year or two," McFarlane said. "It's a major concern."



## Instructor: Numbers don't tell whole story

4-17-10

By JULIE WOOPTON  
Free Press Staff Writer



Rossett

ELKO — Some programs at Great Basin College with low enrollment may be suspended or eliminated, but numbers are misleading, the college's broadcast technology instructor said.

"The way students are counted isn't ethical and it's manipulation of the statistics," Wyoming Rossett said.

The college's broadcast technology program will be at least suspended, or possibly eliminated.

GBC is faced with a 6.9 percent shortfall

in state funding — about \$336,000 less through June 30 and \$1.02 million less during fiscal year 2011.

The Nevada System of Higher Education's board of regents met Friday in Las Vegas to hear from college and university presidents about budget reduction proposals.

No new students will be admitted to GBC's broadcast technology program for fall 2010 and new classes will be suspended.

"Current students will be allowed to finish up the program," said Mike McFarlane,

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president for Academic Affairs.

The college's broadcast technology program was first proposed to higher education regents about two and a half years ago. The program officially started in fall 2008.

"The program could be more viable if there was time to allow it to develop fully," McFarlane said.

Rossett said KENV-TV was instrumental in helping the program get off the ground.

Nine students have declared broadcast technology as their major. However, about 20 students took broadcast courses during the fall semester, Rossett said.

"Lower enrollment programs are being targeted," he said, adding that enrollment is measured by the number of students who have declared a major in the field.

"It's common not to declare a major right away

and sample courses," Rossett said.

Numerous students take English classes, but there aren't any degrees offered, he said. No program cuts are proposed for the English department.

The first recipient of an associate of applied science degree in broadcast technology will graduate next month.

"She'll be the first in the state to graduate with this type of degree and probably the last," Rossett said.

GBC President Carl Diekhans told higher education regents Friday that the college may still offer some broadcast instruction without a formal program.

Rossett said the program is supposed to continue for one more year through funding from a federal Perkins grant.

The program allows students to intern at KENV-TV, as well as radio stations, and some students have been hired as a result.

## Degrees still awarded in suspended programs

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### Diekhans says GBC has obligation to students

By JULIE WOOPTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College is required to let students in suspended programs complete their degrees in a reasonable amount of time, but it will cost more due to fee increases.

"When a student signs up for a program and it's cut, we have a legal obligation to make courses available somehow," GBC President Carl Diekhans said Monday.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the college hasn't notified affected students yet.

"Students are in no peril whatsoever," Diekhans said.

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Board of Regents unanimously approved the college budget reduction proposal Friday during a special meeting in Las Vegas.

Regents also voted to raise tuition by 9.5 percent at community colleges, including GBC.

Tuition at GBC will increase from the \$60 per 10-division credit and \$2.75 surcharge to \$63 per credit no surcharge next year. During the 2012 fiscal year, it will increase to \$69.25 per credit.

The cost for upper-division credits will also increase from \$98.25 to \$103.25 next year and \$113.25 during fiscal year 2012.

Changes to fees could still be made by the Nevada Legislature during the next regular session.

Community colleges won't bring their budget proposals back to regents during their regular June meeting, Diekhans said. GBC will proceed with implementing its budget reduction plan.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno will be required to present a final budget to regents in June.

"The universities have a broader range of things to cut," Diekhans said. "They're cutting major programs dealing with budgets in the hundreds of millions."

Following a 6.9 percent cut approved during the special legislative session, GBC will receive \$336,000 through June 30 and \$1.02 million less during fiscal year 2011.

Programs slated for suspension include sonography, broadcast technology and fire science management. Enrollment caps will be lowered for other programs such as nursing, diesel, electrical, welding, millwright technology and instrumentation, and other programs will be restructured.

Diekhans said for a program such as broadcast technology, there will still be an instructor next year.

If a student is registered in the program, the college must find a way to offer the classes that are required for the major, even if new students won't be accepted to the program, he said.

Diekhans said GBC is responding to the possibility of future budget cuts by offering employee buyouts.

He said the school won't save money during the first year after buyouts are approved, but will realize savings starting in the second and third years.

Diekhans said buyouts are generally approved for those with higher salaries.

"Buyouts will not be able to cover the shortfalls we have now," he said, adding that buyouts are a long-term measure.

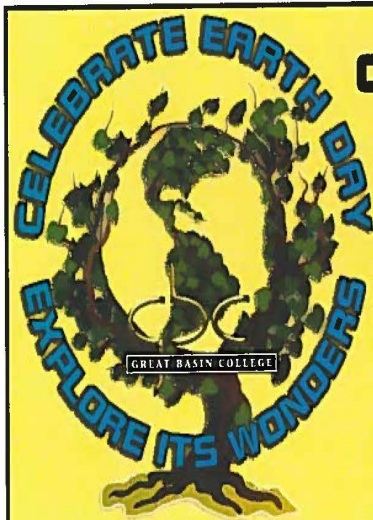
Some positions that are bought out may be hired back eventually.

"We're not promising to hire back in the area where we bought out," he said, but employees may be hired back a few years for programs with critical needs.

Diekhans said there will be some reductions in force, but employees would still work for one more year as a condition of their contracts.

GBC will still offer quality programs and services, he said, despite budget restraints.

"We're hoping things will turn around soon," he said.



## **CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK** **April 19-23, 2010** **Great Basin College** **Activities**

### **Daily Events**

Films and Presentations  
will all be held in  
Gallagher Health Sciences, Room 107

**Monday, April 19**  
**12:15 p.m.**

### **"Botany of Desire"**

A PBS film based on Michael Pollen's book which compares humans and their relationship with the sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control by plants.

**Tuesday, April 20**  
**12:30 p.m.**

### **"Fresh"**

A film by Sofia Joanes: new thinking about what we are eating; celebrating farmers, thinkers, and business people.

**Wednesday, April 21,**  
**12:15 p.m.**

### **"Nevada's Agricultural Footprint"**

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

"Eating is an Agricultural Act"  
(quote by Wendell Berry)

**Earth Day**  
**Thursday, April 22**  
**10:00 a.m.**

### **Field Trip: "Over the Hill and Just Beyond the Next Bend of the River"**

Enjoy a trip to see Elko's natural diversity with GBC Adjunct Instructor and Plant Specialist Mary Winter. Meet at the GBC Amphitheater at 10:00 a.m. with a planned return around 2:00 p.m. A van will be provided.

**Friday, April 23**  
**12:15 p.m.**

### **"The A to Z of Transition-communities in Transition"**

Presentation on how to reinvent, rethink and rebuild the world around us.

**Questions?**  
Call Jo Dean at 753.2216.

6-12-10

# Public invited to hear motivational speaker

HAILEE VANCE

Free Press Correspondent

ELKO – Great Basin College will host motivational speaker Chris Bowers at 1 p.m. Monday in the GBC Theater.

Bowers will kick off the College and Career Camp at GBC, and admission is free.

Bowers has been speaking professionally for 14 years. He said he became a motivational speaker because in high school he was not good at sports.

"In high school I took the student council leader route instead of the sports route," Bowers said. "In doing that, I found that I had a skill in talking to groups and I seemed to help them. When I got the opportunity to do that for a living, it became a no-brainer."

Bowers' message is simple: He wants teens to realize they have the power to shape their lives.

"I think most people live lives that they feel they have no control of," Bowers said.

"In some cases things are out of people's control. However, most of the time

we are where we are (in life) because we chose to be there, so I want students to take responsibility for their choices."

Bowers uses humor to get his message across to teen and preteen audiences all over the country. He has traveled to 34 states, speaking to thousands of students along the way.

"I always joke that I talk to kids because adults already know everything," Bowers said. "With teenagers,



they will still listen; they haven't made up their minds yet. I love the feeling when I can tell that a teen just changed their opinion on the world because of something I said."

Continuing Education Director Angie de Braga chose Bowers to be the keynote

speaker for the camp after hearing nothing but praise for his speaking. She invites teens and pre-teens alike come to the event Monday.

"I think everybody can use a bit of humor in their day," de Braga said. "Everybody has frustrations that they are dealing with in their lives, so anytime you can do something to put a positive spin on it you should do that."

For more information, call 753-2231.

# GBC full-time enrollment up 12 percent

JULIE WOOTTON

Free Press Staff Writer

6-29-10  
ELKO – Full-time enrollment at Great Basin College increased again this year, up almost 12 percent from last year.

Full-time enrollment increased 11.6 percent to 1,994 students for the 2009-10 school year at GBC, according to a report released June 22 by the Nevada System of Higher Education.

"More of our students are enrolling full time and are traditional-age students right out of high school who are focused on college," said John Patrick Rice, director of

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institutional advancement at GBC.

He said there have been large enrollment increases at GBC for at least three years.

"Because of the economy, it's more affordable (for students) to come here," Rice said, adding that student confidence in GBC continues to grow.

Full-time enrollment during the spring semester was 956, up 11.9 percent compared to spring 2009.

There were about 13 percent more full-time lower division students during the spring semester and nearly 5 percent more full-time upper division students.

Lower-division enrollment at GBC was 1,769 during the spring semester, while upper-division enrollment was 186.

The overall student head count at GBC during the spring semester was 3,533, a 2.5 percent increase over spring 2009.

"It's remarkable," Rice said, referring to enrollment increases.

Registration is currently open for the fall semester at GBC. Rice said he encourages students to register early since classes fill up quickly.

He said enrollment figures for the fall semester are "pretty dramatic right now," but will level off once the semester starts.

Fall classes start Aug. 23, although some career and technical education programs start several weeks earlier.

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## GBC students experience China

CYNTHIA DELANEY  
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — On the seventh of June two Great Basin College instructors and eight students took off on a Salt Lake City-to-Beijing flight. All but one of them had never been to China.

They were excited, and although many others were aboard that vessel to visit the Far East, only this small group served as a delegation from Great Basin College. The mission: to share culture and ideas with fellow students and faculty at their sister university in Heze and to experience life in China.

The tired crew landed in the capitol city of Beijing after a dizzying and lengthy flight via Tokyo. The next morning, they were up and ready to go.

Their first meal together was a unifying experience as all but the main tour leader, Lijuan Zhai, a native of China, grappled with the hubbub of early morning cafeteria dining and the reality of using chopsticks at 7 a.m.

As part of their two-week journey, Elkoans would visit a number of important monuments, Chinese markets, traditional Chinese food establishments and art



Cynthia Delaney/Elko Daily Free Press

A vendor in Heze peddles her cart down the street.

# From the Great Basin to the Great Wall



The group from Great Basin College on the Great Wall of China. Front row: Diana Noble, instructor Lijuan Zhai, instructor Cynthia Delaney, Jan Lamb, Pam Dolezal, Colleen Memeo and Matthew Memeo. Back row: Kendra Thompson, Spencer CdeBaca and Erika Patrick.

Cynthia Delaney/Elko Daily Free Press

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exhibits.

The first morning, they set off for the Summer Palace, Lama Temple and Beijing's Olympic park.

Adjusting to the flow of life in one of the world's busiest cities on top of jet lag, figuring dollar-to-yuan rates and a massive language barrier, the group navigated through its first day in China with remarkable adaptability. The basic camaraderie was set forth with a sense of adventure and a laissez-faire attitude.

One of humanity's finest architectural accomplishments is the Great Wall.

Nevadans are used to altitude, so hiking the wall, which rests high in the hills of China, proved to be a fairly simple conquest. Laden with souvenirs and luggage, they then attempted what was a much greater hurdle; making their way intact through the Beijing main train station and settling onto one of China's numerous modes of transportation — the night train to Heze.

Students and teachers arrived in Heze about 500 miles east of Beijing at 4:30 in the morning to a welcoming committee and a prearranged dumpling breakfast with plenty of Diet Coke (the nearest caffeine jolt available). The troupe of weary travelers brightened up after settling into their hotels and preparing for their stay. They were in for a lot in this "rural area" of one million people.

Over the course of the next several days the Great Basin contingent was honored in every way possible by their hosts at Heze University.

Students taught them the beauty of learning to write Chinese calligraphy and helped them all complete brush painting. They were shown many aspects of the campus of 20,000 students and a performance was staged in their benefit.

The group was entertained firsthand by faculty and student members of the music, dance and drama departments. It

was a feast of color and sound.

Their time in Heze went by like a whirlwind as they were escorted by dignitaries to temples and monuments and were shown local farms and factories.

Each day a new banquet was staged in restaurants on tables laden with delicacies. Their hosts were local government officials who wished them all a fine time in China. By this time, the Nevadans had a few Chinese words and could reciprocate their feelings.

"This is one of the most incredible experiences I have ever been through," said Carlin teacher Diana Noble about the kingly treatment the Americans received in Heze.

Soon the travelers were off on another night train to Xian, where they experienced the incredible ruins of the Terra Cotta Soldiers believed to be as old as 210 B.C.

They also witnessed the ancient City Wall and participated in other cultural excursions,

including a professional opera.

Nearing the end of their trip the group returned to Beijing, where they saw many more famous structures, including the Forbidden City, home of Chinese emperors for hundreds of years; Tiananmen Square; and a number of other destinations within the city.

By this time everyone was making friends and really feeling the rhythm of Chinese life. On their own they hailed taxi cab drivers who buzzed them about the monstrous city to art museums and a park where locals hung out to play cards.

Recent Spring Creek High School graduate Spencer CdeBaca managed to get a good-looking haircut from a street barber for less than \$1. They ordered a meal completely in Chinese

and, amazingly, came up with a tasty spread for less than \$20 for nine people. They didn't know what they ate, but said it was all good.

"I can't believe we were able to do that by ourselves," commented participant Colleen Memeo. "We are really fitting in here."

Alas, all good things must come to an end. The group finally found themselves nearing the end of their trip.

No one wanted to leave their friends and new-found culture, they said. Adventurer Marco Polo spent 24 years in China, but the group from Nevada could only manage two weeks because of obligations back home.

However, like Marco Polo and his predecessors who brought back unusual goods from the East, this small band of capitalists descended on Pearl and Guanyuan markets on their final day, haggling for lower prices just like the natives.

# GBC, UNR to provide options for ag students

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JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Some agriculture degrees have been eliminated at Great Basin College and the University of Nevada, Reno, but faculty and administrators are working to provide new options for students.

Marc Johnson, executive vice president and provost of UNR, said the university plans to formulate a new agriculture science degree, with a target launch date of fall 2011.

"We're formulating a new degree next year that will be a multi-disciplinary and manage-



Johnson

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Continued from front page ment focused degree in agricultural science," he said.

Johnson said the degree will have a broader focus, satisfy agricultural interests and serve as a replacement to some other agriculture departments that will be closed.

As part of the university's budget reduction plan, UNR will close the departments of animal biotechnology and resource economics within the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

However, the college will remain open, a change from the university's original proposal.

He said he hopes Nevada System of Higher Education regents will approve the new agriculture science degree in March.

Every college and university in Nevada will see about 7 percent less in state funding during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years as a result of the special legislative session.

Over the past few months, NSHE regents approved budget reduction proposals. Johnson said UNR must reduce \$44 million from its base annual budget.

"We're trimming back in some areas," he said, adding that other programs besides agriculture were affected, including elimination of some departments and reductions to student and faculty services.

Cuts to UNR's agriculture programs was a topic that came up during several Elko County Commission meetings this spring, prior to when budget reduction proposals were finalized.

Johnson told commissioners by phone during a March meeting that there weren't many UNR agriculture graduates last year.

He told commissioners

that about half the students in the animal biotechnology department are preparing for veterinary school.

UNR is keeping its pre-vet program and five animal science faculty who are most closely affiliated with the pre-vet program, he said during an interview with the Free Press.

A decision hasn't been made regarding the operations of the university's meat plant and main station farm.

Johnson said there's a committee actively studying the question of which parts of the facilities are critical to the university's mission.

"It's under all intense study of purposes," he said.

Johnson said some of his constituents have asked whether it's necessary to continue using all 1,100 acres of the main station farm.

"There's a value here for pre-vet students to have hands-on opportunities with large animals," he said.

Johnson said the farm is a valuable asset for the university and there "are opportunity costs for the land where we could reposition some resources."

In addition to cuts at UNR's College of Agriculture, one agriculture degree at GBC has been suspended.

GBC agriculture professor Tracy Shane said GBC suspended the bachelor of applied science degree in agriculture management, which was a "really small program," but none of the other agriculture degrees will be affected.

Shane said GBC should be able to bring the degree back if funding improves and interest continues to remain strong. Current students will still be able to earn their degree, but no new students will be accepted.

The college provides

integrative agricultural associate's degrees and a well-rounded start to college, she said.

GBC's agriculture department offers three associate's degrees and many of the classes overlap, Shane said.

The associate of arts degree is geared toward those interested in agriculture business and agriculture education.

The associate of science degree is geared toward those interested in transferring to a four-year university to study agriculture science, or other fields such as plant and crop science.

The associate of applied science degree is for those interested in working on a ranch, for instance, and those who generally aren't interested in transferring to a four-year university, Shane said.

She said the main effect of cuts to the agriculture programs at UNR is that the 2+2 program with GBC may need to be altered.

"I'm not sure what the future status of the program is," Shane said.

The program allows students to complete a two-year associate's degree at GBC and then transfer to UNR to earn a bachelor of science in animal science degree after another two years.

Johnson said he's not familiar with the 2+2 agreement between GBC and UNR.

He said no new freshmen will be accepted into the animal science degree program at UNR.

Johnson said he would be pleased to see a new 2+2 agreement between GBC and UNR with the new agriculture science degree.

"We could keep the avenues open," he said.

For GBC animal science students interested in transferring to UNR, the university will accept some 300- and 400-level classes from GBC under

the new agriculture science degree or electives.

The university will work with Shane to make sure agriculture students will be able to transfer.

Shane said she plans to contact the University of Idaho and Utah State about establishing a 2+2 program in agriculture.

She said she's known one student who has transferred to UNR under the 2+2 agreement.

Shane said although a number of GBC agriculture students transfer to UNR, Utah State is just as popular.

One trend Shane said she's seen among GBC agriculture students is an interest in studying natural resources.

Many earn an associate's degree and then stay at GBC to earn a bachelor of arts degree in integrative studies for natural resources.

Johnson said the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science will be retained at UNR.

"The range is important to Nevada since 87 percent of lands are federally owned," he said.

The education program in natural resources meets the requirements of the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service, Johnson said.

UNR also provides agriculture-related services to the Elko area through the university's Cooperative Extension office, located on Walnut Street.

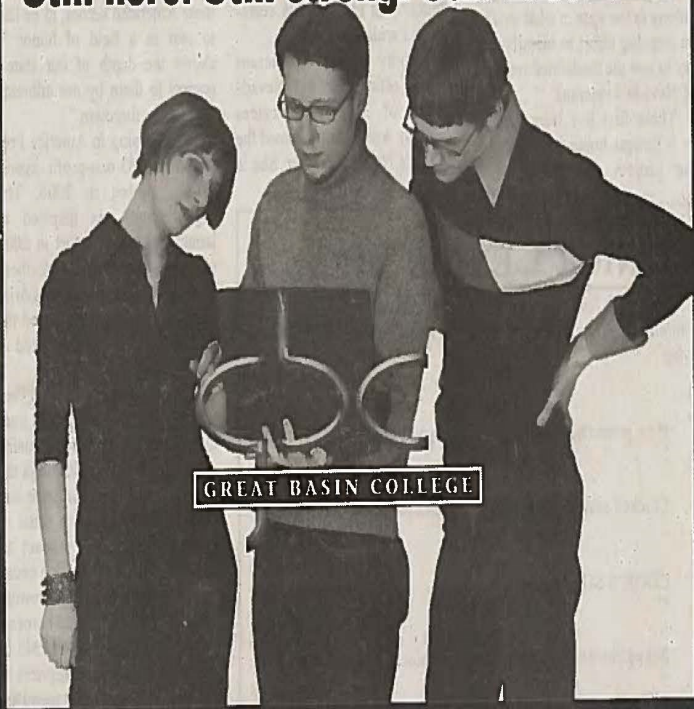
Johnson said Ron Torell, Area Livestock Specialist, has retired and UNR is conducting a search process to fill the position.

"Livestock updates in Northern Nevada are continuing," he said.

Johnson said all other educator positions in Elko's Cooperative Extension office are in place.

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## GBC's Academic Success Center now open

### Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Students have returned to class at Great Basin College and the state of the art Academic Success Center officially opened for student tutoring the day after Labor Day. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Academic Success Center is located on the Elko campus in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building. Live and online tutoring is available at the center in Elko and also at the GBC cam-

pus facilities in Winnemucca and Ely. Students enrolled at GBC's campuses in Battle Mountain, Pahrump or online can benefit from the Academic Success Center's online services by visiting the ASC Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu/asc](http://www.gbcnv.edu/asc).

The Academic Success Center offers instructional support for students in math, English/writing, science and foreign languages. Tutors in these disciplines can provide extra support and guidance on assignments and other course work. The center also maintains a computer lab for word processing and Internet

research. All current Great Basin College students are welcome to use the computer facility as well.

For more information, contact the ASC at (775) 753-2149.

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9-9-09

## Great Basin College offering trip to Oregon Shakespeare Festival

9-23-09

### Deadline to sign up is Oct. 2

#### Special to the Bugle

WINNEMUCCA — Teresa Howell, English instructor at Great Basin College, will conduct a field trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., over the Nevada Day holiday weekend. The group will travel to Ashland by van on Friday, Oct. 30, and will return on Nov. 2.

While in Ashland, the group will enjoy four plays. Two of the plays, the tragedy "Macbeth" and the comedy "All's Well that Ends Well," were written by Shakespeare himself. "Equivocation," by Bill Cain, is an imaginative examination of the political realities within which Shakespeare wrote. "The Servant of Two Masters" is a comedy by Carlo Goldoni written in the 18th century.

Additional attractions of the trip include a backstage tour to explore the history, design and technology of repertory theatre. On Saturday afternoon, participants will be able to take in the fantastic Ashland Halloween parade.

In addition to \$65.50 for one GBC credit, the trip will cost each participant \$300 to cover transportation from Elko or Winnemucca, tickets for all events and accommodations at the Ashland Hostel. Participants will pay for their own meals.

Whether you are new to theatre, of a seasoned veteran, Great Basin College invites you to spend a weekend with fellow theatre-lovers. A limited number of spaces are still available. Interested students and community members are encouraged to sign up before the Oct. 2 deadline in order to reserve a spot. Telephone Great Basin College Continuing Education Director Angie de Braga at (775) 753-2231 or Teresa Howell at (775) 623-1807 for further information. To register, visit [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

## 'Mining Rocks' —

10-7-09

## Great Basin College Tech Prep, Barrick offering fall tour

### Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Do you want to know more about the opportunities and education that lead to mining careers in Nevada? Join the "Nevada Mining Rocks!" tour and explore all the careers and programs available to become apart of Nevada's mining industry.

Great Basin College, in collaboration with Barrick Goldstrike, will be offering a rare opportunity to tour a mine site and learn about all the different careers and educational opportunities available in mining. Tour participants will be able to get up close and personal with daily mining opera-

tions and meet with employees to learn about the variety of career opportunities available in mining. Some of the different careers and programs at Great Basin related to mining discussed on the tours will include: electrical systems technology, diesel technology, welding technology, mining, engineering, natural resources, earth sciences, office technology, human resources and business.

This opportunity will be open for 45 participants. Interested high school students who want to participate will have first priority. Great Basin College students and community members who are interested in

attending GBC are encouraged to sign up if there are additional seats available for the tour. The tour will be held on Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (775) 738-8455 for information and to sign up by Oct. 16.

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## Train the Trainer —

11-4-09

### GBC to offer certified nursing instructor course

#### Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Health and Human Services Department at Great Basin College will offer a course for registered nurses that will qualify them to become certified nursing instructors.

The course, Nursing 285, E01, Train the Trainer, is a two-day class that will be held Thursday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 6,

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will be held in the Gallagher Health Science Building, Room 109, and instructor for the course is Phyllis Jo Dean, BSN, RN.

Interested individuals must possess a current Nevada RN license and have had a minimum of two years experience working with chronically ill patients. In order to become a Certified Nursing Instructor,

qualified individuals must enroll in the 16-hour Train the Trainer course. The cost is \$84 (plus \$10 for first-time GBC students) and will be offered at the Great Basin College Elko Campus in Elko. To register, visit [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

Additional classes can be partially tailored to individual schedules. For more information call (775) 753-2301 or (775) 753-2216.

## Great Basin College to offer Driver's Ed courses

12-30-09

### Next class

### begins Jan. 5

#### Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Great Basin College (GBC) will again offer Driver's Education to high school and adult students in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, Nye and White Pine counties.

New lessons regarding how to drive safely in a round-about and the dangers of texting while driving have been added to the course curriculum.

The 10-week, two-credit course is delivered online and is taught by certified Driver's Ed instructors. The next class starts Jan. 5, 2010. Another section begins on Feb. 9. High school students are eligible for a special \$35 tuition fee.

If a student has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a one-time \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non-high school students may also enroll, but will pay the regular tuition fee of \$147. Students can enroll for the Driver's Ed course by following the steps on the college's Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu/drivers-ed](http://www.gbcnv.edu/drivers-ed).

One of the chief benefits, according to Angie deBraga, GBC's director of Continuing

Education, is that completing the course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half.

"The DMV requires that a beginning driver under 18 years of age must log 100 hours of driving time with an adult before applying for a license," deBraga said. "With successful completion of a Driver's Ed course, the time is reduced to just 50 hours."

In order to enroll, students should be 15½ years old 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.

For more information on Driver's Ed at GBC call (775) 753-2231.

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## GBC Foundation reaches milestone

2024

### Organization has now awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships

#### Special to the Bugle

ELKO — The Great Basin College (GBC) Foundation reached a milestone recently in its support of students enrolled at GBC across rural Nevada. Last fall, the organization topped \$1 million in scholarships awarded to students enrolled at campuses across rural Nevada.

"Because of the generosity of our donors and the commitment of our Board of Trustees, Great Basin College Foundation has been able to provide hundreds of students with the opportunity to receive post-secondary education and training for well-paying jobs in rural Nevada," said John Patrick Rice, Ph.D., the foundation's executive director.

Rice noted that nearly 70 percent of students who apply for financial assistance from the college are first-generation college students.

"Without scholarship support, many of those students would be denied their opportunity for higher education," said Rice.

In addition to scholarships, in

#### At a glance —

The GBC Foundation was established in 1989 as the private fundraising arm of GBC. Since its inception, foundation trustees have raised more than \$27 million to support the mission of the college.

For information on how to support the foundation, log on to [www.gbcnv.edu/foundation](http://www.gbcnv.edu/foundation).

the nearly 30-year history of the foundation, donors have provided almost \$14 million for capital projects on GBC campuses throughout rural Nevada. Most recently, the foundation funded the renovation of the College Community Center in Elko, transforming the facility into the Leonard Center for Student Life, scheduled to open later this spring.

In Winnemucca, foundation funds provided a new modular classroom building, providing additional space for traditional and interactive classes on that campus beginning this summer.

From time to time, donors choose to support other areas of the college in need of support with those disbursements totaling nearly \$1.4 million.

Beginning last year, the trustees have directed a quarter million dollars from unrestricted funds to support 10 program areas of the college, including the Academic Success Center, Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment programs, the child care center, adult basic education and ESL programs and the nursing pro-

gram. The foundation regularly supplements state funding for equipment needed to keep academic and training programs line with current technologies.

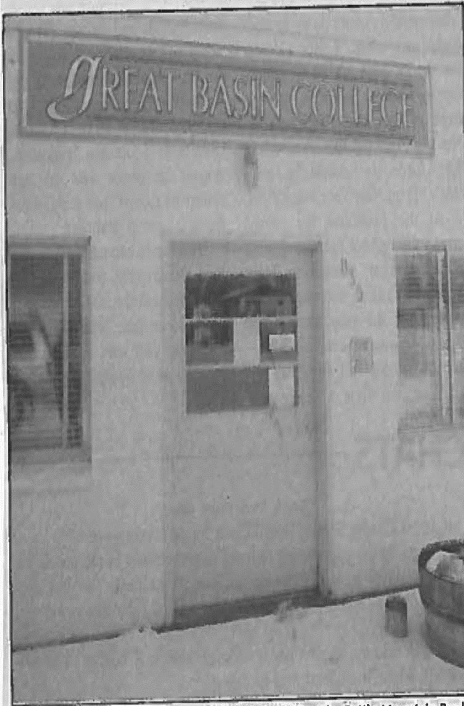
"Our trustees are also very committed to the long-term success of the college and have encouraged donors to establish number of endowments to support programs, scholarships or facilities in perpetuity," Rice said. "Donors have contributed about \$2.9 million to endowments, which, because of good stewardship by trustees, are now valued at just under \$3.3 million."

The foundation will hold its annual Dinner Dance fundraising event this Saturday. Rice said that the Dinner Dance is an opportunity for the trustees to say thank you to donors and to the community and to raise the funds that support the administrative work of the foundation.

"It's a terrific evening of entertainment, great food, dancing and fun," he said.

Tickets for the event are available at the foundation offices in McMullen Hall on the Elko campus.

2-24-10



HEATHER SINGER • The Battle Mountain Bugle

Gov. Jim Gibbons has asked the Economic Forum for new revenue projections, and is considering whether a special legislative session is needed to address the state's budget problems, which could include cuts to higher education.

## More higher education budget cuts could be coming

### GBC president waiting for Economic Forum to meet before making any decision

By Heather Singer  
The Battle Mountain Bugle

**BATTLE MOUNTAIN** — Great Basin College (GBC) will wait until after this month's Economic Forum to decide on any budget cuts, said GBC President Carl Diekhans. Any possible budget cuts would impact all of GBC's campuses, including those in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain.

"It is pretty hard to say what is going to happen," said Diekhans. "Basically the college is just waiting to see what the Economic Forum comes up with. Certainly I can say that any percentage of cuts will be devastating to the school."

The percentages of cuts could be 6 percent, 8 percent or 10 percent, said Diekhans. Due to an increased state revenue shortfall, Gov. Jim Gibbons asked for updated revenue projections from the Economic Forum before he will decide on a special legislative session to look at the state budget.

The forum is an independent panel that consists of five outside financial experts who project state revenues. The governor appoints three of the members; one member is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, and one member is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve for two-year terms.

These projections of the forum are binding by state law on the governor and lawmakers in constructing the state budget.

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active from March 1 until the end of the fiscal year and will also be active for the 2010 — 2011 fiscal year.

Once the proposed cuts are decided, GBC's president will meet with a special task force committee that deals with budget cuts and make proposals on where to cut. The committee will meet in mid January to start discussing the matter.

"We are not submitting any cuts until we know what the governor decides and how much (will need to be cut)," said Diekhans.

After the percentage of cuts is decided, the task force will meet again to finalize the cuts, which will then be presented to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents for final approval.

"Basically, it is not good for the institution and depending on what the governor settles on, we will convene and try to settle it at that time," Diekhans said.

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The commission suggested corrective actions and its accreditation was reaffirmed for another five years.

University of Nevada President Milton Glick told administrators and deans recently refrain from making any formal plans for budget cuts until they receive direction from the Board of Regents.

He said he opposes any additional cuts to a budget that already has lost \$33 million this fiscal year.

"Our general fund appropriation was 15 percent below what the Legislature approved," Glick told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

1-6-10

# Local GBC students urged to contact lawmakers about proposed budget cuts to higher education

2-24-10

## Special session of legislature began earlier this week

By Heather Singer  
The Battle Mountain Bugle

**BATTLE MOUNTAIN** — In light of the Feb. 17 rally at the Elko Great Basin College (GBC) campus for students to voice concerns over proposed budget cuts to Nevada's higher education, Battle Mountain GBC students voiced concerns as well.

Although Battle Mountain students did not rally prior to Tuesday's special legislative session, they posted flyers in the campus office urging students to contact legislators to push for no more budget cuts to higher education, said Terry Hardy, Battle Mountain senator for the GBC Student Government Association.

Nevada Gov. Jim Gibbons and state lawmakers said cuts at all levels of education funding were unavoidable because the state faces an \$881 million budget shortfall.

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which the majority of Battle Mountain students are enrolled.

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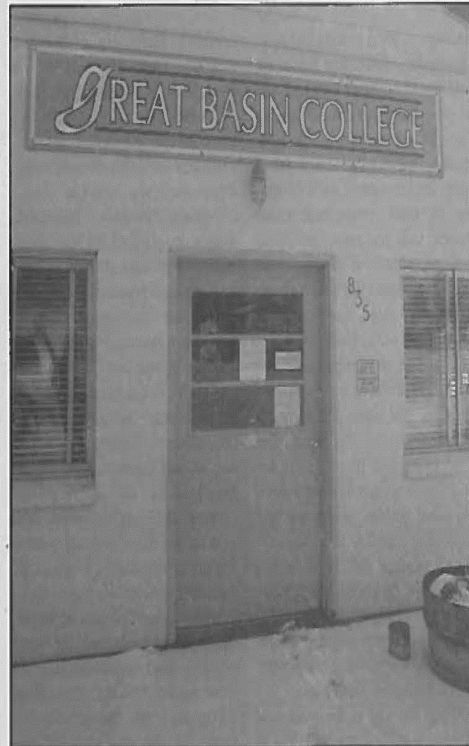
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BUGLE FILE PHOTO

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# No decisions yet on <sup>3-10-10</sup> Great Basin College cuts

## School waiting to hear back from Board of Regents

By Heather Singer  
The Battle Mountain Bugle

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — As of March 3, no decisions were made by Great Basin College (GBC) administrators on what areas will absorb the 6.9 percent budget cuts decided on by the Nevada Legislature during its special session.

Battle Mountain has a GBC campus. Mike McFarlane, vice president for academic affairs, who is acting as the administrator in charge while GBC President Carl Diekhans is out on sick leave, said he did not foresee the closing of any GBC campuses.

College administrators were relieved that the cuts were not as big as they thought they would be, said McFarlane.

"I guess the biggest impact that came from the special session is less than we thought it would be two weeks before the special session," said McFarlane. "The reason we came out better than we thought is we were expecting 22 percent cuts but by the time (the special session) finished, the 6.9 percent seems relatively mild to the disaster it would have been before. Great Basin College and all of the colleges and universities are grateful to the Legislature for not cutting us as bad as we thought they might."

GBC administrators were waiting for the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents to meet March 4 — 5 to see what came out of that meeting before deciding on any cuts, said McFarlane on March 3.

Some time this week, GBC's special budget task force will meet to begin discussing what areas to cut.

"We aren't saying anything definitive right now," McFarlane said. "We are not anticipating closing any of our centers."

As soon as the task force decides on recommendations, Diekhans will make the final decision on the cuts.

"I guess I just want to

emphasize there is nothing in detail yet," said McFarlane. "We are just waiting on the Board of Regents' decision and how it may affect us."

Before the special session, Elko campus students rallied Feb. 17 to voice concerns over potential higher education budget cuts. Battle Mountain GBC students voiced concerns as well but did not hold a rally.

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# GBC task force <sup>3-24-10</sup> meets to discuss budget cuts

## A few details released but nothing certain at this point

By Heather Singer  
The Battle Mountain Bugle

BATTLE MOUNTAIN — Great Basin College's (GBC) special budget task force met a week and a half ago to begin talking about budget cuts. Few details were available March 15 and nothing was certain at that point, said GBC President Carl Diekhans.

"The task force met and will meet again (March 18) to discuss reduction plans," said Diekhans. "We need to have a plan to present to the Board of Regents at their meeting April 16 in Las Vegas. The plan has to be done by April 2. I can't give details. We are not releasing basic details at this time."

As of March 19, no results were immediately available from the March 18 meeting.

According to a written statement released by GBC, members of the task force discussed the 6.9 percent cut to the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year (FY) and FY 2011.

The task force is made up of faculty, support staff, students and administration and includes input from community program advisory boards.

The press release outlined the work of the task force to date:

- 6.9 percent cuts will be imposed for the remainder of this FY, ending June 30 and for FY 11, ending June 30, 2011;
- The cuts for the remainder of FY 10 equal approximately \$336,000;
- Cuts for FY 11 will total approximately \$1,021,000;

• The 6.9 percent does not include furloughs. Furloughs will continue;

• GBC is expected to preserve its core programs;

• GBC will cover cuts with current vacancies, additional contract buyouts and phase-in retirements, program restructure (which could include reduction, suspension or elimination) and enrollment caps in programs with limited space.

The 6.9 percent cut to GBC's budget is in addition to the double-digit cuts it made prior to February's special session. GBC anticipates further cuts in the coming biennium.

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## GBC to offer driver's ed classes

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — First-time drivers under 18 years of age are currently required by Nevada law to complete a 30-hour Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) approved course in basic driver's education.

Great Basin College offers DMV-approved courses regularly, with upcoming classes to begin April 13, May 18 and July 13.

The GBC basic driver's education course covers traffic laws and rules of the road, vehicle control techniques, managing risks, driving in urban and rural areas and on interstate highways, negotiating intersections and roundabouts, defensive driving skills and the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.

The cost of the basic class is \$35. For convenience to students around the state, the course is offered online and can be followed by actual "behind the wheel" driving lessons in Elko for \$175. All GBC drivers' education courses are taught by certified instructors.

In order to enroll, a student must be a minimum of 15½ years old and complete an application for admission to Great Basin College. Behind the wheel students must have a valid driver's permit.

For details stop by student services in Berg Hall at Great Basin College (1500 College Parkway in Elko), visit the college's Web site at <http://www.gbcnv.edu/drivers-ed> or call (775) 753-2202 or (775) 753-2231.

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3-31-10

## Students can register for fall classes at GBC

Special to the Bugle

ELKO — Spring has sprung in northeastern Nevada, but fall is in the air at Great Basin College.

Students can now register for Fall 2010 courses online or at campuses throughout GBC's rural Nevada service area.

Students can register a couple of different ways. The simplest is to log on to [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and follow the easy steps to register online.

Or, students may stop by campuses and centers in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely, Pahrump or Winnemucca. Advisors at each campus site can assist with registration.

Whether a student decides to study full-time or part-time, the college offers several options for study. Students can study in the traditional classroom or engage in one of the college's state of the art online distance learning technologies. Studying online gives a student a considerable 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.

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.

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4-7-10



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As your newly elected co-chairs to the council, we are very interested in obtaining your opinions and ideas. If you could please take a few minutes, out of your busy day, to answer the following questions:

(Please bold or answer as many that pertain to you)

1. Main reason for not attending monthly meetings?
  - a. Too busy.
  - b. Do not know anything about the council.
  - c. Supervisor does not allow for time to attend.
  - d. All the above
  
2. Do you look forward in attending social functions sponsored by Classified Council?
  - a. No. If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Probably if I had more time.
  - c. Yes. If yes, explain ways we could improve them:
    1. \_\_\_\_\_
    2. \_\_\_\_\_
    3. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What day of the week and time of day better fits your schedule for the monthly meetings?
  - a. Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday
  - b. Morning or Afternoons

Thanks so much for taking the time, Jolina Adams and Shirley Jones

*Please send your responses to Jolina Adams: [jolinaa@gwmail.qbcnv.edu](mailto:jolinaa@gwmail.qbcnv.edu)*

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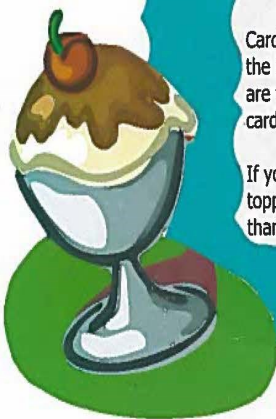
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As you may or may not be aware, Friday, July 23, will be the last working day for Wanell Donnell and Mary Gilbertson.

In the tried and true tradition of using food for comfort, we have chosen to hold an ice cream social to ease the pain. Please stop by Berg Hall on Friday, July 23, Room 105, from 3-4:00 p.m. (The file room behind Admissions and Records.) We will be serving ice cream, sundaes, and root beer floats as we share old times.

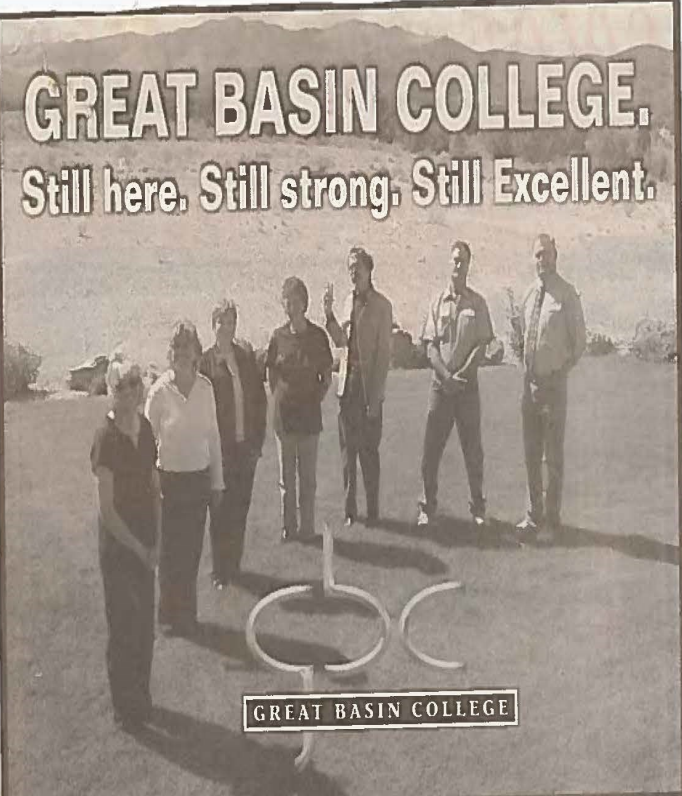
Cards for these wonderful ladies will begin circulating on Monday. The cards will be made available at the ice cream social if you do not get a chance to sign them during the week. Outlying center personnel are welcome to reply to this email if you have wishes or comments you would like to place with the cards.

If you would like to volunteer to bring ice cream, scoops, bowls, spoons, cups, root beer, sundae toppings or other related goodies, please email Jeanne Long. Jeanne has requested we email rather than call her so we do not tie up the switchboard. Her email address is [jeannel@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:jeannel@gwmail.gbcnv.edu).





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**Most classes begin August 31**

# Tutoring, mental health services now provided for GBC students

The state-of-the-art Academic Success Center will officially open for student tutoring the day after Labor Day, Tuesday Sept. 8.

The Academic Success Center is located on the Elko campus in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building. Live and online tutoring is available at the center in Elko and also at the GBC campus facilities in Winnemucca and Ely.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Academic Success Center offers instructional support for students in math, English/writing, science and foreign languages.

Tutors in these disciplines can provide extra support and guidance on assignments

and other course work. The center also maintains a computer lab for word processing and Internet research. All current Great Basin College students are welcome to use the computer facility as well.

For more information, contact the ASC at 775/753-2149.

Great Basin College can now provide mental health counseling to students enrolled at each of its campuses and learning centers across rural Nevada.

Using the college's vast technological infrastructure, students can meet one-on-one with licensed counselors who can assist with support and interventions for emotional difficulties and mental health issues.

The counseling process can help students get "unstuck" from a variety of issues.

College requires a student to commit money, time and energy to their studies, often at the expense of other areas of their lives. Counseling can help students in dealing with relationship and family issues, stress and anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, sexuality and a variety of other issues.

Counselors are also able to give advice on academic concerns students may have.

Counselors will help students develop their own self-awareness in a way that increases their understanding of their own behavior and what motivates that behavior. When students gain that understanding they are often

more confident and productive, which can result in peace of mind.

The opportunity for counseling at Great Basin College is the result of a partnership between GBC, UNLV, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Communities In Schools.

The service is free to GBC students and completely confidential.

For more information regarding the program contact Julie Byrnes at 775/753-2271 or [julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu).

Students may also speak with campus directors at the GBC campus in their own community. 9-2-09

## Drivers' Ed at GBC

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

One of the chief benefits, according to Angie de Braga, GBC's Director of Continuing Education, is that completing the course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half. "The DMV requires that a beginning driver under 18 years of age must log 100 hours driving time with an adult before applying for a license. With successful completion of a Driver's Ed course, the time is reduced to just 50 hours," she said.

Students can enroll for the Driver's Ed course by clicking on the "driver's ed" icon listed under "announcements" on the college's website at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

The ten-week, two credit course is delivered online and is taught by certified Driver's Education instructors. The next class starts October 12, 2009. Another section begins on November 9, 2009. High school students are eligible for

a special \$35 tuition fee. If a student has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a one time \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non high school students may also enroll, but will pay the regular tuition fee of \$141.

In order to enroll, students should be 15 ½ years old 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.

For more information on Driver's Education at GBC call 775.753.2231.

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## Ely's Great Basin College honors Sean Pitts for 20 years of service

11-11-09

Great Basin College's History 101 class met for "Character Night" last week under the direction of instructor Sean Pitts.

They came prepared to depict historical characters and were encouraged to dress the part as well. But they also had the opportunity to witness Pitts become a bit of history himself when he was given recognition by GBC Director Mary Swetch at the beginning of the class presentations for his contributions to the GBC community over the past twenty years.

She cited Pitts's dedication to teaching throughout the years in History 101 and 102, American Government, Nevada History, several Nevada field trips, and as lecturer on ghost towns for Elderhostel classes. He was commended for his support of the community college system and for sharing his passion for history. Presenting the award along with Swetch were GBC Student Government Association Senator Janae Johnson and Ely Campus Professor Frank Daniels.



Pictured: Front row, Sean Pitts, SGA Senator Janae Johnson, Professor Frank Daniels Back row students (& character): Perline Thompson, Jonathon Pay, Chelsey Falge (Betsy Ross), Michelle Perkins (Anne Bolyn), Lisa Curto (Florence Nightingale), Miriam Ingle (Deborah Sampson), Shana Jenkins (Abigail Adams), Alexa Gale (Louisa May Alcott), Stanley Nicholes (Paul Revere), Theresa Pierce, Ben Pierce, Daniel Williams



# Barrick Gold Co. gifts GBC \$150,000

Great Basin College Foundation accepted a gift of \$150,000 from Barrick Gold of North America. The gift, a challenge pledge to the Foundation's Endowment for New Programs, represents ten percent of a \$1.5 million fund designed to provide support for academic and training programs at Great Basin College.

In a letter to Great Basin College Foundation, Lou Schack, Barrick's Director of Communications and Community Affairs, said his organization is pleased to support the projects of Great Basin College Foundation. "We at Barrick support a variety of education programs and institutions throughout Nevada. We have a direct interest in sustaining the many academic and vocational training resources offered by Great Basin College and its satellite facilities."

GBC Foundation Executive Director, John Patrick Rice, is grateful for Barrick's support. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Great Basin College Foundation, I thank Barrick for their generosity."

Rice went on to explain that Barrick's gift is a challenge to the Foundation and the community. "We are keenly aware of the record of support Barrick has shown to Great Basin College Foundation. Therefore, our Trustees have committed to showing Barrick that GBC Foundation has broad support throughout the community. The Trustees have committed to securing pledges for the entire \$1.5 million by June 30, 2010. If we are unable to do so, we will return the gift to Barrick. However, the Trustees are confident of the support they will receive from the rest of the community to meet Barrick's challenge." 12-16-09



Pictured from left to right, Carl Diekhans, President, Great Basin College, Carolyn Trainor, Great Basin College Foundation, Jim Winer, in-coming chair, Great Basin College Foundation, Lou Schack, Barrick Gold North America, Patty Jones, Great Basin College Foundation, John Patrick Rice, Great Basin College Foundation, and Lisa Heise, Great Basin College Foundation.

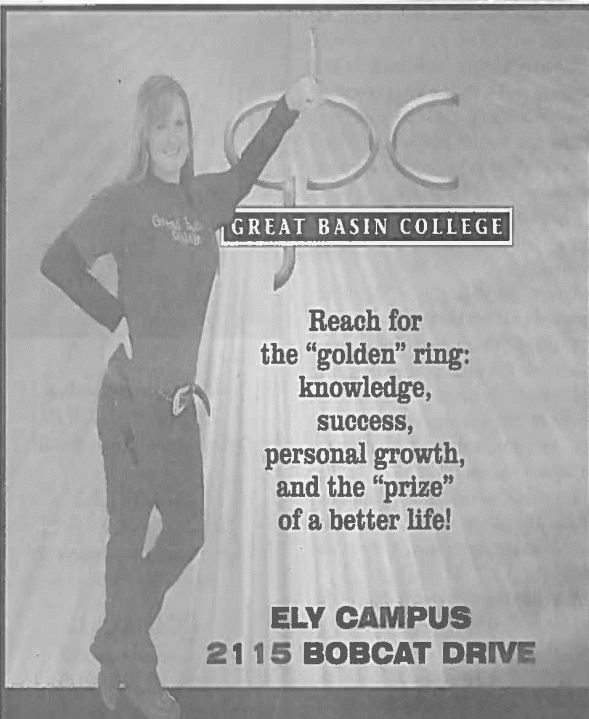
## <sup>12-30-09</sup> Financial aid help at GBC Jan. 5-6

Great Basin College students may receive financial aid counseling at the Ely Campus on Tuesday, Jan. 5, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. or on Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Academic advising is also available throughout the month of January by calling the college for appointments at 289-3589.

A free math refresher workshop will be offered Monday-Thursday, Jan. 4-14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the college at 2115 Bobcat Dr.

The math study session is designed to brush up on math skills to prepare for the placement exam and enrollment in math courses.



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## GBC set deferred payment plan; only 1/4 of the tuition due

Great Basin College is now offering students another affordable option to help pay for a college education. GBC's deferred payment plan allows students to register for classes with a payment of just one-fourth of the total tuition and fees, with subsequent payments scheduled throughout the rest of the spring semester.

The plan allows student to register with payment of one-fourth of the total due on January 19, or at the time of registration. Deferred payment agreements require a three credit minimum. The second payment of one-fourth is due February 19, the third one-fourth payment on March 19, with the final one-fourth payment due April 16, 2010. Deferred payments are not available for short-term courses. Students may arrange for a deferred payment plan online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu), or at any GBC campus or center across rural Nevada.

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1-80-10

## Great Basin College to award honorary degrees to Elkoan Bob Burn and Norm Goeringer of Ely at 2010 graduation

Great Basin College is to confer an honorary baccalaureate degrees to Norm Goeringer of Ely and Bob Burns, Jr., of Elko

The degrees are to be conferred during the 2010 graduation ceremony that will be held May 21.

According to Mike McFarlane, Vice President for Academic Affairs, "Recipients are awarded as they have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at one of the Nevada System of Higher Education's institutions.

"These two individuals are visionaries who have made leadership and advancement contributions that propelled Great Basin College to where it is today."

Burns, along with nine other businessmen from Elko, determined to establish Nevada's first community college in Elko. With the bootstrap determination common to rural Nevadans, Burns worked with his collaborators to raise the start up funding for the college. Going door-to-door with the "Give a Day's Pay" campaign, the ten raised \$45,000 in just thirty days.

In today's dollars, the figure is the equivalent of just under \$300,000.

In 1991, the Great Basin College Ely Center was the only higher education institution in East Central Nevada. While it was the second largest center in the GBC system outside of Elko, it was also the fastest growing.

The Ely Center was the major provider of training for underemployed and unemployed of White Pine County. Thus, a

nucleus of enthusiastic supporters put into place a plan to build the residents of White Pine County their own 15,000 sq. ft. college facility.

While Great Basin College could contribute \$150,000 from its capital improvement fund, and \$850,000 was available through a federal Department of Commerce grant, that still left a million dollars to raise locally to build the college facility. Raising the funds needed seemed an almost insurmountable challenge—until Norm Goeringer stepped up.

Early in the fund-raising effort, Norm Goeringer gave the plan a tremendous leap forward by donating \$500,000 toward the new college facility. This was the boost needed to enroll over 300 other businesses and individuals in the vision of having a college facility for the residents of White Pine County.

In addition to being a major contributor, Goeringer provided important assistance during the design and construction stages of the campus. His donation and leadership showed others such a goal was achievable.

Norm Goeringer's donation of \$500,000 made a dream a reality for Ely-area students to achieve a post-secondary education. Students are able to attain associate and bachelor degrees at the Ely Campus. Interactive video classes have made it possible for students to continue taking classes in a timely manner and achieve their goals for job training as well as graduation. Over 200 students walk through the doors every semester—into the Norm Goeringer Training

Facility.

Students travel to the campus from surrounding communities, including Duckwater and Eureka—which means a 150 mile round trip for them.

Goeringer's commitment to education doesn't stop with adults: when GBC offered a "Kids' College" on cooking, he opened the Jailhouse Restaurant to middle school-aged stu-

dents who learned to plan, cook, prepare and serve meals. Norm would always say "Anything for the kids"—best exemplified by his personal construction of a preschool next door to the Ely Campus.

Although Norm is retired, he still shows an avid interest in the Ely Campus, with plans underway to sponsor student scholarships.

## GBC can help the first-time driver get a driver's license

First-time drivers under 18 years of age are currently required by Nevada law to complete a 30-hour Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) approved course in basic driver's education. Great Basin College offers DMV-approved courses regularly with upcoming classes to begin April 13, May 18 and July 13.

The GBC basic driver's education course covers traffic laws and rules of the road, vehicle control techniques, managing risks, driving in urban and rural areas, and on Interstate Highways, negotiating intersections and roundabouts, defensive driving skills and the dangers of impaired or distracted driving.

The cost of the basic class is \$35. For convenience to students around the state, the course is offered online, and can be followed by actual "behind the wheel" driving lessons in Elko for \$175. All GBC drivers' education courses are taught by certified instructors.

In order to enroll, a student must be a minimum of 15 1/2 years old and complete an application for admission to Great Basin College. Behind the wheel students must have a valid driver's permit. For details visit the college's web-

site at <http://www.gbcnv.edu/drivers-ed> or phone (775) 753-2202 or (775) 753-2231.

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## GBC offer geo-class

6-9-10

Geology of the White Pine Mining District is to be discussed in a class that begins Friday at Great Basin College.

On Saturday, the class will journey to Hamilton, Treasure City, Eberhardt, Shermantown, and the Hidden Treasure Mine. Sunday's traveling lecture takes them to the Belmont Mill, Mount Hamilton Mine, and Monte Cristo.

Attendees must provide their own reliable transportation-preferably with four wheel drive. Camera, binoculars, hand lens, and other outdoor gear are recommended. Prospective students should register for the two-credit class by tomorrow. For more information, contact the Ely Center at 289-3589 or the instructor John Breitrack at (775) 238-0508.

## Great Basin College releases Dean's List with 10 students from the Ely campus

6-30-10

Great Basin College has released the Dean's List for the spring semester with ten students from the Ely Center receiving recognition. Students with a declared

major, a 3.5 to 4.0 grade point average, and confirmed enrollment in 12 or more credits are acknowledged. Those achieving this distinction are: Sara Bischoff, Shelly

Johnson, Tara Klaas, Kylie Manes, William Moore, Veronica Nelson, Gwyneth Palmer, Gayl Siemer, Joseph VanCamp, and Sean Wilkin.



# Spring's sprung, but it's fall at GBC

4-7-10

Spring has sprung in northeastern Nevada, but fall is in the air at Great Basin College. Student can now register for Fall 2010 courses on line or at campuses throughout GBC's rural Nevada service area.

According to Jan King, GBC's Registrar, the process is simple.

"Students can register a couple of different ways," King said. "The simplest way is to log on to our website at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and follow the easy steps to register online. Or, students may stop by campuses and centers in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely, Pahrump or Winnemucca." Advisors at each campus site can assist with registration. "Our advisors can assist students who are just beginning their education, those who are continuing their education, or thinking about launching a new career," she said.

King said that the advisors provide a valuable service to students. "They will help you to 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.

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," she added.

Whether a student decides to study full-time or part-time, the college offers several options for study. Students can

# Norm Goeringer's ashes inurned at the college campus he helped become reality



nothing for eternity." Ed Spear said of Goeringer's work ethic: "He didn't work for praise or accolades. He felt he should give something back in return (for his successes)." His wife and caregiver, Janet Goeringer, said that during his final weeks Goeringer told her was upset with the way the world was headed, but then changed his outlook.

bust inside the college." Diekhans presented Goeringer's step-son, Bryane, with Goeringer's posthumous honorary baccalaureate degree. Eulogist Bart Reed praised Goeringer for his "willingness to step into the unknown, to take a chance, to better himself, his family, the world." He said work-driven Goeringer's only regret in facing death was that it "led to doing

at a time, swept high into the clouds. A life-sized bronze bust of Goeringer, containing his cremated remains, will be housed at the school he helped build through a \$500,000 donation and through his own labor. "His donation made a dream become a reality," said GBCC President Carl Diekhans addressing Goeringer's family and friends. "We're honored to have his

Close to 200 people gathered on a chilly and windy Monday afternoon at Great Basin College to pay their respects to Ely businessman and philanthropist Norman L. Goeringer, 87, who died May 4 in Reno. As The Home Town Band played "Somewhere Over The Rainbow," one of Goeringer's favorite tunes, a bouquet of colored balloons was borne aloft, one



# FACULTY & STAFF

## Delaney provides photography workshops 8-18-09

ELKO – The world's a little different when viewed through a camera lens.

To help those new to photography and those with experience under their belts capture their images in their mind's eye, local photographer Cynthia Delaney has organized a number of photography workshops in the Elko area and around the world.

Sometime in September or October, Delaney plans to lead a workshop at the 71 Ranch, where participants will document ranch life and the fall colors in Lamoille Canyon. The date and price has not yet been set.

For those wanting to

venture further, Delaney will lead a trip in Costa Rica Jan. 4-10 for a nature photography workshop.

Participants will stay at a small family owned hotel and will tour the country to take photos of wildlife and the outdoors.

Costa Rica is a safe place to travel and is tourist friendly, Delaney said.

"It's a trip where you



Delaney

can learn a lot in a really short period of time," she said.

The cost is \$2,150, which includes lodging, most meals and transportation throughout the trip, but not airfare. A \$100 dis-

count is available to those who sign up before Oct. 1.

From Costa Rica, Delaney will travel to Nicaragua Jan. 11-17.

Participants will take nature photography and visit a Spanish settled colonial city.

Cost of the Nicaragua trip is \$1,700-\$2,400, depending on the number who sign up.

This year Delaney will also attend the Great Basin College trip to provide photographic training to those who attend.

Through the photography segment, participants will visit historic places, but focus on ways to photograph them.

The price is not set and participants must register through GBC. For more information, visit [www.cynthiadelaney.com](http://www.cynthiadelaney.com).

By Ali Helgoth

## Business center offers QuickBooks workshop

ELKO – The Nevada Small Business Development Center is again offering a two-day beginning QuickBooks training seminar

Thursday and Friday, and a more advanced QuickBooks class Saturday. This hands-on computer training will help business owners streamline their record keeping and maximize their financial well

being. The classes will be held on all three days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Great Basin College Lundberg Hall Room 111.

"The beginning class is a great opportunity for folks just starting to use QuickBooks to get a good understanding of what the program can do for them, and also for those who have been using it for awhile to get a refresher or to perhaps learn about other aspects of the program that they haven't been utilizing because they didn't know it was available," said Judy Emerson of the business development center in Elko. "Also, because we've had several requests to offer a more

advanced class, we've decided to add that extra day in for those who want to learn more about things such as how to handle

inventory, sales tax, estimating and progress invoicing, tracking time, and customizing forms and letters."

The presenter is Marie Gibson, a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and owner of Marie



Emerson

Gibson Management & Consulting LLC in Reno. "Marie is a very hands-on instructor and will take time with participants to discuss questions or concerns that are specific to their personal situation," Emerson said.

Seating is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost for each class is \$50. Emerson recommends people taking the beginning class sign up for both days and the advanced class would be for those who are familiar with the QuickBooks program.

Checks should be made out to the Board of Regents.

For information call 753-2245.

August 19, 2009

# Nutcrackers and pines

**D**uring September, Ruby Mountains hikers can watch a harvest take place and a great example of a

symbiotic relationship between a bird and a tree.

The Clark's nutcracker is a gray-colored jay with a long, powerful beak. Its black wings and tail carry patches of white. Groups of birds are often seen flying between whitebark pine trees,



**Larry Hyslop**

often giving their ratcheting-sounding call.

A symbiotic relationship is formed when two living organisms form a close bond, one where both organisms benefit. The Clark's nutcracker and whitebark pine trees have such a relationship. The nutcracker benefits because whitebark pine seeds are its principal food during the entire year, (they also eat limber and pinyon pine seeds.)

They attack whitebark pine cones on the trees, tearing them apart. Often the sounds of their strong beaks pounding on pine cones can be heard by nearby hikers. The birds have a special adaptation to help carry away pine seeds, a pouch beneath the tongue capable of holding 100 seeds. Nutcrackers bury small groups of seeds in caches about an inch deep in the ground, to save them for later eating. Since pine seeds mature only in late summer, the birds must harvest and bury enough seeds to ensure a yearlong food supply. They specifically pick cache sites on high ridges likely to remain free of snow during winter, since winds sweep the ridges bare. They also pick south facing slopes likely to melt free of snow early in spring.

The whitebark pine trees benefit by nutcrackers dispersing their seeds away from the mother tree. The trees also have specific adaptations to help this process. Their pine cones grow on the ends of branches, making it easier for the birds to reach them. The cones open slightly so birds can reach the seeds but do not fall to the ground where mice and chipmunks might get the seeds. Rodents usually eat the seeds immediately or bury them



Clark's nutcracker in a whitebark pine tree. beneath the mother tree.

Nutcrackers cache thousands of pine seeds each September and they return to dig up perhaps a thousand of these caches, but cannot possibly remember the location of every cache. Forgotten seeds often germinate and grow into whitebark pine trees.

Hikers can see evidence of this fact. Whitebark pines are often seen growing in

clusters because the trees resulted from a forgotten cache that contained several seeds. Whitebark pines also commonly grow on rocky ridges, because the birds specifically buried their caches on these sites.

The Clark's nutcracker is credited with carrying whitebark pine seeds to new mountain ranges and dispersing the pines this way. The Ruby Mountains cannot have one without the other.

Submitted

# Explaining the rainbow theory

9-26-09

By Dr. Gary HANINGTON  
Great Basin College

Sherlock Holmes once said that only the goodness of Providence gives extras. He was talking about the natural beauty and fragrance of a splash of flowers that he observed in a nearby window box while called on a case. He suggested that the pleasing aspects of this grouping seemed to be an embellishment of life and not a condition of it. It is therefore an "extra" given by a higher authority.

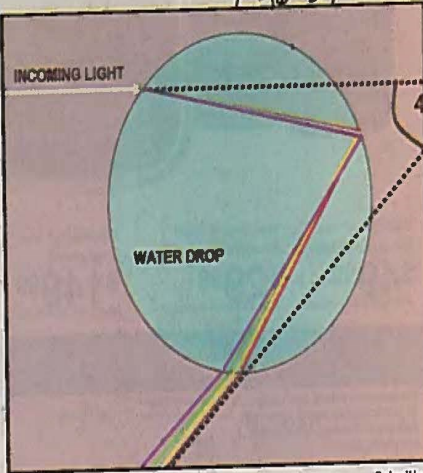
In this line of thought, our viewing of an afternoon rainbow spanning the sky, seen once in a great while following a rain, fits the credentials of one of those "extras" that enlighten our ordinary lives. Formed by sunlight acting on drops of water mist and produced by deep mathematical interactions, a rainbow is usually greeted as a happy sign.

Some people will stop their cars and get out to view one, hopefully looking for

the pot of gold over the next knoll. A rainbow is usually one of the first objects drawn with a new box of crayons, complete with vivid arcs of intense colors. And everyone knows that the main colors yield the personification of Mr. Roy G. Biv, (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) the hapless individual forever linked to nature's most wonderful spectacle.

But so complex is its makeup and so hidden the mathematics, it was not until the advent of quantum mechanics in the 1920s that the full theory of the rainbow was finally understood by scientists. Let's see how they are formed and what the different parts are called.

Everyone knows that rainbows form from droplets of water in the sky reflecting light back to our eyes. The droplets usually are not part of opaque clouds, but freely falling rain a distance away. The best rainbows form early in the afternoon when the Sun shines low in the west, usually peeking out after



Submitted  
When light passes through a water droplet, each color in the spectrum is separated, creating a rainbow.

dark stormy weather moves on. This allows reflection of light from the east, normally the location where the storm has now moved (most weather patterns in the United States march across the republic from west to east). Mathematicians, especially George Airy (1801 - 1892),

have shown that a drop of water, when hit by a tiny ray of light, can internally bend the light around and send it back towards the direction it came from. But not exactly straight back.

When light from the Sun hits the upper half of the

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drop, the minute particle of light is bent downward at an angle of approximately 42 degrees. This is shown in the illustration on page C1.

Here, the incoming light is reflected off of the back wall of the drop by the air-water interface. If you want to see this effect in real time, just eyeball a glass of water, you will see the reflection from the 42 degree angle as shown (or use a laser pointer directed along the incoming light path into the glass).

Also shown in illustration on page C1 is the prismatic effect, where the white beam of light, because it does not impinge on the drop in a perpendicular manner, is broken up into component wavelengths of light. It was Isaac Newton in 1671 who first showed that white light is actually composed of many colors.

Everyone has seen this effect from a angular cut piece of glass decoration, when afternoon rays of sunlight sparkle colors onto the walls of a west facing room. This process is due to the fact that the velocity of light inside of the glass or water, is different for different colors, red being the fastest and blue the slowest.

A ray of light entering a transparent object will have its colors spread out, with blue bending the most. This fanning out of colors, called dispersion, was put on a mathematical footing by Snell's Law, which relates the sine of the angle of the bending to the speed of the light in the medium through which it travels.

Sometimes, depending upon the position of the sun during the illumination process, the light is bent twice inside the drop of water. When this occurs we see a fainter secondary

rainbow directly above the primary one. Light exits the droplet at 52 degrees. Because the reflections can only be integer numbers (you cannot have 2.5 reflections), there is actually a spatial region in between the two where no light is reflected back to the observer.

This region, known as Alexander's Dark Space, connects the region between the two rainbows together. Usually never sketched, this area looks dark and foreboding to the human eye.

Last but not least, we see the supernumerary arcs that sometimes lie below the primary bow. These color bands - usually green and blue - are caused by interference between wavelengths of light as they follow slightly different paths within the mist and are most prominent when the water drops are of smaller in size.



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# Puccinelli to face Melcher for regent post

By ADELLA HARDING  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services Margaret Puccinelli filed Friday in Carson City for the Board of Regents seat now held by Dorothy Gallagher of Elko.

The only other candidate for Gallagher's seat is long-time Elko educator Kevin Melcher. Gallagher decided not to run again for the non-partisan Nevada System of Higher Education board seat.

Puccinelli said she plans to semi-retire July 1 and be part of the GBC faculty part-time, so running for regent "dove-tails nicely." This is her first time running for public office.

She said she would bring her experience in higher education to the table and would like to continue Gallagher's work to improve the health sciences system in Nevada's colleges and universities.

"I have worked in higher education for the past 12 years and it's time to take the knowledge and experience I have gained to the next



Puccinelli

Continued from front page level. These are very challenging times for higher education in our state and I feel well-qualified and ready to begin the needed work," she said.

Puccinelli, who has a doctorate degree, is director of GBC's associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs, as well as the health services dean.

Following her retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1994, she moved to Elko

and served as the director of education and director of human resources at Elko General Hospital for more than three years before taking a nursing faculty position at Great Basin College.

"In working with college students over the past 12 years, I have witnessed firsthand how courses and programs offered throughout Great Basin College's service area have changed lives for the better. It has been very fulfilling to be

part of this," she said in a statement issued Friday.

Puccinelli served as a GBC Foundation trustee for 15 months, on the board for BrightPath Adult Enrichment Center for four years and served two terms on the Nevada Veterans Service Commission.

She also has served as an education advisory committee member for the Nevada State Board of Nursing since 2002.

Puccinelli is married to Elko native District Judge Andrew Puccinelli and together they have three children.

3-13-10

# McFarlane files in Carson for Assembly

ELKO — Michael McFarlane of Spring Creek filed Friday in Carson City for the Nevada Assembly seat now held by Assemblyman John Carpenter, R-Elko.

McFarlane filed as a Democrat, according to the Secretary of State's Web

site, and he will be on the general election ballot against the Republican who wins the June 8 primary, either Elko County Commissioner John Ellison or Dale Andrus of Spring Creek.

Janine Hansen filed for

Carpenter's seat as a member of the American Independent Party, and she also will be on the November ballot.

Carpenter is termed out. McFarlane has been a resident of Spring Creek since 1979 and serves on the

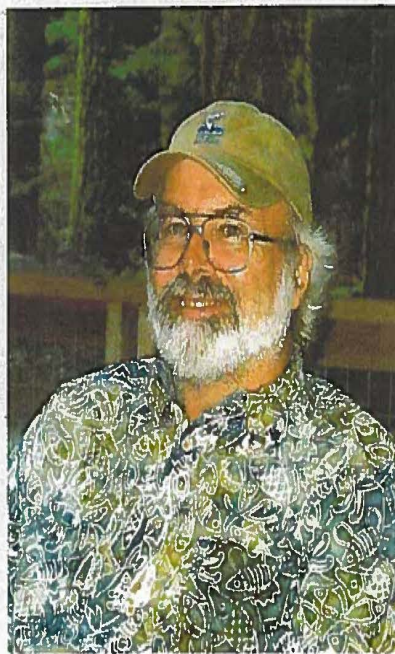
Spring Creek Association board. He was unavailable for comment by press time.

Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea, R-Eureka, filed for re-election, according to the Web site, and John O'Connor of Fallon filed as a Democrat for Goicoechea's seat.

# ROCKIN' ALONG THE HUMBOLDT

A FreeTalk At The California Trail Center

Thursday April 1, 2010 7:00 PM



Mike McFarlane of Great Basin College

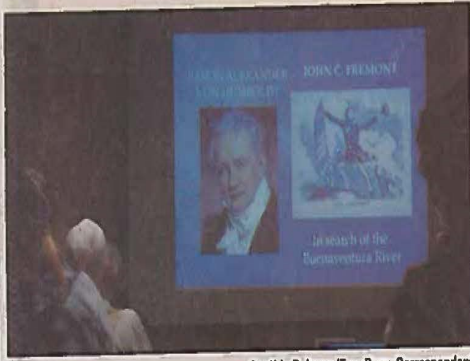
Behold the Wonder and Power of Nature Through the Ages  
Various Geolgical Points of Interest  
Some Observed Before, Most Negelected by Many  
Along a Route of Extreme Interest and Importance

CALIFORNIA TRAIL CENTER

Hunter Exit 292

Elko, Nevada

775-934-2467



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent  
 The Humboldt River was named after Baron Alexander Von Humboldt, although he never set foot in the region.

# 'Rockin' Along the Humboldt'

4-3-10

By CYNTHIA DELANEY  
 Free Press Correspondent

Interpretive Center.

For a river that is about 50 to 60 million years old there is a lot to talk about.

Besides its ancient past the river also played an important role in the migration of people from east to west.

As McFarlane showed aerial images of the route along the Humboldt, desert on either side, he pondered the question of other routes the '49ers could possibly have taken. The Humboldt was and still



See HUMBOLDT, A5 McFarlane

ELKO — The Humboldt River may not be mighty, but in many ways it is an enigma.

"It is difficult to consider the source or length of the Humboldt," said Dr. Mike McFarlane. "It has many beginnings but only one end."

McFarlane presented his take on the formation of the river and its characteristics Thursday at the California Trail

Continued from front page

is the only reliable source of water in the region.

Geologically, the river is of the meandering type and has created new pathways from time immemorial.

"We know for sure that the river was there before many of the hills it passes through," said McFarlane. "As the river flowed throughout time the earth pushed mountains and other formations up, like in Carlin Canyon."

Other geologic information on the basin and range topography was explained to a packed audience at the trail center.

"Interestingly enough, our area once was tropical and great sequoia trees grew here," said McFarlane, as hail pelted the building outside. "You can still find petrified wood and fossils of the leaves."

Despite all its glory the Humboldt still invites a bit of scorn due to its muddy, unassuming nature.

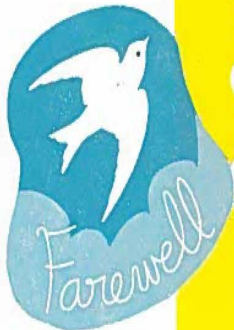
While showing a photo of Rye Patch Reservoir McFarlane commented, "It's a great place to boat but who would want to swim in that? That's why they sometimes call it the Scumboldt!"

## Retirement party at college

ELKO — A retirement party for Dr. Jay Larson is planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Great Basin College Library.

All former students and friends are invited.

Anyone willing to bring a side dish or contribute to a plaque for Larson may contact Dina Einboden at 778-5915 or at the Wild Rose Florist as 777-3835.



As you all know, GBC administrators have been discussing retirement options with several faculty and staff members. Now it is time to make the announcements. The following colleagues will be departing GBC as permanent employees at the end of this year:

Steve Baker  
 Susanna Dorr  
 Anastacio Macias  
 Karen Mowrey  
 Mark Ports  
 Bea and Squy Wallace

And of course, we all know that Jay Larson is also retiring, and is included with those we will be missing as regulars in the coming year.

In addition to those already mentioned, Dick Borino will also be retiring at the end of this semester.

This is just one more reason to join us for the BBQ and potluck Friday afternoon!

5-6-10

Congratulations!

For some, life will soon  
be a breeze!

Join in a celebration  
**whooshing** our mates  
a hearty and sincere  
bon voyage as they  
enter **retirement!**



**FREE AS THE BREEZE  
BBQ and POTLUCK**

May 21, 2010  
2:00 p.m.

GBC Amphitheatre



RSVP to Janie Moore, 775.753.2187 or  
email [janiem@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:janiem@gwmail.gbcnv.edu) no later than May 18.

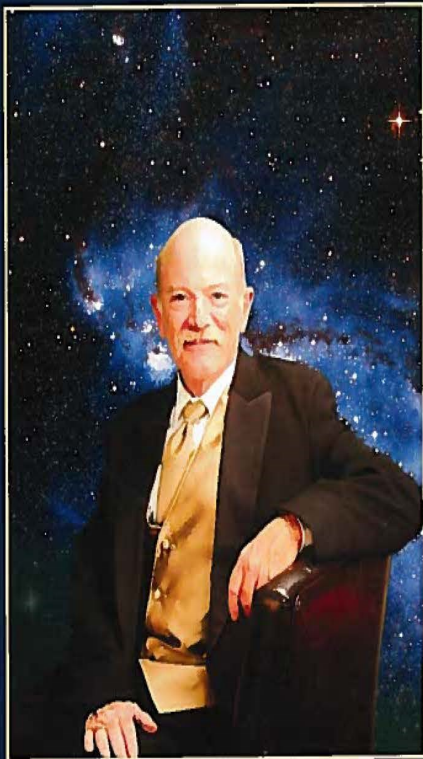
Please indicate what you'd like to bring  
or to inquire as to what may be needed.

GOODBYE!





## IN REMEMBRANCE



RICHARD J. McNALLY  
"Mac"

September 24, 1949 ~ May 12, 2010

## AND IN CELEBRATION

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### WELCOME

**Dr. Michael McFarlane, Vice President for Academic Affairs**

### MASON'S TRIBUTE

**Led by Master Judge Frazier**

### SPEAKERS

**Carl Diekhans, College President**

**Bret Murphy, Dean of Applied Science**

To talk about the CTE program and Mac's boys

**Dr. John P. Rice, Director of Institutional Advancement**

To read a passage from Chaucer

**Shirley Jones, Mac's Administrative Assistant**

### MUSICAL SELECTION

One of Richard's "Mac's" favorite tunes

**Paradise by the Dash Board Light**

Performed by Meat Loaf

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Time for everyone to share special thoughts

### MUSICAL SELECTION

**My Heart Will Go On**

Performed by Céline Dion

### CLOSING

**Dr. Linda Uhlenkott, English Professor**

### RECEPTION

To follow in the Leonard Center for Student Life

*The College lost a wonderful friend and English instructor 5-12-10. We will never forget "Mac."*

# New mural by Lynne Kistler adorns California Trail Center

HUNTER – A mural depicting northern Nevada scenery was recently installed in the multi purpose room at the California Trail Center. The work was completed by local artist Lynne Kistler after Trail Center ranger Gary Koy contacted her about the proposal.

"This mural makes the whole room come alive," said Koy. "Now when people give presentations and do Chautauqua enactments here they will have a slice of Nevada to look at."

The project was funded in cooperation with Southern Nevada Conservancy. Koy said the center wanted to use a local artist for this project to give it more meaning to local residents. The center will be offering a variety of community activities that tie in with their mission.



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

Artist Lynne Kistler stands in front of her mural at the California Trail Center.

"I really like painting big," said Kistler who has created a number of murals in the state including another recent

project at Spring Creek Baptist Church. "I worked from Gary's photos of Hasting's Cutoff," said the artist about her process. "Because most of it was completed over the winter I worked on the large panels in my garage."

The California Trail Center will soon be installing more works of art in the form of outdoor sculptures which can be viewed during the upcoming California Trail Days.

By Cynthia Delaney

5-13-10

# Puccinelli steps down from GBC position

ELKO – Great Basin College formally announced Friday that

Margaret Puccinelli, dean of health science and human services, is stepping down from her position.



She also worked as the director of both the associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs at GBC. Puccinelli said during an earlier interview with the Free Press, when she announced her candidacy for the Nevada Board of Regents, that she was planning to "semi-retire" and work part-time at GBC starting July 1.

She will assist with accreditation and instructional-related projects, according to a press release from GBC.

The college is currently engaged in a national search for her replacement.

"There have been many positive changes at Great Basin College over the past 12 years, including the establishment of an RN-BSN Program in 2005 and the expansion of Certified Nursing Assistant courses throughout our service area," Puccinelli said in a statement. "In the past several years alone, we have established a very successful radiology technologist program and human services program.

These, along with a variety of Emergency Medical Technician courses, have given individuals many more

working at Great Basin College as a faculty member, and then in 2007, became director of both nursing programs.

She was selected as a dean in 2008.

## Puccinelli ...

Continued from front page educational and career options. I am especially proud of the quality of our faculty and the degree of commitment they have towards students. It has

been personally and professionally rewarding and something that I will miss. However, it's time to move on and pursue other opportunities."

Puccinelli retired from

the military in 1994 and moved to Elko, where she worked at Elko General Hospital as the education director and later, as the human resources director.

In 1998, she began

# FITNESS CENTER



## GREAT BASIN COLLEGE BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Donate in the Fitness Center at Great Basin*

To schedule an appointment,  
contact Norm at 753-2113



**United Blood Services**

[www.UnitedBloodServices.org](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org)

GBC FITNESS  
CENTER WILL BE  
**CLOSED** FOR  
FITNESS USE

MONDAY, SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY, SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>

TO HOST THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING.

***CHECK WITH INSTRUCTORS OR  
FITNESS CENTER STAFF FOR CLASS  
CANCELTIONS OR RELOCATION.***

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE  
FITNESS CENTER STAFF



# G.B.C. Fitness Center Schedule

Fall 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 AM		<del>Body Cont. &amp; Cond. 6:20-7:15</del>		<del>Body Cont. &amp; Cond. 6:20-7:15</del>		
7:00 AM						
8:00 AM	★ Body Cont. & Cond. 8:30-9:20	★ Pilates 8:30-9:30	★ Body Cont. & Cond. 8:30-9:20	★ Pilates 8:30-9:30	★ Body Cont. & Cond. 8:30-9:20	Kettlebells** 8:00-9:00
9:00 AM						
10:00 AM	Advanced Yoga 9:30-10:45 A	Body Cont. & Cond. 9:30-10:30 A	Advanced Yoga 9:30-10:45 A	Body Cont. & Cond. 9:30-10:30 A		
11:00 AM	Yoga Basic 10:50-12:00 A		Yoga Basic 10:50-12:00 A			
12:00 PM	Pilates 12:05-12:55 A		Pilates 12:05-12:55 A		Pilates 12:05-12:55 A	
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM		Body Cont. & Cond. 4:00-5:15 A		Body Cont. & Cond. 4:00-5:15 A		
5:00 PM						
6:00 PM	<del>Kettlebells** 5:30-6:30</del>	Amphitheatre Kickboxing 5:30-6:45	<del>Kettlebells** 5:30-6:30</del> Rock Climbing* 5:30-7:30	Amphitheatre Kickboxing 5:30-6:45		
7:00 PM		<del>Karate 7:00-8:15</del>		<del>Karate 7:00-8:15</del>		
8:00 PM						
9:00 PM						

\* Beginning Rock Climbing 9/2 - 10/14 Intermediate Rock Climbing 10/21 - 12/9

\*\* Basic & Intermediate Kettlebells

 Canceled 
  Te-Moak Diabetes Center 
  Arts Annex 
  City Pool 
  Amphitheatre



bring ur game face:)

Last one for this year for students, but the best of all follies this Friday, December 11 @ the Fitness Center, begins at 4:00 PM - ? *(ALL FOR FUN!)*

Faculty/ staff invited, come have some fun, get rid of that stress!

Sponsored by SGA/Fitness Center 😊😊

## Holiday Fitness Sampler 2010

Pex 199, 1 credit (P, W)

Special Topic: **Get Fit-Yes, you can!**

Make that New Year's resolution a *reality!*

Monday-Friday 12:00pm-1:05pm

January 4th through January 22, 2008 (any questions, call the Fitness Center @ 753-2113).

This class will feature various instructors teaching at the Fitness Center on the campus in Elko. Here is an opportunity for students, faculty, anyone interested in sticking with their New Year's resolution for a healthy lifestyle to get fit! Check out the following classes and instructors, so you can decide if you would like to sign up for the Spring Semester.



### Pilates & Core Strengthening (M)

Jenifer Steiger, Instructor

There will be a variety of exercises for flexibility and core (abs) strengthening. Excellent for stretching all of the muscles in your entire physique Also, relaxation techniques will be featured to promote relief of stress.



### Kick boxing (T)

Michelle Smith, Instructor

Outstanding cardiovascular, all-around physical work out, featuring the fine art of punching and kicking, very effective self defense activity to condition the entire body. A guaranteed fat burner!



### Kettle bells (W)

Raul Lopez, Instructor

Using kettle bell (weights) for fat burn, build your muscle, increase strength, stamina and endurance. This style of lifting is superb for a complete cardio workout. Excellent for physical body sculpturing!



### Body Conditioning & Strength Training Aerobics (Th)

Terri Covert, Instructor

This is a great opportunity for participating in very effective conditioning of the body through aerobic fitness and strength training with an emphasis on the entire physique and cardio. Most challenging and satisfying work-out ever!



### Yoga Exercises (F)

Lisa Erickson, Instructor

This class is intended to introduce yoga to students interested in the basics of yoga movement and correct poses. Proper alignment of the body structure that is beneficial for physiological, psychological and mental alertness.



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REGISTER AT  
[WWW.GBCNV.EDU](http://WWW.GBCNV.EDU)

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**FITNESS CENTER: CLOSURE FOR HOLIDAYS😊😊😊**

We will close at 5:00 PM on December 18, 2009,  
Re-open on January 4, 2010 @ 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.  
(Monday-Friday).

Open hours for the Fitness Center will be posted for  
Spring semester once class enrollments are  
finalized.

**Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!**



**Best wishes Fitness Staff...**



775.753.2113 GREEN BAY COLLEGE

# Fitness Center Hours

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**Monday  
and  
Wednesday**

**7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.**



**Tuesday  
and  
Thursday**

**6 a.m.-9 p.m.**



**Friday  
7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Saturday  
and  
Sunday  
CLOSED**

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It is the policy of the GBC Fitness Center to close one-half hour before posted closing time if the gym and weight room are empty.

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**GBC Fitness Center**  
**- Closed May 24-28 for cleaning -**

**June 1-25, 2010**

**Hours of operation**

**Monday 7:30a.m-6:00p.m**

**Tuesday 7:30a.m-6:00p.m**

**Wednesday 7:30a.m-6:00p.m**

**Thursday 7:30a.m-6:00p.m**

**Friday 7:30a.m-6:00p.m**

**June 28-August 6 schedule will be  
posted at a later date.**

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the gym and weight room are empty. Phone # 753-2113**

# Keep Fit! Register Now!



Registration is now open for  
PEX classes...sign up now!



**Summer:**

Class #	Call #	Dates	Days/Place	Times	Teacher
PEX 127 E01 Tennis	13977	June 29 – July 29	T, Th Elko City Park	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Daniel Dusoleil
PEX 134 E01 Rock Climbing	13943	June 29 – July 29	T, Th Fitness Center	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Duane Jones
PEX 143 E01 Karate	10819	June 29 – July 29	T, Th Fitness Center	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Jon Rynearson
PEX 170 E01 Aerobics	10820	June 29 – July 29	T, Th Arts Annex	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Amy Packham
PEX 172 E01 Body Contouring and Conditioning	14691	June 29 – July 29	T, W, Th Fitness Center	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Terri Covert
PEX 180 E01 Pilates	13942	June 29 – July 29	T, W, Th Fitness Center	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Terri Covert
PEX 180 E02 Pilates	10818	June 29 – July 29	T, W, Th Fitness Center	12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	Jennifer Stieger
PEX 180 E03 Kettlebells	10817	June 29 – July 29	T, W, Th Fitness Center	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Terri Covert
PEX 180 E04 Pilates	13941	June 29 – July 29	T, W, Th SCMS	6:00 am – 7:00 am	Terri Covert
PEX 199 ES7 Open Workout	13945	June 1 – August 20	M, T, W, Th, F Fitness Center	Fitness Center Hours	Norm Cavanuagh



Register online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) or in person at Berg Hall.

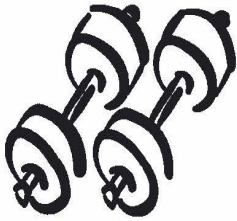
Questions?

GBC Fitness Center:

775-753-2113



# **GBC Fitness Center**



**August 2-17, 2010**

**Hours of operation**

**Mon. - Fri. 8:00a.m-6:00p.m**



**Closed August 18-20, 2010**

**Reopen August 23-27, 2010**

**Mon. - Fri. 8:00a.m-5:00p.m**

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**From:** Norm Cavanaugh  
**To:** GBC, SGA; GBC-CLASSIFIED; GBC-ELKO; GBC-FACULTY  
**Date:** 7/28/2010 4:17 PM  
**Subject:** Senior Olympics

We will be hosting the following events beginning tomorrow on the GBC campus:

**BASKETBALL:**

Free throw contest @ 10:00 AM Fitness Center  
Three point shoot-out @ 11:00 AM Fitness Center

**TABLE TENNIS (ping-pong)**

Begins at high noon (12:00 PM)

**DARTS** (Game of 32 played by Don Miller's rules) @ 2:00 PM

**BILLIARDS** (better known as pool) in the new recreation room next to Xavier's Cafe X @ 3:00 PM

If you get a chance, please feel free to stop in and watch the contestants:)



*Norm  
Cavanaugh  
Senior's Table  
Tennis*

When it comes to doing *good work*  
no one is as important as *you...*



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## Leave a Legacy!

- Learn how to leverage your charitable gift to Great Basin College Foundation using life insurance.
- Explore your next giving option which may result in tax benefits.



**FOUNDATION**

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2009

Place: Great Basin College Foundation Conference Room, McMullen Hall 102  
Also, available via Interactive Video at GBC Winnemucca 110 and GBC Ely 111

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Presentation by Garth Wilde and Aaron Briggs  
Northwestern Mutual Financial Networks

Please RSVP by October 7<sup>th</sup> (775) 753-2246 or [carolynt@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:carolynt@gwmail.gbcnv.edu)

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# Barrick donates to GBC, Elko Reading Council

12-4-09

Elko — Barrick Gold of North America recently donated \$150,000 to the Great Basin College Foundation and \$1,500 to the Elko County Reading Council.

Barrick's gift to the GBC Foundation, a challenge pledge to the foundation's endowment for new programs, represents 10 percent of a \$1.5 million fund designed to provide support for academic and training programs at Great Basin College.

In a letter to the GBC Foundation, Lou Schack, Barrick's director of communications and community affairs, said his organization is pleased to support the foundation's projects.

"We at Barrick support a variety of education programs and institutions throughout Nevada," Schack wrote. "We have a direct interest in sustaining the many academic and vocational training resources offered by Great Basin College and its satellite facilities."

John Patrick Rice, executive director of the GBC Foundation, said Barrick's gift is a challenge to the foundation and the community.

"We are keenly aware of the record of support Barrick has shown to



Julie Woolton/Elko Daily Free Press

Barrick donated \$1,500 to the Elko County Reading Council Wednesday to help fund Literacy for All Week, which will be the first week of February. The Elko County Reading Council is a non-profit organization that operates separately from the Elko County School District. From left: Susan Neal, vice president of the reading council; Beth Kern, president of the reading council; Katie Neddenriep, external relations representative for Barrick; and Cheryl Porter, secretary for the reading council.

Great Basin College Foundation," Rice said in a statement. "Therefore, our trustees have committed to showing Barrick that GBC Foundation has broad support throughout the community. The Trustees have committed to securing pledges for the entire \$1.5 million by June 30, 2010. If we are unable to do so, we will return the gift to Barrick. However, the trustees are confident of the support they will receive from the rest of the community to meet Barrick's challenge."

Established in 1983, the

GBC Foundation is the private fundraising arm of Great Basin College. In its nearly 30-year history, the Foundation has raised more than \$28 million to support the students, programs and facilities of Great Basin College.

Barrick also donated \$1,500 to the Elko County Reading Council Wednesday.

The council is a non-profit organization that operates separately from the Elko County School District.

The funds will be used for the Literacy for All Week during the first week of February.

## BARRICK DONATIONS

12-4-09



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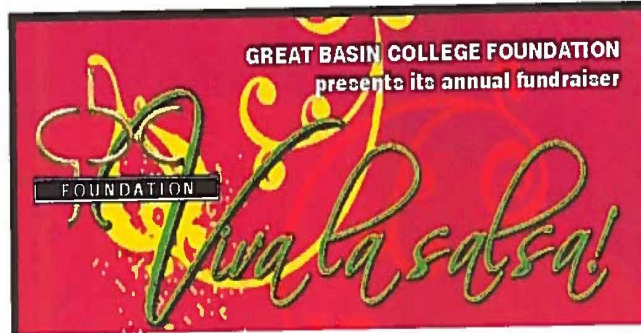
Barrick Gold of North America recently donated \$150,000 to the Great Basin College Foundation. From left: Carl Diekhans, president of Great Basin College; Carolyn Trainor, Great Basin College Foundation; Jim Winer, incoming chair of the Great Basin College Foundation; Lou Schack, Barrick Gold of North America; Patty Jones, Great Basin College Foundation; John Patrick Rice, Great Basin College Foundation; and Lisa Heise, Great Basin College Foundation.



## Fund/Friend Raising Events

\*Special Events \*

It May be Cold Outside....



But Elko will be smoking hot on Saturday, February 27th for

Viva La Salsa!

Plan on a night of great food, spirited auction action, an amazing live band and some serious dancing! Tickets for our annual gala are \$65 per person and are available by phoning the Foundation Office at 753.2246. Join us as we escape from the cold with a great party! Festivities begin at 6:00 PM sharp at the Elko Convention Center and last to midnight. Mark your calendar today and do not miss this fun event that supports our great mission....

## Newmont pledges \$300,000 to GBC Foundation

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO – Newmont Mining Corp. pledged \$300,000 Saturday during the Great Basin College Foundation's annual fundraiser as an endowment for new and existing programs.

The GBC Foundation's "Project 2012" is a campaign to

raise \$1.5 million to establish new programs and expand existing programs.

Those who attended the "Viva la Salsa" fundraiser Saturday at the Elko Convention Center also gave a total of \$60,000 in pledges and donations.

John Rice, director of the GBC Foundation, said foundation staff has promised

Newmont that they'll meet their fundraising goal by June 30, or they'll return the \$300,000.

"It's important to show Newmont that GBC has broad support in the community," Rice said.

The GBC Foundation has raised about \$800,000 and has about \$700,000 left to go.

"Trustees are working hard

to secure the rest," he said.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the funds will allow the college to develop programs in fields such as the health sciences and mining.

"We appreciate what Newmont has done to develop programs that we otherwise

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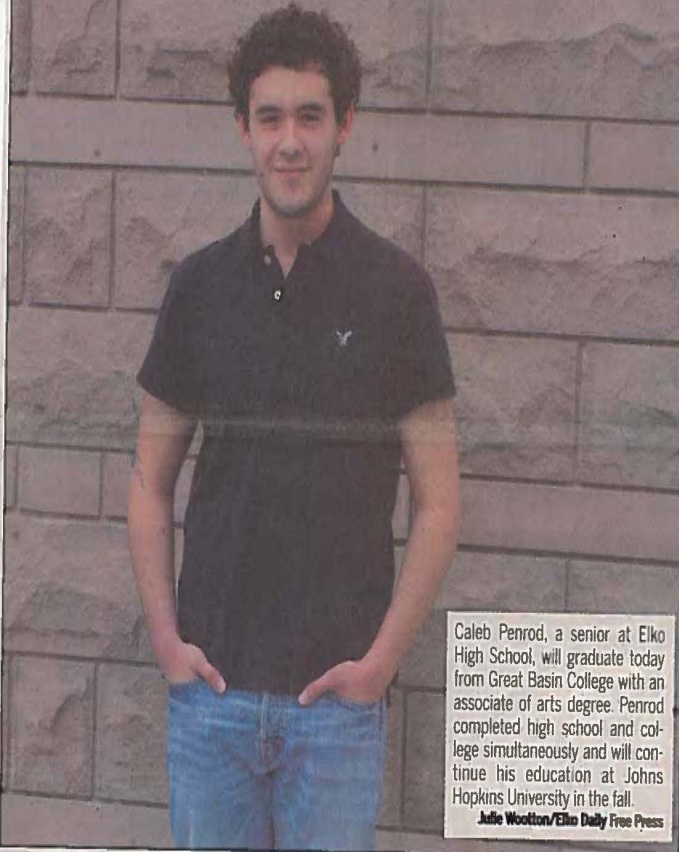
wouldn't be able to develop," he said.

Lisa Hoffman, external relations representative with Newmont Mining Corp., said Newmont supports programs such as the GBC Foundation's endowment project.

"We are focused on the sustainability of our community," she said.

For information about the GBC Foundation or to donate, visit [www.gbcnv.edu/foundation/index.html](http://www.gbcnv.edu/foundation/index.html).

## COLLEGE GRAD AT 17



Caleb Penrod, a senior at Elko High School, will graduate today from Great Basin College with an associate of arts degree. Penrod completed high school and college simultaneously and will continue his education at Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press

### Elko High student earns associate degree

5/21/10

**JULIE WOOTTON**  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Graduating from college is a huge accomplishment, especially for a 17-year-old.

Caleb Penrod will receive an associate degree today during Great Basin College's graduation ceremony. But here's the catch — he hasn't even graduated from Elko High School.

Penrod, a senior at Elko High, is one of 325 students who will receive a degree from GBC.

The graduation ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Penrod will receive an associate of arts degree from GBC and will then receive his high school diploma during Elko High's graduation ceremony June 4.

"I'm really proud of him," said Randy Jenkins, Penrod's stepfather. "He occupied his time in something really productive. He set goals and charted his course."

His mother, Valencia Jenkins, said her son is a self-motivated student.

In order to earn an associate's degree, Penrod

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completed about 60 college credits while enrolled full-time at Elko High.

He said he completed some classes in person, some online and some interactively.

During some semesters, Penrod was taking up to 10 classes simultaneously, between Elko High and GBC.

"Oftentimes, he was working when I went to bed at night and when I woke up in the morning," his father, Ty Penrod, said. "He's very driven."

Caleb will transfer to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., this fall, where he will have junior standing. He's aiming to complete a bachelor's degree in business in two years.

Ty Penrod said when he called Johns Hopkins University to figure out housing arrangements for Caleb, he was told that juniors weren't required to live on campus.

However, after Ty explained the situation, he said staff at Johns Hopkins agreed that a 17-year-old college junior "is not an everyday occurrence."

Caleb Penrod enrolled in his first GBC class as a 15-year-old high school sophomore.

At the beginning of each semester, he met with his counselor at GBC to make sure he was taking the classes he needed.

"Not that many people told me I couldn't do it, but some did," Penrod said.

Randy Jenkins said his stepson took some dual-credit courses through a cooperative program between the Elko County School District and GBC.

Even while completing both high school and college at the same time, Penrod's GPA didn't suffer. His cumulative high school GPA is over 4.0.

During high school, Penrod participated in a number of clubs and activities, including forensics, National Honor Society, radio, a mathematics national honor society, foreign language club and creative writing club.

Randy Jenkins said he encourages other high school students to take advantage of opportunities to take classes at GBC and save money.

Penrod said although he's probably the first senior ever at Elko High to earn an associate's degree in high school, others can do it too.

"You don't have to be incredibly intelligent to do it," he said. "You just have to be motivated."



# GBC to award honorary degrees

**ELKO** — Two honorary baccalaureate degrees will be conferred at the 2010 Great Basin College graduation ceremony that will be held May 21.

Two members of their communities, Robley E. (Bob) Burns Jr. of Elko and Norm Goeringer of Ely, were chosen for the awards.

#### **Robley Burns**

In 1967, Burns along with nine other businessmen from Elko, were determined to establish Nevada's first community college in Elko.

With the bootstrap determination common to rural Nevadans, Burns worked with his collaborators to raise the start-up funding for the college.

Going door-to-door with the

"Give a Day's Pay" campaign, the 10 raised \$45,000 in just 30 days.

In today's dollars, the figure is the equivalent of just under \$300,000.

First established in the basement of Elko's Grammar No. 2 elementary school, the college provided secretarial training and community service courses.

Funding from the State of Nevada followed, along with private support from Howard Hughes, and then the establishment of Great Basin College Foundation.

Elko Community College grew from a good idea to a state-of-the-art college covering, arguably, the largest geographic expanse in the nation.

#### **Norm Goeringer**

In 1991, GBC's Ely Center was the only higher education institution in East Central Nevada.

While it was the second largest center in the GBC system outside of Elko, it was also the fastest growing.

The Ely Center was the major provider of training for underemployed and unemployed of White Pine County.

Thus, a nucleus of enthusiastic supporters put into place a plan to build the residents of White Pine County their own 15,000 square foot college facility.

While GBC could contribute \$150,000 from its capital improvement fund and \$850,000 was available through a federal Department of Commerce grant,

that still left \$1 million dollars to raise locally to build the college facility.

Early in the fundraising effort, Goeringer gave the plan a leap forward by donating \$500,000 toward the new college facility.

This was the boost needed to enroll more than 300 other businesses and individuals in the vision of having a college facility for the residents of White Pine County.

In addition to being a major contributor, Goeringer provided important assistance during the design and construction stages of the campus.

Goeringer's donation of \$500,000 made a dream a reality for Ely-area students to achieve a post-secondary education.

Students are able to attain associate and bachelor's degrees at the Ely Campus.

Interactive video classes have made it possible for students to continue taking classes in a timely manner.

More than 200 students walk through the doors every semester into the Norm Goeringer Training Facility.

Students travel to the campus from surrounding communities, including Duckwater and Eureka, which means a 150-mile round trip for them.

When GBC offered a "Kids' College" on cooking, Goeringer opened the Jailhouse Restaurant to middle school-aged students who learned to plan, cook, prepare and serve meals.

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# GBC to graduate record number

5-14-10  
Ceremony is May 21

ELKO — The Great Basin College class of 2010 will commence their professional lives during a graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. May 21 in the Elko Convention Center.

Baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees and certificates of achievement will be awarded to 325 students, up from 304 last year.

A number of students will be awarded two degrees, making the total number of degrees conferred 346.

Carl Diekhans, president of Great Basin College, will preside over the graduation ceremony.

Dorothy Gallagher, Nevada System of Higher Education regent, will attend the ceremony, along with members of the Great Basin College Advisory Board and trustees of Great Basin College Foundation.

Gallagher, who has represented higher education for rural Nevada for nearly 30 years, has been chosen by the student body as the commencement speaker.

Doors will open for the graduation ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

Due to the large number of graduates and the expectation of crowds that will exceed the capacity of the Laurena Moren Theater in the Convention Center, a live, large-screen televised feed of the ceremony will be available in the center's ruby, silver and gold rooms.

Each graduate will receive three general seating tickets for guests to attend inside the theater. Guests viewing the ceremony from the banquet rooms will not need tickets for admission.

DVDs of the ceremony will also be available to purchase.

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Photographer Gene Russell will take individual and group photos of graduates beginning at 8:30 a.m. and photos will be available for purchase.

Regent scholar Ashley Rose Reed of Winnemucca will be acknowledged for her academic achievement and leadership.

The regents scholar award is conferred by the NSHE Board of Regents.

Scholars are nominated by members of the faculty. The nomination process is rigorous and presidents from each college make a recommendation to the board of regents.

The award comes with a \$5,000 stipend. Reed will receive her associate of applied science in radiology technology degree.

Great Basin College will award a total of 54 bachelor degrees, up from 50 last year.

Twenty-six students will receive bachelor of arts degrees in elementary or secondary education, arts and humanities, or integrative studies.

Twenty students will be awarded a bachelor of applied science degree and two students will receive post-baccalaureate certification in education.

Seven students will receive the bachelor of science in nursing degree.

There will be 71 students awarded an associate of arts degree, 26 will receive an associate of science degree, 13 will receive

an associate of general studies degree and 135 will receive an associate of applied science degree.

Additionally, two students will graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno, 3 + 1 bachelor of social work program, an academic partnership between Great Basin College and University of Nevada, Reno.

Of the 346 degrees to be awarded, 42 are from Winnemucca, 24 from Battle Mountain, 25 from Pahrump and 20 from Ely.

Honorary bachelor degrees will be conferred upon two leaders in higher education for rural Nevadans.

Robley E. (Bob) Burns Jr., of Elko, was one of the founders of Great Basin College.

He, along with nine other businessmen from Elko, determined to establish Nevada's first community college.

Going door-to-door with the "Give a Day's Pay" campaign, the 10 raised \$45,000 in just 30 days.

In today's dollars, the figure is the equivalent of just under \$300,000.

Burns' legacy is the present Great Basin College, now covering 62,000 square miles and serving nearly 4,000 Nevada students.

Norm Goeringer will be awarded a posthumous honorary degree.

Goeringer died late last month. He was instrumental in starting the college's branch center in Ely

in 1991.

The Ely center was the first of what would become four branch facilities, along with more than 20 satellite centers located in communities throughout rural Nevada.

Goeringer's leadership was critical to the development of community support needed to open the Ely center. He also contributed substantial funding in support of higher education in White Pine County.

Teri Beasley Bunker will be honored as GBC's distinguished alumni.

Bunker graduated from GBC's associate of applied science in nursing program in 1990.

In 1995, she earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from UNR and her master of science degree as a family nurse practitioner from the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1998.

Bunker is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at the University of Portland.

She is a successful entrepreneur, scholar and practitioner in health care. She is the founder and current chief executive officer of the Bridge City Family Clinic, with a \$1.5 million annual budget and 13 employees.

As a GBC student, she was honored with the dean's award for leadership.

She was asked to deliver the commencement address at GBC's graduation in 1998.

In 2003, she was recognized as the Provider of the Year by the Oregon Primary Care Association, and in 2009 was the Entrepreneur of the Year for the National Nurse Practitioners Association.

Bunker's career in health care began as a volunteer with the Elko County Ambulance Service in Wells.

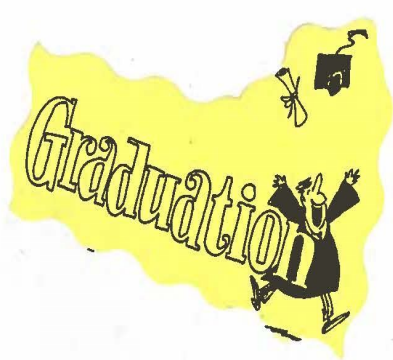
She was a registered nurse at Elko General Hospital and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno before moving to Oregon.

Gerald Miller will be honored with the college's community service award.

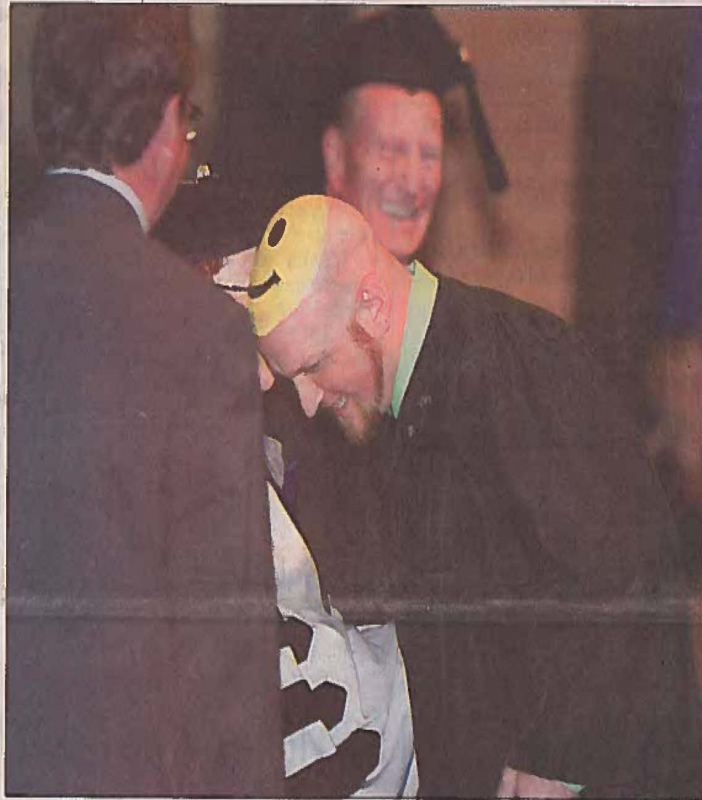
Miller works for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and has been an adjunct faculty member at GBC, teaching ecology.

He has been active in the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, coordinating tree plantings and other conservation resource projects.

He is also responsible for the City of Elko's recent designation as a "Tree City - USA."



## SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press  
Great Basin College nursing student Travis Spencer points his head with a smiling face toward Great Basin College faculty and staff after he accepts his diploma Friday during the commencement ceremony.

# College graduates big class

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Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press  
Dorothy Gallagher, member of the Nevada System of Higher Education's board of regents, receives a standing ovation from faculty, staff and graduates for her many years of service.

JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Make decisions carefully and don't forget to help others, Dorothy Gallagher told Great Basin College graduates.

Three hundred twenty-five students graduated from GBC's class of 2010 with certificates of achievement, associate or bachelor's degrees Friday morning at the Elko Convention Center.

Nearly 1,000 family members and friends gathered in the auditorium and in several overflow rooms to celebrate their graduate's achievements, complete with both tears and laughter.

Not all graduates donned the traditional graduation attire, though.

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Steve Correa and Kyle Marchand, who both received associate of diesel technology degrees, wore black cowboy hats with their tassels.

Gallagher, a regent for the Nevada System of Higher Education, was selected by the class of 2010 as the commencement speaker.

"Never forget those who helped you and repay them by helping others," she said.

Gallagher will step down from the NSHE board of regents after 28 years.

GBC President Carl Diekhans presented Gallagher with flowers and she received a standing ovation from faculty, students and the audience.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, post 2350, posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paulette Batayola, GBC's Student Government Association president, said by this point in their lives, students have experienced many graduations.

"But on this day, to be earning a college degree, this is very much for you," Batayola told graduates.

Diekhans recognized Galeb Penrod, 17, a senior at Elko High, as the youngest graduate in the class of 2010.

Penrod is the second person in GBC's history to graduate from college while still in high school, Diekhans said.

He described a number of GBC's graduates -

first-generation college students, a husband and wife who attended classes together at the Ely branch campus, students spending semesters away from home to complete practicums, students with full-time jobs, and those graduating from college five, 10 or 20 years after graduating from high school.

He told students that some will enter stiff job markets, but "you've been trained by some of the best educators around."

Diekhans said it was a challenging year for GBC, the NSHE and the state in the midst of budget cuts, but GBC fared well.

As students received their degrees, many received hugs from their professors.

An empty chair on stage was in memory of Richard McNally, who taught English at GBC for 33 years and died unexpectedly this year. Diekhans asked graduation attendees to take a moment of silence to remember McNally.

Gallagher presented the regents' scholar award to Ashley Rose Reed, who earned associate degrees in radiology technology and general studies.

The award is given to one student at each school in the NSHE, based on a student's academic achievements, leadership and service contributions.

Reed, born in Fallon, was diagnosed with an immune deficiency called hypogammaglobulinemia.

She attended GBC since

fall 2006 and graduated with a cumulative 3.66 GPA. She was a Phi Theta Kappa member and was on the dean's list several times.

Reed volunteers at First Way Pregnancy in Winnemucca.

"There are going to be times in life when we have to stick our neck out," she said, after reading a quote about turtles.

Reed said GBC faculty are not only instructors, but "mentors, friends and coaches."

Honorary baccalaureate degrees were presented to Robley "Bob" Burns and Norm Goeringer.

"(Burns) wanted Nevada's first community college to be in Elko," Diekhans said.

Burns went door-to-door with about 10 other people in 1967 and raised \$45,000 in 45 days, which is the equivalent of \$300,000 today.

Elko Community College started in the basement of Grammar No. 2 Elementary and has since expanded to cover a large part of rural Nevada.

"Bob Burns and his friends made our college happen," Diekhans said.

An administrator from GBC's branch campus in Ely accepted a posthumous degree on behalf of Goeringer, who died late last month.

Goeringer was instru-

mental in starting Ely's branch campus in the early 1990s, Diekhans said.

When the center first opened, it mainly provided training for the unemployed and underemployed in White Pine County.

"Raising the funds seemed like an insurmountable challenge," Diekhans said, adding that Goeringer donated \$500,000 to get the facility up and running, and solicited donations from the business community.

Gerald Miller received GBC's community service award.

Diekhans said while an instructor, Miller donated a portion of his salary to the GBC Foundation to be used to fund science programs.

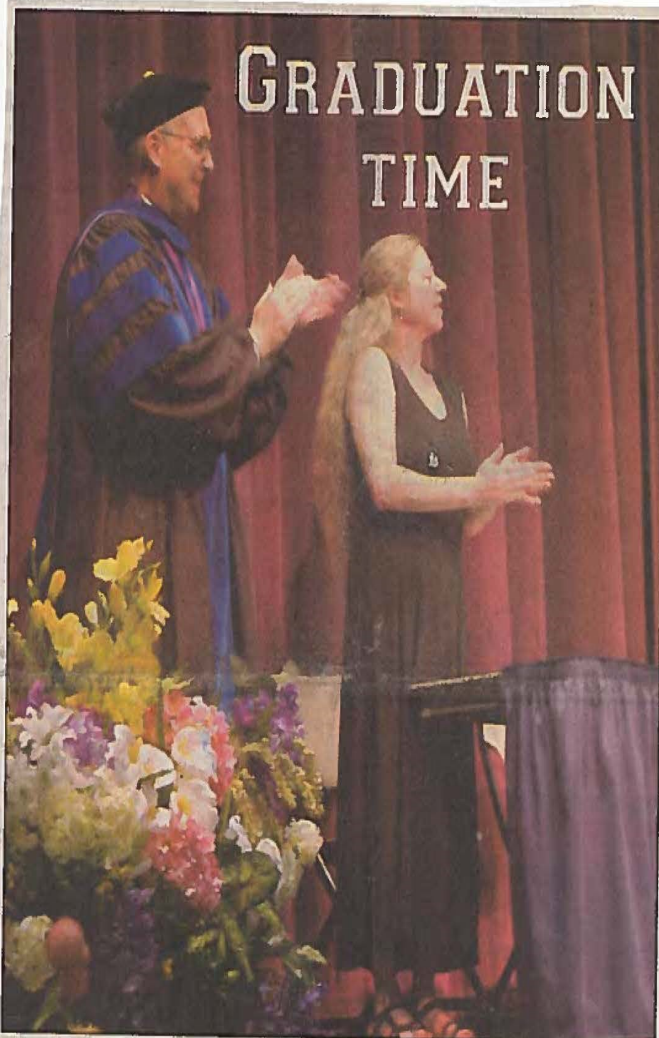
"Volunteerism makes a community whole," Miller said after receiving his award.

Teri Beasley Bunker received GBC's distinguished alumni award.

After graduating from GBC, she earned bachelor and master's degrees and is currently pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Portland.

She is the founder and current Chief Executive Officer of the Bridge City Family Clinic.

"Don't let anyone tell you you can't do it or try to clip your wings," Bunker told the class of 2010.



# GRADUATION TIME

Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
John Patrick Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, left, and Katherine Hearon from Great Basin College's admissions office, applaud the graduates of the Adult High School Wednesday night during a commencement ceremony at the Great Basin College Theatre.

## Adult students receive diplomas

**JULIE WOOTTON**  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Twenty-three adult students received high school diplomas during a graduation ceremony Wednesday night.

Nearly 100 family members and friends gathered in the Great Basin College Theatre to cheer on graduates of Elko County's Adult High School program.

Joe de Braga, director of secondary education for the Elko County School District, said adult high school graduates took a different route than their peers to receive their diplomas.



Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
Adult High School graduates listen to an address Wednesday night during their commencement ceremony at the Great Basin College Theatre.

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## Graduation ...

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"You are a very special group of students," he said. De Braga said graduates can always find a way to fit education into their lives, which makes them stronger.

John Patrick Rice, director of institutional advancement for Great Basin College, told students to find someone they admire as a role model.

"Don't let your education stop now," he said.

Rice said life is all about learning and encouraged students to continue to be curious.

He said students should also be mentors to younger people through volunteerism and giving back to the community.

Rice said students should continue to be true to themselves and congratulated them for their accomplishment against all odds.

"Use your talents, keep your friends, make new ones, be happy and congratulations," he said.

Anna Bolin, instructor at Elko's Adult Learning Center, said students have overcome many obstacles.

"Thanks for letting us help you," she said.

The students donned traditional graduation attire and entered the theater to "Pomp and Circumstance" before hearing graduation addresses and receiving their diplomas.

The Adult High School, located on Elm Street, is a cooperative program between the Elko County School District and Great Basin College.

The program offers free services to students age 18 and older to help prepare them to take the GED test, proctored by Great Basin College, or earn a high school diploma.

There's also an Adult Learning Center in West Wendover.

# GBC LIBRARY



## *3rd Annual* **Book Sale** *Gently Used Books*

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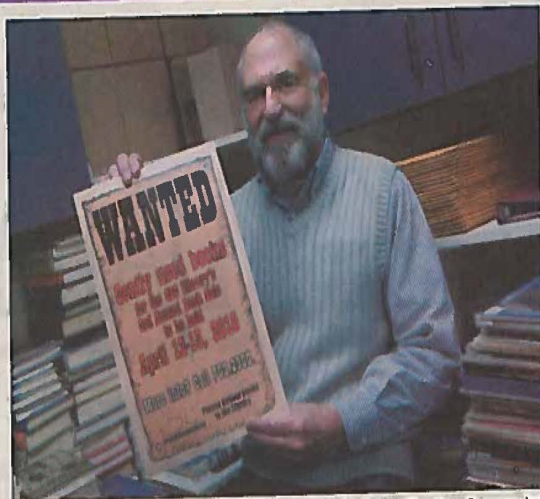
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Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

Library Director David Ellefsen displays a sign advertising for book donations.

## Book sale planned at GBC library

ELKO — The library at Great Basin College is accepting donations for its annual book sale.

Every year on National Library Week, the library staff arranges a public sale to bring revenue to the book repository. This year's sale runs from April 12-16.

"We used the money we made last year to buy classic American novels," said Library Director David Ellefsen. "This time we plan to make some new purchases including popular DVDs. The students can check out up to three per week."

During the sale the staff will have

refreshments and, of course, the coffee pot is always on at their new coffee bar.

Books will be for sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day in the library located in McMullen Hall.

After a number of years gathering dust during this modern age of CDs and mp3 players, the library is also selling its LP collection. There are a number of unusual records available for those who still like to spin a tune on the tabletop.

Call 753-2222 or 753-2300 to donate or learn more about the sale.

By Cynthia Delaney



The "Purple Library Ladies"  
Pat Lopez, Karen Dannels,  
Kathy Chamberlain & Kathy Living

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English as  
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at GBC

**SPECIAL TO THE PVT**  
Great Basin College announced today that for the first time, free English as a second language classes for adults will be available to the Pahrump Community.

Instructor Lorena Melgar will be on site to take registrations for the fall 2009 semester and answer any questions. Visit with her in person at the Pahrump Valley Branch Campus at 551 E. Calvada Blvd., Room 107, Aug. 24, 25 and 27 from 9 a.m. to noon.

You may also call the Pahrump Valley Center at 775-727-2000 or the adult basic education/English as a second language office in Elko at 775-753-2126 for further information.

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## GBC offers mental health counseling for students

8-28-09

SPECIAL TO THE PVT

Great Basin College can now provide mental health counseling to students enrolled at each of its campuses and learning centers across rural Nevada.

Using the college's vast technological infrastructure, students can meet one-on-one with licensed counselors who can assist with support and interventions for emotional difficulties and mental health issues.

The counseling process can help students get "unstuck" from a variety of issues.

College requires a student to commit money, time and energy to their studies, often at the expense of other areas of their lives. Counseling can help students in dealing with relationship and family issues, stress and anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, sexuality and a variety of other issues.

Counselors are also able to give advice on academic

concerns students may have.

They will help students develop their own self-awareness in ways that increase their understanding of their own behavior and what motivates that behavior. When students gain that understanding, they are often more confident and productive, which can result in peace of mind.

The opportunity for counseling at Great Basin College is the result of a partnership between GBC, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Communities In Schools.

The service is free to GBC students and completely confidential. For more information regarding the program contact Julie Byrnes at 775-753-2271 or julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu. Students may also speak with campus directors at the GBC campus in their own community.

# College enrollment expands

## ONE COURSE MIGHT AID CCA DETENTION CENTER APPLICANTS

9-2-09

By MARK WAITE  
PVT

The number of new full-time college students enrolled at the Pahrump Great Basin College campus increased 171 percent this fall over last year, college director Bill Verbeck said.

The percentage increase sounds impressive except that the number of new, full-time college students only increased by 36 students, from 21 new full-time college students enrolling last fall to 57 this year.

The number of full-time college students returning from last year rose from 59 to 86, a 45 percent increase, Verbeck said.

The first day of classes for fall was Monday. Students can add or drop classes up through Labor Day.

Students enrolling in the

college for the first time on a part-time basis — that is, for fewer than 12 credits — increased from 78 to 87 this year. The number of part-time students returning this year, however, dropped from 99 to 83.

Combined enrollment of full and part-time college students rose 24.5 percent, from 257 to 320 students. Verbeck said the number could increase to 400 by the drop-dead deadline to enroll in classes this Labor Day weekend.

"This is driven by the economy, the GI Bill and Pell grants," Verbeck said. The Obama administration has increased funding under the GI bill and Pell grants since taking office.

Great Basin College became the local sponsor of the Nevada JobConnect

program over the summer, which has been renamed Career Connections. Both the college and job counselors are located in the new Great Basin College addition on East Basin Avenue, which Verbeck said made it easy for the unemployed to sign up for training courses.

"We're burning candles on both ends because the unemployed, the underemployed are here. Some of them are coming through here taking classes. When you don't have a job, people tend to go to school," Verbeck said.

Great Basin College will offer classes in obtaining a commercial driver's license needed for truck driving and a certified nursing assistants program beginning next month.

The number of high school students who signed up for

dual credit courses by interactive video, called "courses," increased 26 percent over last year.

Verbeck said 135 students this year signed up for the courses, which are offered for only \$40. Dual credit means they are eligible to receive college credit at the same time as high school.

Only one course is being offered at the college this fall that's related to training for the federal detention center, a course on personal finance. That will help job applicants get their finances in order to meet the rigorous background checks the U.S. Marshals Service which requires a good credit history.

Verbeck said the college could quickly gear up to offer courses to train corrections officers at a later date.

## Academic Success Center will open at GBC Sept. 8

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SPECIAL TO THE PVT

Students have returned to class at Great Basin College, and the state of the art Academic Success Center will officially open for student tutoring the day after Labor Day, Tuesday Sept. 8.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Academic Success Center is located on the Elko campus in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building. Students enrolled at GBC's campuses in Battle Mountain, Pahrump, or online can benefit from the Academic Success Center's

online services by visiting the ASC Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu/asc](http://www.gbcnv.edu/asc).

The Academic Success Center offers instructional support for students in math, English/writing, science and foreign languages. Tutors in these disciplines can provide extra support and guidance on assignments and other course work.

The center also maintains a computer lab for word processing and Internet research. All current Great Basin College students are welcome to use the computer facility as well.

For more information, contact the ASC at 775-753-2149.

## Transport technology classes at GBC campus in Pahrump

9-2-09

PVT

The Great Basin College Transport Technology Department has openings for a Pahrump class beginning Nov. 2 and running through Dec. 18.

GBC offers training that is applicable for a variety of vehicles, including tour buses, straight trucks, heavy duty trucks (tractors trailers) with a gross volume weight of 26,001 pounds or more. GBC Transport Technology currently is specializing in

tractor trailer training.

The transport technology field offers many opportunities for those interested in transportation and distribution of property or passengers.

According to Nevada statistics, the field offers stable employment opportunities and expected industry growth of over 30 to 40 percent in the next 10 years. Median salaries range from \$35,303 to \$48,376 a year. The field is a non-traditional

occupation for women and offers excellent opportunities.

Anyone 18 years and older can enroll in the course. Upon completion, however, those 18 to 20 years old can only operate inside the state of Nevada (intrastate).

The class will be held at the GBC Basin Education Center located at 1541 East Basin Avenue Campus. For more information contact the Pahrump Valley Campus at 775-727-2000.

# Dual credit changes due to scheduling conflicts

By MARK WAITE  
PVT

Nye County School District officials think a request by Great Basin College to operate dual credit courses on a college schedule this fall is denying many high school students the opportunity to earn college credit at the same time as they attend high school.

Mike McFarlane, Great Basin College vice-president for academic affairs, said the college began operating dual credit classes this semester on a 15-week college schedule, which means the fall semester lasts from Aug. 31 to Dec. 12. Previously the classes were offered to coincide with the high school semester which runs on a 20-week schedule that doesn't end until Jan. 15.

"In the past what they were doing is they were basically scheduling high school type of schedules. They were not fitting the definition of a dual credit class," McFarlane said. "These are to be college classes in all respects."

Dual credit is a definition set by accreditation facilities like the Mountain States Association of Community Colleges, he said.

Under the dual credit program, some Pahrump Valley High School students complete much of their work toward a two-year associate degree in college by the

time they receive their high school diploma.

McFarlane said in Elko last spring, one high school student crossed the stage to receive a Great Basin College degree then went on to participate in high school commencement ceremonies.

"The hours were way too many and our curriculum is not gauged to that type of schedule. A college class is designed for 15 weeks plus a finals week and it meets three hours per week," McFarlane said. "It was highly excessive time and most of it was basically seat attendance time."

Instead of 45 hours in a three credit college class, there were over 100 hours, McFarlane said.

"A number of college students basically weren't in those classes. They didn't want to do that. Plus it's hard to find instructors who would take that type of schedule," he said.

McFarlane said Great Basin College officials offered to host eight dual credit classes in Pahrump this fall semester during high school hours but only four days per week. Nye County school officials balked.

"We have six school districts in our service area, and Nye County is the only district that doesn't participate in this," McFarlane said. "It was their choice not to put their students in them for their internal policy reasons."

In Elko, for example, high school students can take a history class on Mondays and Wednesdays for college credit, and English on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first period. But Nye County wants Great Basin College to take care of that student on Friday as well, he said.

"They wanted us to babysit the students for all the other time," McFarlane said.

Pahrump Valley High School Principal Max Buffi said local Great Basin College officials came up with a good compromise to accommodate the high school schedule, but it was shot down by college officials in Elko.

"They said, 'This is a glorified high school schedule, we're a college, we're offering the classes, we only do 15 weeks, we only meet two days a week, that's not our problem.' Well, what it comes down to is, by state law we have to account for our kids when they're not in college classes. Now the college says we don't, my district says we do. Well, my superintendent is my boss," Buffi said.

Nye County School Superintendent Rob Roberts said underclassmen have to be in school six hours out of the seven-hour class day; seniors only have to attend four hours.

Buffi said he did schedule a study hall students could attend three days a week to round out the week after their two-day-a-week dual credit course is over. That will turn into a study hall five days per week after the college semester ends in December.

High school students can take advantage of a low enrollment fee of \$40 in a college dual credit course. Most courses listed in the fall 2009 Great Basin College program guide are offered via the Internet, with no time schedule, like elementary algebra, marketing principles, general psychology and first-year Spanish. The rest are through interactive video taught by a live instructor from a remote location.

A few dual credit courses are offered via interactive video during the school day — like Introduction to Business from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays; Introduction to American Politics from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, or the criminal justice course Introduction to Criminology from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Most of the others are in the evening.

McFarlane said high school enrollment in dual credit courses dropped last spring in Pahrump once Great Basin College started requiring college placement testing.

Buffi said there's likely going to be a drop in dual credit enrollment due to the

scheduling from last year, when high school students took a combined 300 credits of college. This year he complained dual credit courses were put in two narrow time blocks instead of dispersed throughout the school day.

"We have, without a doubt, the best dual credit program of any county in the state. We're really afraid we're going to lose kids because of the

narrowing of when and where kids can take these courses," Jerry Hill, Nye County assistant superintendent for student achievement, said.

Hill derided McFarlane's comments about having too many class hours with the high school schedule, recalling his own experience teaching a dual credit class while at Pahrump Valley High School.

"What a terrible shame to receive more instruction," Hill said. "I didn't hear anybody complaining, especially me. It just gave us more time. Teachers always want more time and sometimes even the students do if they're enjoying the course and they're learning something. I didn't see this as a huge crisis but evidently they did."

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## GBC offers 'Mining Rocks' tour

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Special to the PVT  
ELKO — Do you want to know more about the opportunities and education that lead to mining careers in Nevada?

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Some of the different careers and programs at Great Basin related to mining discussed on the tours will include: electrical systems technology, diesel technology, welding technology, mining, engi-

neering, natural resources, earth sciences, office technology, human resources and business.

This opportunity will be open for 45 participants. Interested high school students who want to participate will have top priority.

Great Basin College students and community members interested in attending GBC are also encouraged to sign up if there are additional seats available for the tour. Call 775-738-8493 for information and to sign up by Oct. 16.

## GBC offers EMT basic and intermediate course

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The Great Basin College Health and Human Services Department will offer a two-credit, online emergency medical technician's basic and intermediate refresher course.

The course, EMS 109B, is a state-approved Internet EMS refresher class.

Students will complete six modules of coursework online and then complete a skill competency evaluation and AHA CPR recertification on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m.

to 2 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost for the two-credit course is \$161 and includes a \$20 lab fee and CPR recertification. The course instructor is Karen Mowrey. For more information call 775-753-2301 or 775-753-2212.

Registration for the course is open from Oct. 1 through Nov. 13. Students may register at 775-753-2102 or [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and should select EMS 109B, Section IO1, and call number 12577.

## Driver's education at GBC slated for students, adults

10-9-09

Special to the PVT  
Great Basin College will again offer driver's education to high school and adult students in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, Nye and White Pine counties.

One of the chief benefits, according to Angie de Braga, GBC's director of continuing education, is that completing the course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half.

"The DMV requires that a beginning driver under 18 years of age must log 100 hours driving time with an adult before applying for a license. With successful completion of a driver's ed course, the time is reduced to just 50 hours," she said.

Students can enroll for the driver's ed course by clicking on the "driver's ed" icon listed under "announcements" on the college's Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

The 10-week, two-credit course is delivered online and is taught by certified driver's education instructors.

The next class starts Oct. 12. Another section begins Nov. 9. High school students are eligible for a special \$35 tuition fee. If a student has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a one time \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non-high school students may also enroll but will pay the regular tuition fee of \$141.

In order to enroll, students should be 15-1/2 years old by the end of the course. The class provides the student with sufficient knowledge to pass the Nevada written driver examination. A passing grade on the written examination enables the student to obtain their driver's permit.

For more information on driver's education at GBC call 775-753-2231.



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# GBC student capstone project

By CHARLENE DEAN  
PVT

Genell White will present her capstone project, *Alternative Space 2010*, next Saturday and Sunday.

The event will not be a themed exhibition, but rather a collection of multiple works from diverse styles and genres.

The exhibit will be displayed in White's home, making the presentation space non-traditional. Sound will be a part of the overall dynamic approach.

The group showing will debut Terry Mullan who uses designs sanded on sheet metal and painted with translucent paints. Photography by White's husband, Larky Jr., and her son, Larky III, will be on display.

Genell's centerpiece is her painting

"Where I'm Going Is Not Where I've Been." A music video created for a local band, Dying Breed, will be a part of the visuals.

The last time White was the curator of her own exhibition, she was graduating from Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) — the predecessor of Great Basin College (GBC), with an associates degree.

White said she was relieved when GBC took over the higher education school here. With CCSN, she couldn't further her education.

White, 30, is not a perpetual student — she will graduate with a bachelor's degree in arts and humanities administration in May.

White said her 12-year-old son, Larky III, commented, "Mommy, you've been going to school all my life." White said



SPECIAL TO THE PVT

"Where I'm Going Is Not Where I've Been" will be displayed by Great Basin College student Genell White as an element of her capstone project to obtain her bachelor's degree in art and humanities administration this May. The project will be open to the public from noon to 5 p.m., March 27 and 28 at her home on Betty Avenue.

if she thinks about it, the years "have been a lot longer than that."

Her final self-directed course involves marketing research. Participants will be asked to fill out a survey to help White determine how to best market art from a curator's standpoint. The findings will become the basis of her final submission for the class.

She said she hopes to have done a better job this time getting the word for this event to the public. She said so far "the only media response I've gotten has been from (the PVT)."

Admission is free and the display will be open from noon to 5 p.m., March 27 and 28 at 140 E. Betty Ave.

Call White, 727-3932, for additional information.

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# Fall's in the air at GBC

SPECIAL TO THE PVT

ELKO — Spring has sprung in northeastern Nevada, but fall is in the air at Great Basin College.

Students may now register for fall 2010 courses online or at campuses throughout GBC's service area, according to Jan King, GBC registrar.

Students may log onto [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and follow the easy steps to register or they can visit the campus in Pahrump. Advisors are available to assist with registration.

"Our advisors can assist students who are just beginning their education,

those who are continuing their education or thinking about launching a new career," said King.

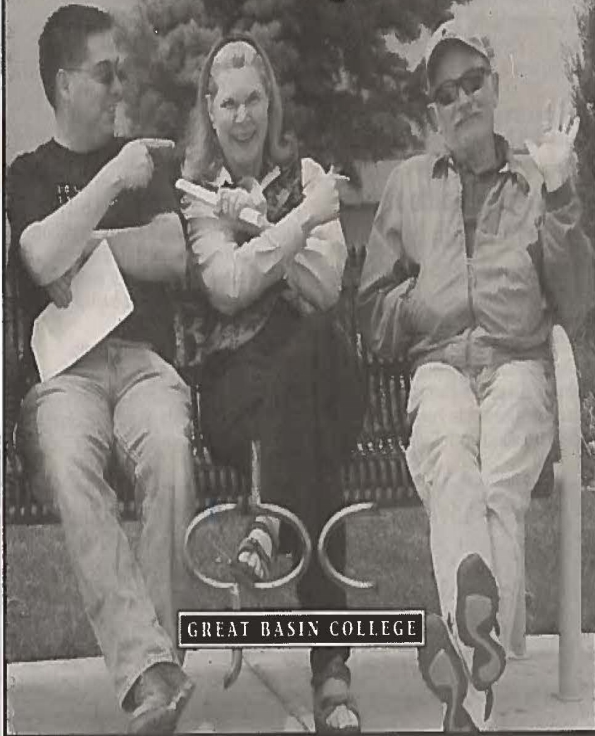
Advisors can get students on the right track, she said, and help them look farther into jobs and career opportunities.

"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," she said.

For more information, call the Pahrump and Nye County office at 775-727-2000.

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# REGISTRATION & CLASSES

Open to the sky, the outdoor Elizabethan Stage seats 1,200 people. Featured in the photo above is the 2005 cast and ensemble in *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*. Photo by T. Charles Erickson.



Cost: \$300 plus the applicable fees for one credit and the application fee.

Registration deadline: October 2. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due at time of registration.

For further information contact:  
 Angie de Braga, 775.753.2231,  
[angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu) or  
 Teresa Howell, 775.623.1607,  
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Travel to Ashland on Friday. Enjoy two plays on Saturday plus a backstage tour, then see two additional plays on Sunday before returning to Nevada on Monday. Don't miss the famous Ashland Halloween parade during your visit!

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*Macbeth*, a tragedy  
*All's Well That Ends Well*, a comedy  
*Equivocation*, World Premiere of Bill Cain's provocative story  
*The Servant of Two Masters*, Carlo Goldoni's outrageous comedy

Price includes: Tickets to four plays and a backstage pass for one performance; 3 night's accommodations (dorm-style and semi-private sleeping quarters) at the Ashland Hostel; round-trip transportation to Ashland from Winnemucca or Elko via van; and tuition for one undergraduate college credit. For further information: [www.gbcnv.edu/travel](http://www.gbcnv.edu/travel). In addition to the tour package listed above, students pay applicable application and registration fees for one GBC credit.

Required pre-trip meeting: Thursday, October 15, 5:30 p.m., IAV locations TBA

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## Great Basin College offering trip to Oregon Shakespeare Festival

### Special to the Independent

WINNEMUCCA — Teresa Howell, English instructor at Great Basin College, will conduct a field trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., over the Nevada Day holiday weekend. The group will travel to Ashland by van on Friday, Oct. 30, and will return on Nov. 2.

While in Ashland, the group will enjoy four plays. Two of the plays, the tragedy *Macbeth* and the comedy *All's Well that Ends Well*, were written by Shakespeare himself. *Equivocation*, by Bill Cain, is an imaginative examination of the political realities within which Shakespeare wrote. *The Servant of Two Masters* is a comedy by Carlo Goldoni written in the eighteenth century.

Additional attractions of the trip include a backstage tour to explore the history, design and technology of repertory theatre.

On Saturday afternoon, participants will be able to take in the fantastic Ashland Halloween parade.

In addition to \$65.50 for one GBC credit, the trip will cost each participant \$300 to cover transportation from Elko or Winnemucca, tickets for all events, and accommodations at the Ashland Hostel. Participants will pay for their own meals.

Whether you are new to theatre, or a seasoned veteran, Great Basin College invites you to spend a weekend with fellow theatre-lovers. A limited number of spaces are still available. Interested students and community members are encouraged to sign up before the Oct. 2 deadline in order to reserve a spot. Telephone Great Basin College Continuing Education Director, Angie de Braga, at (775) 753-2231 or Teresa Howell at (775) 623-1807 for further information. To register, visit [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

9-29-09

## New date set for bread making class at GBC

ELKO — Kevin Davis of Elko will teach an artisan-style sourdough bread making class through Great Basin College next month.

The class is scheduled for Dec. 4 and 5 in the home economics room at Elko High School.

Davis will explain how to cultivate a wild yeast culture and make San Francisco-style sourdough bread with exceptional flavors, aromas, textures and shapes.

Participants will learn how to hand-form loaves into a variety of traditional shapes including

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baguettes, batards, fougasse, boule, epi and others.

The class costs \$55, which includes baking ingredients.

To register, visit Great Basin College admissions and records located in Berg Hall at 1500 College Parkway in Elko, or enroll online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) by clicking "web register."

The call number for the course is 10880.

For more information, contact Angie de Braga, director of continuing studies, at 753-2231 or [angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu).

## Great Basin College to offer EMT/EMS courses

ELKO — The Great Basin College Health and Human Services Department will offer a two-credit, online Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic and Intermediate Refresher Course.

The course, EMS 109B, is a state-approved Internet EMS Refresher Class.

Students will complete six modules of coursework

online and then complete a skill competency evaluation. The AHA CPR Recertification is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 5 or 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 12.

The cost for the two-credit course is \$161 and includes a \$20 lab fee and CPR Recertification.

For more information, call 753-2301 or 753-2212.

Registration for the course is open from Oct. 1 through Nov. 13. 9-25-09

## Registration open for GBC spring semester

ELKO — Registration is open for the spring 2010 semester at Great Basin College.

Current and prospective students can view a schedule of spring classes online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

Most classes begin Jan. 23, although some start earlier that month.

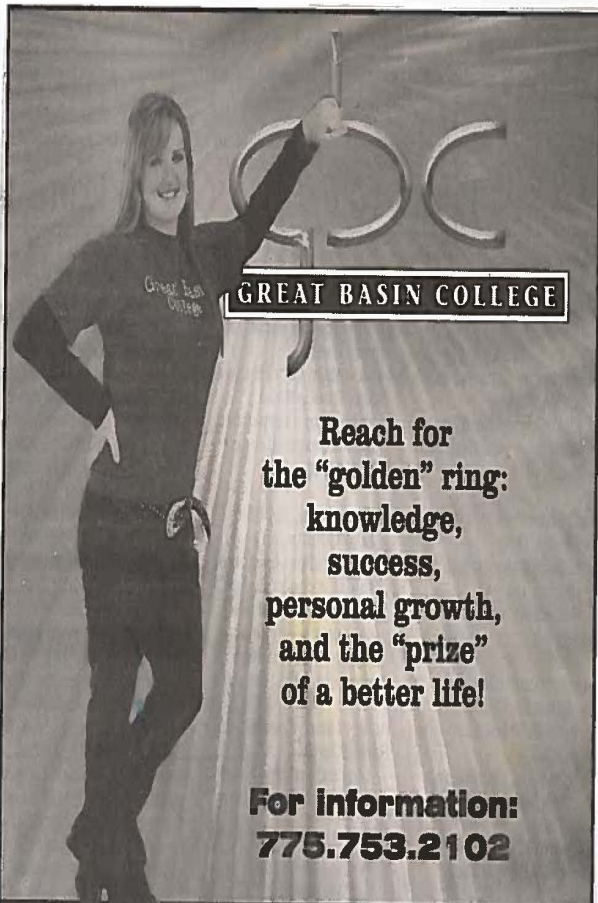
John Patrick Rice, director of institutional advancement at Great Basin College, said students should register early as possible.

"Enrollments have been increasing dramatically," he said. "If students register early, we can know in advance if we need to add more (class) sections."

Full-time enrollment at the college, which is based on the number of students taking an average of 15 credits per semester, surpassed the 2,000 mark in fall.

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By Julie Wroat



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**Great Basin College  
offers deferred  
payment plan**

ELKO - Great Basin College now offers students another option to help pay for a college education.

The deferred payment plan allows students to register for classes with a payment of just one-fourth of the total tuition and fees, with subsequent payments scheduled throughout the rest of the spring semester.

The plan allows student to register with payment of one-fourth of the total due Jan. 19 or at the time of registration.

Deferred payment agreements require a three-credit minimum.

The second payment of one-fourth is due Feb. 19, the third on March 19, with the final payment due April 16.

Deferred payments are not available for short-term courses. Students may arrange for a deferred payment plan online at www.gbcnv.edu or at any GBC campus or center across rural Nevada.

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.

# Visit the land of The Great Wall

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## Trip to China no ordinary vacation

By ALI HELGOTH  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — China is no ordinary vacation destination, so it's fitting a trip there through Great Basin College is no ordinary vacation.

For the second time, GBC is offering a trip to China that includes an art and history education through site tours and classes at sister school Heze University. Participants will receive course study through GBC, and it is open to those age 16 if they are accompanied by a parent, and up.

"We went in 2008 and it was really successful, so we wanted to go again," said trip leader Lijuan Zhai.

Registration for the June 7-20 trip is due April 9. However, space on the trip is limited to 25. An informational meeting will be 5:15 p.m. Feb. 9 at Cafe X at the GBC campus. Prior to the trip students will participate in an orientation so they know what to expect and are prepared for the trip.

Zhai is from China and will be able to usher people to places not often visited by tourists, providing, as trip coordinator Pat Warren explained, "an experience you wouldn't get if you took a trip with a travel agency."

The difference comes in part through education students will receive at Heze University. There, students will receive one-on-one lessons in tai chi, calligraphy, bush painting, language and other programs.

More than a quick demonstration, "they're really serious that you learn it," Warren said.



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This photo taken by Lijuan Zhai shows an opera performance at Great Basin College's sister school in China, Heze University.

One of the differences this year compared to last is that students will have more free time to explore on their own.

Away from the university, students will travel to The Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, a rural farm and other places.

Though there will be some guided tours, students will also be able to explore places at their own pace, not limited by other group members who might want to move at a faster or slower pace.

Different this year is a photography workshop led by Cynthia Delaney.

She will be able to help photographers of varying experience levels learn skills to use during this trip and when they return.

More than just educational pursuits, students will also have time to shop at some market places.

"Shopping there is very, very reasonable," Delaney said.

"China is changing so much now, it is emerging," Zhai said. Participants can



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Cynthia Delaney, left, Pat Warren, center and Lijuan Zhai show items purchased at markets in China. Delaney is a photography instructor during Great Basin College's trip to China this summer. Warren is the trip coordinator and Zhai is the trip leader.

learn about the old China and new China. "We'll see how much China is changing."

Cost of the trip is \$2,790, which includes airfare from Los Angeles to Beijing, ground transportation in China, lodging, tuition and taxes.

Not included is meals, admission to parks and museums, individual sight

seeing and passport and visa charges. A payment plan is available.

For more information, contact Director of Continuing Education Angie de Braga at 753-2009 or [angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu), Zhai at 753-5833 or [cynthiad@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:cynthiad@gwmail.gbcnv.edu) or Warren at [patw@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:patw@gwmail.gbcnv.edu).

## College to offer diversity class for educators

ELKO — Patricia Johnson, counselor at Mountain View Elementary School, will instruct a special topics workshop at Great Basin College on diversity and intercultural development.

The class will meet from 5-9 p.m. Feb. 5 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 6. The cost is \$65.50 plus \$12 for materials.

The course is designed to develop diversity and intercultural awareness in educators through the use of experiential activities.

Teachers are likely to work with children whose cultural backgrounds differ from their own, so it is important for them to understand cultural perspectives and reflect on various forms of diversity.

Johnson earned her bachelor of social work degree from the University of Minnesota and her master's in education degree in school counseling from Vermont College.

The topic of her master's thesis was the growing population of immigrant students in schools.

To enroll in the one-credit course (Call No. 13008), stop by student services in Berg Hall at Great Basin College or register online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

For more information, contact Angie de Braga at 753-2231 or [angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:angied@gwmail.gbcnv.edu).

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## GBC to offer driver's ed

ELKO — Great Basin College will again offer online driver's education to high school and adult students in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, Nye, and White Pine counties.

"The DMV requires that Nevada teens must log 100 hours of supervised driving time with an adult before applying for a license. With successful completion of an approved Driver's Education course, the time is reduced to just 50 hours," said Angie de Braga, director of continuing education.

The 10-week, two-credit course through GBC is DMV-approved, and taught by certified Driver's Education instructors.

The next class starts Tuesday, followed by additional sections on March 16 and April 13.

High school students are eligible for a special \$35 tuition fee. If a student has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a one time \$10 admission fee will also apply.

In order to enroll, students should be 15 years old by the end of the course.

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## Community education courses available through GBC

### Special to the Independent

ELKO — If the long, cold winter has you feeling a little stir crazy, take a class at Great Basin College and develop a new skill or hobby.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the "Novel Experiences" book club (Call # 10834) kicks off their spring reading group with discussion on "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Other featured books include: "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"; "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" and "The Road from Coorian." Lisa Arkell facilitates this class, which meets in the Great Basin College Library by the fireplace, from 7 p.m. — 8 p.m. The cost is \$25.

GBC professor Peter Bagley will teach

Beginning Snowshoeing techniques on Thursday, Feb. 25 at the college from 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy a full-moon snowshoe hike in Lamoille Canyon on Friday night, Feb. 26, from 6 p.m. — 9 p.m. The course fee is \$20 (Call #10903). Bring your own snowshoes or rent at a special discounted rate for this class at Cedar Creek Clothing. Details are available upon registration.

If you have experience quilting, Maureen Figart will lead an intermediate-level quilting class featuring the Star of Bethlehem design on Saturdays, Feb. 27 — March 13. Participants are required to bring their own sewing machines and encouraged to bring a snack or sack lunch to the workshops, where they will learn

how to sew bias edges and y-seams, matching diagonal seams. Students will also be assisted with design basics, color placement, as well as fabric selection for their quilts. The fee for this course (Call # 12446) is \$75, not including fabric materials.

A variety of other community enrichment courses such as Living Comfortably on a Budget, The Art of Eggery, Fly Fishing, Canoeing for Beginners, Intermediate Belly Dancing and Gardening for February and April. For more information call (753-2231). To register, stop by Great Basin College Student Services at 1500 College Parkway in Elko, or log on [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

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## Fall enrollment opens at GBC

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ELKO — Spring has sprung in northeastern Nevada, but fall is in the air at Great Basin College.

Students can now register for fall 2010 classes online or at campuses throughout GBC's rural Nevada service area. According to Jan King, GBC's Registrar, the process is simple.

"Students can register a couple of different ways," said King, GBC's registrar. "The simplest way is to log on to our Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and follow the easy steps to

Continued from front page register online. Or, students may stop by campuses and centers in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely, Pahrump or Winnemucca."

Advisers at each campus site can assist with registration.

"Our advisers can assist students who are just beginning their education, those who are continuing their education, or thinking about launching a new

career," she said.

King said the advisers provide a valuable service to students.

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

Once a student is enrolled, advisers can help students look further into

the jobs and career opportunities their studies may present.

Whether a student decides to study full time or part time, the college offers several options.

Students can study in the traditional classroom or engage in one of the college's online distance learning technologies.

Studying online gives a student flexibility.

Evening and weekend

classes are also available, as well as "compressed courses" that allow students to complete requirements in just a few weeks.

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



## **Gardening for Seasonal Inter-**



**Class number**

**Instructor: Marvel Clyde**

**Date: Saturday, April 24,  
2010**

**Location: Colorscapes  
Greenhouse**

**Time: 2:00pm—4:00pm**

**Cost of Class**

**Including materials: \$5**

**During this class students will learn to select, plant, maintain  
trees, plants, and shrubs for Elko County landscapes.**

Great Basin College  
Continuing Education  
Berg Hall  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801  
Phone: 775-753-2231  
Fax: 775-753-2186  
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**JULIE WOOTTON**  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Life at school can be hard — trying to pay attention during class, eating cafeteria food and, worst of all, being pushed into a trash can.

Students ages 7 through 15 in the Theater and Acting Basics 2 class at Great Basin College's Kids' College have been rehearsing an original play, "The Case of the Cell Phone Caper," for two weeks.

Thursday was the last day of class, and they performed the play for family and friends.

Instructor Hailee Vance wrote the play, which tells the story of two friends who look for a missing cell phone and have a number of adventures along the way.

The play also includes a humorous look at school life, including a classroom scene where several students get in trouble for talking during class.

During a rehearsal June 24, students acted out one scene where a student is informed by a cafeteria worker that she can't order whatever she wants because "this isn't Applebees."

One unfortunate student ends up in a trash can as his classmates point and laugh.

### Mining technology

Just outside the High Tech



Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
Barrick employee Jim MacPherson, left, helps Jacob Jueschke, 10, load dirt into his plastic haul truck Tuesday during the Kids' College Mining Technology class.

Center Tuesday, students in the Mining Technology class moved materials using their own plastic haul trucks.

Students competed in three teams, dragging the trucks using a piece of string while following their respective chalk paths drawn on the sidewalk and dropping off the dirt.

Students from age 11 to 17 met on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks.

Instructor Katherine Laird, from Barrick, said she's taught the class for three years. Several other employees from the Barrick Goldstrike Mine assisted.

In addition to learning about acting and mining, students in other Kids' College classes tried activities this week such as egg ornament artisty, CPR and first aid, sign language, crime scene investigation, electrical engineering, robotics and basketball.

Kids' College wraps up  
7-2-10



Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
Students in the Theater and Acting Basics 2 class at Great Basin College's Kids' College rehearse a scene Thursday in the GBC Theatre. Students laugh as Ryan Bates, 11, is trapped inside a trash can in the cafeteria. From left: Dea Mitton, 11; Illa Cross, 9; Mikayla Bates, 12; Bill Gevock, 12; Taylor Avery, 11; Olivia Rice, 9; and Teren Mitton, 9.



# STUDENTS

August 28, 2009

## College to provide free counseling

ELKO— Great Basin College now provides free, confidential mental health counseling to students enrolled at each campus.

Students can meet one-on-one with licensed counselors who can assist with a variety of concerns such as academic issues, relationships, stress and anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders and sexuality.

Great Basin College is partnering with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Communities in Schools.

For information, contact Julie Byrnes at 753-2271 or [julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu](mailto:julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu). Students may also speak with campus directors at any of the campuses.

## College academic center opens

ELKO— Great Basin College's Academic Success Center reopened this week.

Students at Great Basin College can receive tutoring in math, English, writing, science and foreign languages. The center also includes a computer lab that is open to students.

The center is open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The Academic Success Center is located in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building on the Elko campus.

September 11, 2009

**From:** SGA GBC  
**To:** GBC-ELKO  
**Date:** 8/29/2009 11:40 AM  
**Subject:** Welcome Back Week

**Greetings GBC Elko!**

Please join us for this weeks events. Together we can make a difference in students lives.

**Tuesday, Sept. 1: MOVIE NIGHT**

**FREE**

**Reynolds Amphitheatre**

**8 PM Refreshments**

**8:30 PM Movie - The Proposal starring Sandra Bullock**

**Wednesday, Sept. 2: FREE BOWLING**

Telescope Lanes (346 Silver Street)

6 - 9 PM

First Come, First Serve!

Must have Student I.D.

**Thursday, Sept. 3: FREE BBQ - CLUB AND INFO FAIR**

Xavier is Cooking!!! Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for everyone.

Reynolds Amphitheatre

11 AM - ???

See you there!

# FREE MOVIE NIGHT

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SANDRA BULLOCK STAN REYNOLDS

THE  
PROPOSAL

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

## ~ FREE ~ FOOD

*STARRING SANDRA BULLOCK*



**TUESDAY, SEPT. 1**  
**GBC AMHITHEATRE**

**8:00 p.m. SNACKS**  
**8:30 p.m. MOVIE**

\*\*\*IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER - GBC THEATRE



**From:** SGA GBC  
**To:** GBC-ELKO  
**Date:** 9/2/2009 2:04 PM  
**Subject:** BBQ Club and Info Fair

Thursday, September 3  
11 - 1

Amphitheatre  
FREE HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS FOR EVERYONE!

Please encourage everyone to attend. We have 11 student clubs and organizations signed up plus additional booths that will be very helpful for students. For example, the Academic Success Center will be there; Jeff Cox will have computers set up to help students log on to their GBC E-Mail account, AND MUCH MORE!!!

See you there!  
SGA

(If you still need a booth, there's still time.)

**From:** SGA GBC  
**To:** GBC-ELKO  
**Date:** 9/7/2009 7:33 PM  
**Subject:** 9/11 Tribute

Join us on Friday, Sept. 11, at 4 PM in the Fitness Center for a 9/11 tribute. There will be a short ceremony before the students begin Friday Follies. The VFW will be presenting the Colors and President Diekhans will be speaking.

Friday is also wear Red, White and Blue Day.

The Fitness Center is holding the year's first blood drive on Friday. If you haven't signed up, it is not too late.

# **GBC STUDENTS**



**FOR**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS**

***Monday, 9/21 – Thursday, 9/24***

**MONDAY**  
8AM - 5PM  
BERG HALL

**TUESDAY**  
9 AM – 12:30 PM - GTA  
12:30 PM – 5 PM - EIT  
7 PM – 8:30 PM – MCML

**WEDNESDAY**  
8 AM – 5 PM BERG HALL  
7 PM – 8:30 PM THEATRE  
½ HOUR AFTER MOVIE - THEATRE

**THURSDAY**  
8AM – 5PM  
GRISWOLD HALL



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE



COUNSELING SERVICES

*When things are  
too much to  
handle...*

You may want to seek counseling for any of the following issues:

- relationships issues  
(ending/beginning/dating/parental)
- family issues
- self-esteem issues
- depression
- anxiety/stress
- grief and loss issues
- sexual identity issues
- sexuality/sexual choices
- alcohol/drug use/abuse
- eating disorders
- academic concerns
- many other challenges/concerns

### How do you begin?

Contact Julie Byrnes  
Berg Hall, Elko Campus  
775.753.2271  
julieb@gwmail.gbcnv.edu

or your branch campus director

If you are in crisis and can't wait, please call one of the following:

- 1.877.885.HOPE (4673)  
Nevada Suicide Prevention Hotline
- 1.800.992.5757 (Elko Mental Health Center After Hours  
Crisis Line, good in all areas)
- 1.800.273.TALK (8255)  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

## ...help is a phone call away.

Great Basin College has obtained a new, quality service to assist students with interventions and support for emotional difficulties and mental health issues.

In partnership with Communities in Schools (CIS), the UNLV Department of Counselor Education, and NE Nevada AHEC, you can receive services that are:

- of no cost to you.
- completely confidential.
- supervised by a 30-year veteran of the field who is a college professor, researcher, and therapist.
- provided by a counseling intern from the UNLV graduate school program, based at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- scheduled in a private, secure location on your campus via interactive video
- **PRIVATE!** No records are maintained on your campus.

### What is counseling?

Counseling is a process of self-discovery that can help people learn how to deal more effectively with situations in their lives such as depression, addiction and substance abuse, stress, problems with self-esteem, grief, issues related to mental and emotional health, and relational problems. This process helps people feel more comfortable with themselves, others, and helps develop some of the skills needed to deal with the tensions that come from inside.

### Who benefits from counseling?

The therapy/counseling process helps people get "unstuck". Through the development of insight and increased self awareness, people are able to gain a better understanding of their own behavior and the issues, feelings and events that motivate them. The most useful benefit of therapy is often an improvement in health and well being. This often translates into increased self-confidence, productivity and a greater sense of vitality and peace of mind. People of any age can grow and profit from the experience of therapy. There is no "wrong" time to begin!

### What can I expect?

Counseling is a type of learning about oneself, one's feelings, and one's relationships with others. As in any learning environment, individuals will benefit most if they participate actively, attend sessions on time and are open and honest with the counselor. In turn, the counselor will listen to the individual's concerns, assist him/her in setting and reaching appropriate goals and will respect his/her confidentiality. Counselors abide by the ethical principles of the American Counselors Association and individuals can expect to have services delivered in a professional, legal and ethical manner.



### Who will be available?

**Karmen Boehlke, BA, MS Candidate**, is a counseling intern from the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Upon completion of her master's degree, Karmen intends to pursue a PhD. In addition, she is working toward an Advanced Certification in Addictions Treatment. As a McNair Scholar and a member of the UNLV Honors College, Karmen designed and conducted two undergraduate research studies, including IRB review/approval, data collection, data analysis, article preparation and publication, poster and oral presentations, etc. Clinical experiences include participation in individual and group counseling as both a leader/counselor and participant/client. Karmen brings a plethora of employment/professional experience to the counseling profession.



### **Larry Ashley, EdS, LADC, LMSW, LPC CPGC, Direct Counseling Intern Supervisor**

has been involved in the substance abuse and trauma field for over 30 years as a college professor, researcher, and therapist. He is currently Addictions Specialist and Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Director of the Problem Gambling Treatment



Program, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine, University of Nevada School of Medicine. Due to his extensive clinical experience coupled with opportunities for local, national, and international speaking engagements, Professor Ashley is considered to be a leading expert on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and issues related to addictions. He has a special interest on the impact of war on soldiers world wide.





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GBC Academic and Administrative Faculty  
**DATE:** October 8, 2009  
**FROM:** President Carl Diekhans  
**RE:** Nevada Regents' Scholar Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Nevada Regents' Scholar Award. By Board of Regents' policy, "awards are to be based upon distinguished academic accomplishments, leadership ability, and service contributions while a registered student, as well as for the recipient's potential for continued success."

Nominations will be accepted until **Friday, November 13, 2009, at 5 p.m.** The nomination form is attached or may be picked up in Vice President Mahlberg's office. By NSHE policy, the Selection Committee is comprised of: "faculty, student services administrative staff, and students." The Scholar Award Nominee is forwarded to the System office by December 4, 2009, with a brief half-page biography. The Board of Regents will give final approval at their March 4-5, 2010 meeting.

The following conditions must be met for nomination:

- Nominees must be currently enrolled at their respective institution for no fewer than 9 undergraduate credits.
- Nominations must be submitted from an academic or administrative faculty member.
- Nominees must have completed no fewer than 30 credit hours at the community college level prior to the semester in which they are nominated.
- Leadership and service accomplishments must have occurred while the nominee is a registered NSHE student.

The following is the Selection Criteria and Process:  
Recognition will be based upon an appropriately weighted:

- 50% academic accomplishment
- 25% leadership ability
- 25% service contributions while a registered student at GBC

The Regent's Scholar Award entitles the recipient to \$5,000.

Formal nominations shall be forwarded to Vice President Mahlberg's office and must contain the NSHE Nomination Form as well as a biography of the nominee and a letter of nomination (from the academic or administrative faculty member) that demonstrates the nominees' academic and leadership abilities, and service accomplishment. Only those nominations that are received by 5 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2009 will be considered.

c: Vice President Mahlberg  
Faculty Senate Chair Daniels  
Student Government President Batayola

# GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

Student Government Association  
Student Clubs and Organizations

Vista Volunteer Program  
P.A.C.E. Coalition

celebrates

## RED RIBBON WEEK 2009

### LIFE – The *Natural High*

*Pledge to Be Drug/Alcohol Free*

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Kid's Carnival  
4-6 p.m.  
Fitness Center/Solarium

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Movie Night!  
6-7 p.m. Free Root Beer Floats  
Solarium  
Courtesy of P.A.C.E. Coalition

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 24



*Make A Difference Day*  
10 a.m.-12 Noon  
Family Resource Center  
1401 Ruby Vista Drive  
Paint a mural for children

7 p.m. Another Outstanding  
Pre-release Movie!  
GBC Theatre



#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

8th Annual "Shoeless"  
Costume Party and Dance  
8 p.m.-Midnight  
Fitness Center/Solarium  
Door Prizes  
Free Food  
Costume Prizes  
Shoe "Check"  
\$100 Costume Grand Prize  
DJ Chip Stone

#### MONDAY, OCT. 26

*Red Ribbon Monday*  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Red Ribbon Distribution*  
Campus Wide

Native American Club Presentation  
*Round Dance, Half Round Dance,  
and Bear Dance*  
Clock Tower

SKILLS U.S.A. Car Bash  
McMullen Hall Parking Lot

*DUI Simulator Demonstration*  
Courtesy of P.A.C.E. COALITION  
Clock Tower Plaza

*Root Beer Pong*  
7-9 p.m.  
Solarium

Meet your newly elected SGA Senators

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 29

11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Solarium  
Free Barbecue and Spiritual Journey  
Courtesy of Intersarsity  
Christian Fellowship



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE



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VOLUNTEER  
PROGRAM



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AMERICAN  
CLUB



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WORK  
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PROG.  
BOARD



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CENTRAL



INTERVARSITY  
CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP



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NURSES  
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MORE  
INFO:

753.2256





# GBC's 8th Annual

# KID'S CARNIVAL

**FREE**

**Games, Face Painting, Food & More**

**WHERE:**  
GBC FITNESS CENTER  
**TIME:**  
4-6 PM  
**WHEN:**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 23RD



Sponsored  
By:

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Club



**CREATE  
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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

**NATIONAL DAY OF**



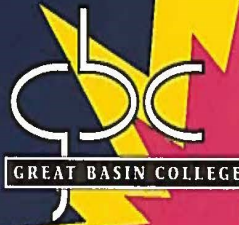
**ANNUAL CHALLENGE**

**DOING GOOD**

**October 24, 2009 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

- What:** Paint a mural for children  
**Where:** Elko Family Resource Center, 1401 Ruby Vista Drive  
**Why:** It's National Make a Difference Day!  
Celebrate by doing something to benefit the community with your friends

For more information contact:  
Erin Murray  
VISTA Volunteer Organizer  
753.2021  
erinm@gwmail.gbcnv.edu





# RED RIBBON

# MONDAY

Skills U.S.A. Car Bash

DUI Simulator Demonstration

P.A.C.E. Coalition



Native American Club

Round Dance, Half Round Dance, & Bear  
Dance

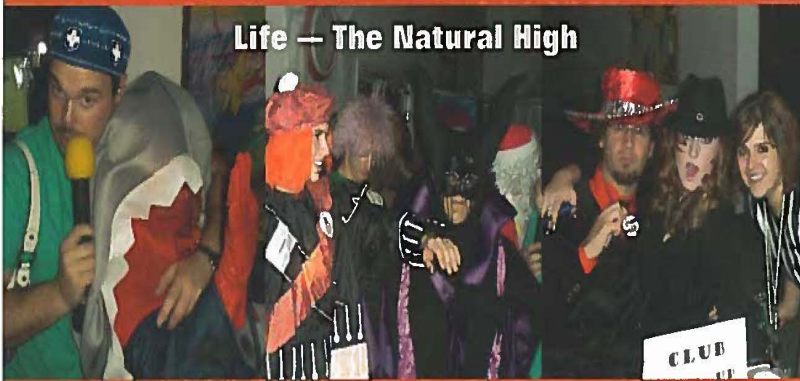
Monday, Oct. 26th  
Clock Tower & MCML  
Plaza  
11am—1pm



**BE AFRAID...  
BE VERY AFRAID...**  
to miss the

**GBC STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION'S 8TH ANNUAL**

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME  
PARTY & CONTEST**

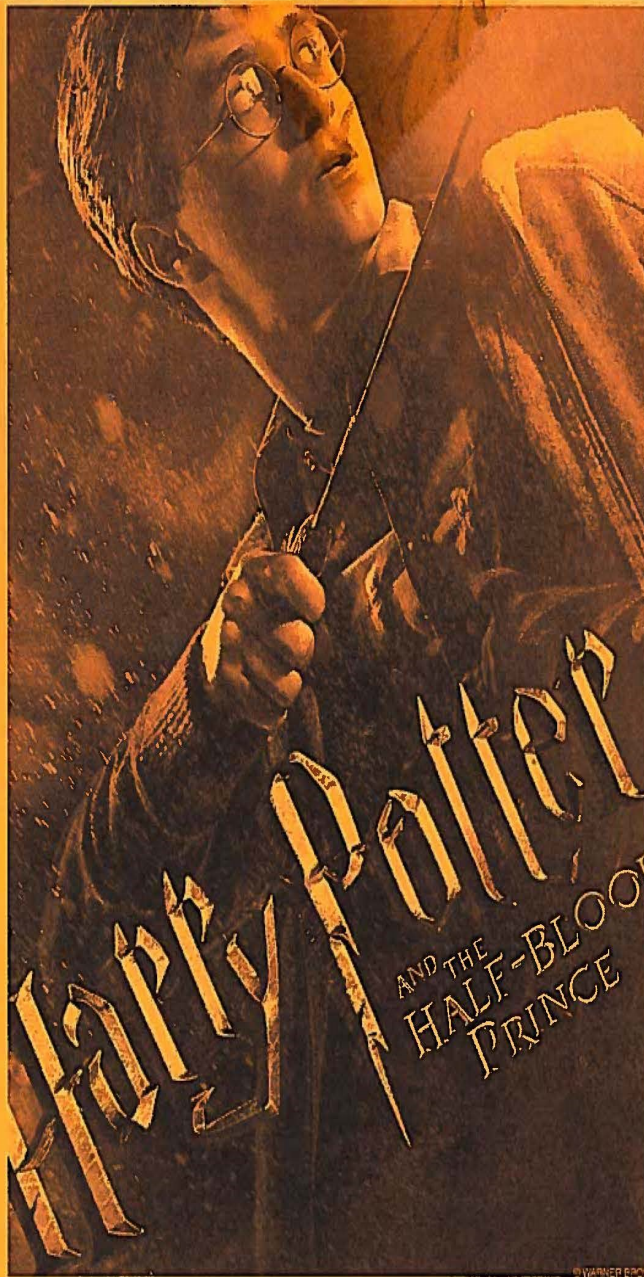


**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28  
FITNESS CENTER/SOLARIUM  
8 p.m.-Midnight**

A "Shoeless" Event  
With "Shoe Check" Service



Door Prizes  
Costume Contest  
\$100 Grand Prize  
Free Food  
DJ Chip Stone



**Place** GBC Theatre / PG-13

**Admission** FREE

**Time** 6PM FREE FOOD 7PM MOVIE

**Date**

**Oct. 27th**

2009 FALL

# Student Exhibit

November 30-December 11

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE ART DEPARTMENT

JEWELRY PHOTOGRAPHY WATERCOLOR CERAMICS

**Opening Reception:**

Tuesday, December 1  
5-7 p.m.  
Refreshments served

## GBC student art show ends Friday

ELKO – The art department at Great Basin College is highlighting student work in their end of the semester exhibition. Artwork is displayed from a variety of classes including ceramics, drawing, jewelry, painting and photography.

All students enrolled in art classes at the Elko campus participated in this show of excellence. The work includes original pieces from both beginning and advanced students. A reception was 5-7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building where the exhibit is displayed. The work in the show will remain on view through Friday and the public is encouraged to



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent  
Erika Hirst presents her striking image titled "The Silent Sentinel!"

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attend.

For information on enrolling in an art class, call the college at 738-

8493 or see all available spring classes online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

By Cynthia Delaney

**FREE FOOD**  
**MINIATURE**  
**GOLF**  
**@**  
**Library**

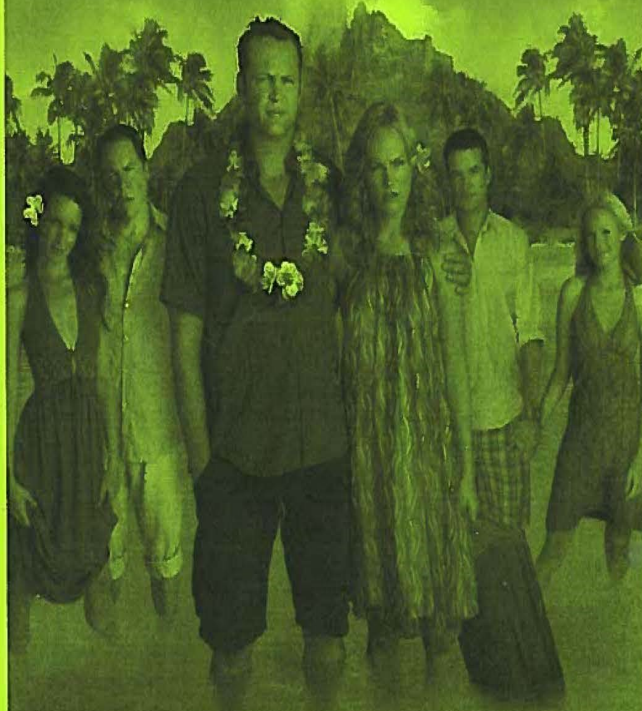


*PRIZES & FUN*

**FREE**  
Tues. Jan 26th  
Library  
7pm

VINCE VAUGHN JASON BATEMAN JON AVREAU  
KRISTIN DAVIS MALIN AKERMAN KRISTEN BELL JEAN RENO

It may be paradise,  
but it's no vacation.



# COUPLES RETREAT

COMING SOON

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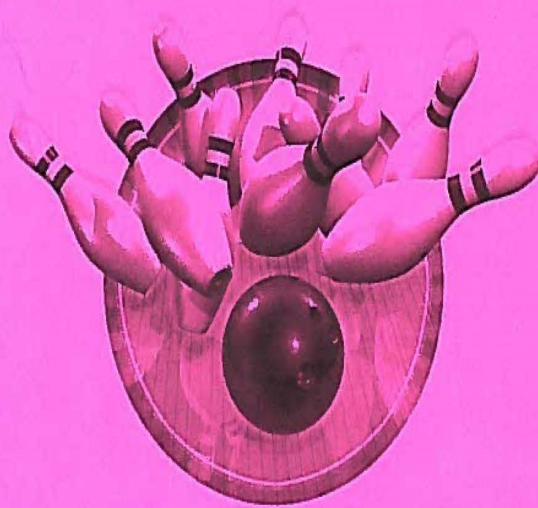
**Place** GBC Theatre / PG-13 **Admission** FREE

**Time** 8:00 Free Food / 8:30 Movie **Date** Wednesday, Jan. 27th

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# STUDENTS BOWLING



\* Must Have  
Student I.D.

~ Pizza ~  
Discounts



**Thursday, January 28th**

**Telescope Lanes**

**(346 Silver Street/Next to Blind onion)**

**9 pm - MIDNIGHT**

**First come, First serve!!!**

**Great Basin Native American**  
**Club**

**Indian Taco Sale**

**January 28-30<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30A.M- 3:00P.M**



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall**

**Located Across from Elko City**

**PD At the end of 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

# STUDENTS FRIDAY FOLLIES

FREE

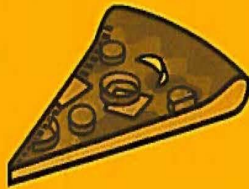
FEBRUARY 5TH  
VOLLEYBALL



FEBRUARY 12TH  
DODGEBALL

**FREE PIZZA**

FEBRUARY 19TH  
BASKETBALL



FEBRUARY 26TH  
VOLLEYBALL

4 PM

Sponsored by SGA

FITNESS CENTER

# SOS

**SAVE OUR SCHOOL.**

**Student Rally**  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
**GBC Library**

## SOS

**Save our school.**  
**Save our community.**  
**Save our state.**  
**[www.nevada.gov](http://www.nevada.gov)**

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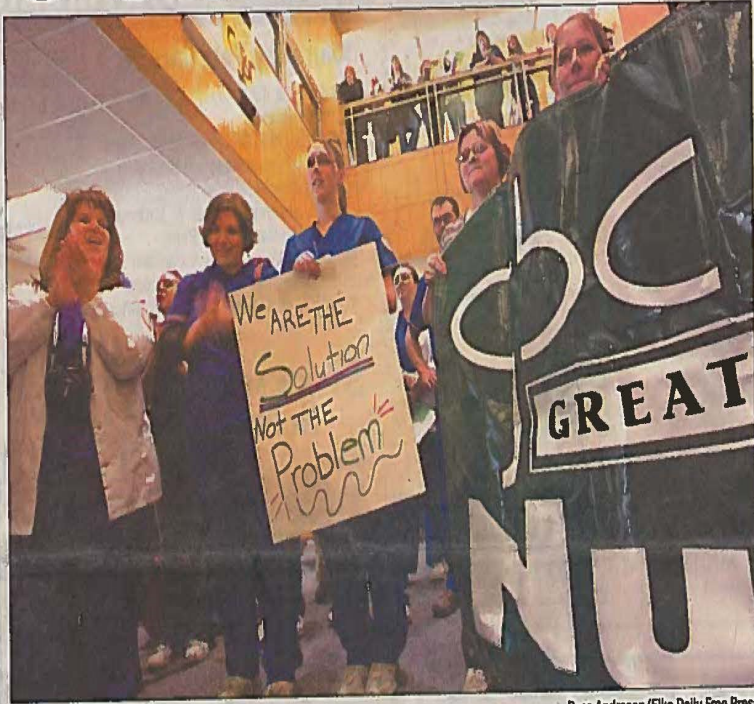
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2-17-10

# SOS for GBC



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Great Basin College first-year nursing students applaud during the Save our School rally Wednesday at the Great Basin College Library.

## Students, community leaders attend Save our School rally

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — For Crystal Morgan, a freshman at Great Basin College, education budget reductions mean the chances of finding a job after college are “slim to none.”

Morgan, who is enrolled in the early childhood education program, said parents often encourage their children to pursue higher education.

“Why turn that path into a dead end for us?” she said. “This is our community and we cannot let it crumble around us.”

Morgan was one of several speakers to voice opinions about proposed state education budget



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

A crowd of Great Basin College students, staff and community members listen to a student representative speak during the Save our School rally Wednesday at the Great Basin College Library.

See GBC, A3

Legislature makes budget decisions.  
“When I know something, I’ll tell you,” she said. “Whatever we do, we’re going to do everything we can to protect students.”  
First-year nursing student Janice Elliot, president of GBC’s Student Nurses Organization, said she moved to Elko three years ago because of the nursing department’s excellent reputation.  
Many of Elliot’s 21 classmates attended the rally still wearing their scrubs and holding a “Great Basin College Nursing” banner.  
“Our faculty here at GBC are irreplaceable,” she said.  
Freshman Ayla Anderson of Carlin is working on her associate’s degree in science.  
“The thought of going to a huge university scared me,” she said, adding that there are so many familiar faces on the GBC campus

“Every single program at this school is on the chopping block,” she said.  
Assemblyman John Carpenter, R-Elko, said Gibbons “gave legislators hell” for voting for tax increases.  
“I voted for the tax increase because there are important things we need to preserve here in rural Nevada, like this institution,” Carpenter said.  
He said the Legislature funded a lot of buildings at the college.  
He said during tough times, everyone will be forced to work harder and do more with less.  
Carpenter said he doesn’t believe in the current system and that it would be better to adjust salaries than lay off college staff members.  
“As long as we can keep the basic structure so that you kids can get an education,” he said.  
Regent Dorothy Gallagher of Elko said the Nevada System of Higher

said “We are the solution, not the problem.”  
One of the youngest attendees, Blake Shields, 4, held up a sign that read “We are Nevada’s future.”  
Gov. Jim Gibbons has proposed \$67 million in cuts to higher education during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years and a 1.75 percent salary cut for personnel.  
The proposed education reductions are part of a proposal to fill the state’s \$880 million budget shortfall.  
“Let’s face it, guys,” Batayola said. “(Gibbons’) suggestions only add up to half the shortfall.”  
A special legislative session is scheduled Tuesday.  
Batayola said state budget cuts have already led to higher tuition. Great Basin College students saw a 5 percent tuition increase both semesters this school year.  
“Fees will never cease to rise,” she said.  
Batayola said state budget cuts mean students could lose their instructors

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cuts Wednesday during a Save our School rally inside Great Basin College’s library.  
The rally was anything but quiet as more than 100 students, staff and community leaders gathered on the library’s first and second floors, clapping and chanting.  
Leaders from GBC’s Student Government Association, who organized the rally, handed out bright green slips of paper with e-mail addresses for state representatives.  
SCA president Paulette Batayola encouraged students to contact their elected representatives.  
“Take a moment and tell them your stories,” she said. “It can’t just be us that care about our education.”  
Batayola also told her fellow students to register to vote.  
“This is our chance right now, this day, to make changes,” she said.



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

## TECH PREP PRESENTS

**Friday,  
February 19  
8:30 a.m.  
until  
12 p.m.  
GTA 130**



Joan Runnheim Olson is a Certified Career and Leadership Coach and owner of Pathways Career Success Strategies. For the past 10 years, Joan has worked in various venues to encourage nontraditional career paths for males and females. She was a project coordinator on a Department of Labor grant designed to help move more women into the auto service industry. As an assessment/placement specialist for a pre-apprenticeship training program for women, Joan helped women break into and succeed in nontraditional careers. For the past seven years, she has served as a career and leadership expert for Monster.com, a leading global careers network. Joan has presented workshops across the country sharing strategies on recruiting and retaining students in nontraditional classes and programs.

### **Gender Tune-Up: Shifting Nontraditional Enrollments into High Gear**

Learn the tools necessary to better recruit and retain students for your nontraditional career courses and programs. Through a highly interactive format, you will be engaged utilizing presentations, self-assessments, case studies, and other small and large group activities.

- Examine how gender equity issues relate to career decision-making—and what you can do to even the balance.
- Use self-studies to assess yourself, your classroom, and your school for gender equity—and learn some easy “fixes.”
- Take away strategies to immediately increase enrollment and retention in nontraditional classes and programs in accordance with Perkins IV guidelines.

For more information, contact Heather Steel at 775.753.2303.

## GREAT BASIN COLLEGE



Paulette Batayola: "I came to GBC after moving with my family from Seattle, Washington to Pahrump, Nevada. At GBC Pahrump, I was able to discover my passion for science and getting involved in Student Government. GBC has opened doors for me that I couldn't have imagined. I am currently the GBC Student Body President and I am attending school on the Elko Campus. At GBC I know most of the people and I don't feel like a number. If not for the rural experience, I don't think I would have stuck with college. I know many of my fellow students feel as I do. GBC has made my dreams come true. Don't take my future away. GBC has saved me; now it is my turn to do what I can to save GBC."

Joe Bennett: "My first year of college was in Ely, Nevada. I could stay at home and take classes at GBC in Ely. My classes were mostly interactive video and online. I wanted to take more live classes so I saved my money and moved to GBC Elko. My first two years at GBC have prepared me and given me the confidence to transfer to UNR and get my bachelor's degree. I will complete my GBC Associate of Science degree this spring and plan on getting my Wildlife Ecology and Conservation degree at UNR. I am concerned! Will GBC be able to offer programs like mine for future students and will UNR even have my program? I might have to go out of state and then my goal of returning to rural Nevada will probably not happen."



Jacqueline Lemback: "My life has always been about family and the support it provides. As a student born in Elko County, I was able to realize that my life would not be much if it weren't for Great Basin College. Without GBC, I would not have realized my full potential in helping others while still maintaining the relationship I have with my family. At GBC I am able to recognize that I could be great if I believed in myself and kept reaching for the stars. Before GBC, I was not sure that was possible. Because of GBC and the new and true friends I meet at the college, I now have a future that is bigger and brighter. However, if GBC does cut programs or closes, those stars I was reaching for will always be out of reach. My future will not be what I believed it to be, an educator of Nevada!"

## GBC offers college Latina student group

ELKO — Latinas Unidas is a high school to college mentoring group focused on the development, achievement and persistence of Latina college students.

It grew out of a close relationship with Communities In Schools' executive director Terri Clark and the inclusion of Dr. Gretchen Skivington of Great Basin College on the mentoring committee for CIS.

The program seeks nominations of outstanding female Hispanic students from Great Basin College and Elko High School at the beginning of every fall semester.

Twenty new inductees are invited to a potluck dinner at the Western Folklife Center or Great Basin College with their families in early November at a folkloric festival centering around Día de los Muertos.

High school students are then paired with college student mentors and both groups are invited in January to an informational luncheon at GBC at the beginning of spring semester.

To date, 22 students have been involved with Latinas Unidas and six college students have received scholarships or awards of \$1,000 or more.

Two students, Maria Jacobo and Mirna Cortes, were chosen as delegates to New Leadership Nevada in June 2009.

Latinas Unidas has most recently received a \$500 renewable grant from Newmont Mining in February and is seeking matching grants from other entities.

For more information, contact Skivington at 753-2283 or [gretchens@gmail.com](mailto:gretchens@gmail.com) or [gbcnv.edu](http://gbcnv.edu).

3-5-10

# SPRING COSTUME PARTY GOOOOOOO...GREEN

SHOW YOUR  
SCHOOL SPIRIT!  
THINK GREEN!



SPRING COSTUME PARTY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17  
9 AM. - MIDNIGHT  
GBC FITNESS CENTER

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

PRIZES FOR BEST USE  
OF SCHOOL COLORS.

1ST PLACE - \$125

2ND PLACE - \$50

3RD PLACE - \$25

DJ - CHIP STONE

DOOR PRIZES  
FREE FOOD AND  
REFRESHMENTS!



## GBC radiology student receives scholarship

ELKO – A Great Basin College radiology technology student was honored by higher education regents earlier this month in Las Vegas.

Ashley Rose Reed, 21, has been a GBC student since fall 2006. The Nevada System of Higher Education's board of regents presented her with a \$5,000 scholarship to help pay for education-related expenses.

Reed, born in Fallon, was diagnosed with an immune deficiency called "hypogammaglobulinemia."

She is in her second year as a radiology technology student and has a cumulative 3.66 GPA. She is a Phi Theta Kappa member and has been on the GBC dean's list several times.

Reed has served as a student ambassador and with the GBC Student Government Association.

When she's not at school, Reed volunteers at First Way Pregnancy in Winnemucca.

Reed, a resident of Winnemucca, began

her college experience at the Winnemucca Center.

While taking classes there, she was employed as a class facilitator.

In addition, Reed participated in a veterinary practice observation and was subsequently hired by Keystone Veterinary Hospital as an assistant.

In order to participate in the radiology program, she had to travel from Winnemucca to Elko, 130 miles one way, each week during her first year.

During her second year, Reed traveled from Winnemucca to Fallon to complete a clinical rotation.

"Ashley's interest in the healthcare field was prompted by an immune deficiency called hypogammaglobulinemia," said Mary Doucette, radiology technology program director. "This obstacle has made her determined to work in the health care field and to provide an empathetic quality to her professionalism as a future radiology technologist!"

3-19-10

## 3-19-10 College, Newmont to offer 'Mining Rocks' tour

ELKO – Join the Nevada Mining Rocks tour next month to explore careers and programs available in Nevada's mining industry.

Up to 45 participants will be accepted, with priority given to high school students. However, Great Basin College students and community members can sign up if there are additional seats.

The tour will be from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 13.

Tour participants will be able to get up close and personal with daily mining operations.

For more information, call 738-8493. Interested participants must sign up by April 9.

# MOVIE NIGHT

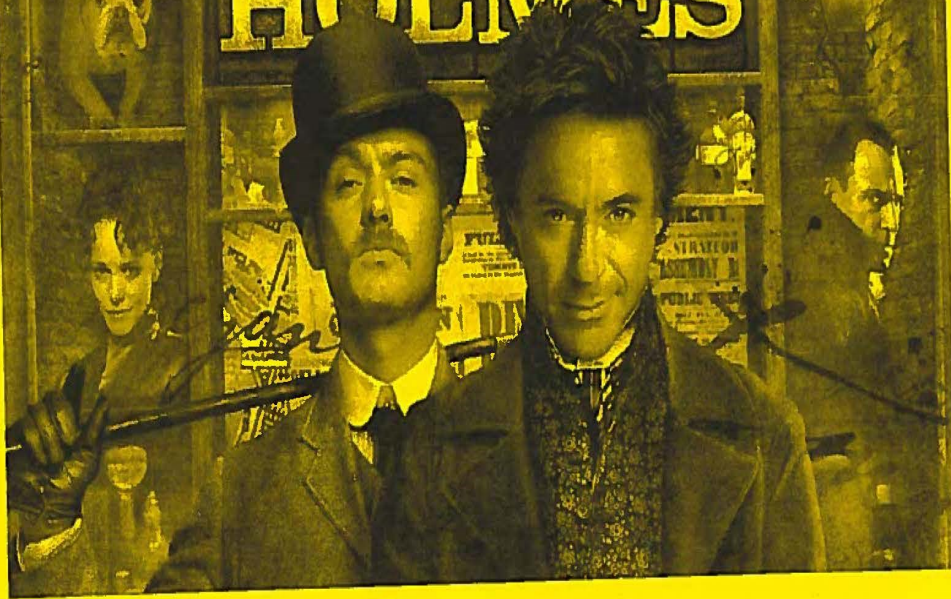
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## SHERLOCK HOLMES



**FREE FOOD**



**TUESDAY, March 30**  
**GBC Theatre PG-13**  
**8pm FREE FOOD**  
**8:30PM MOVIE**

# Friday Follies

## FREE PIZZA

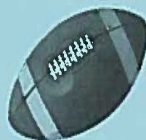
**April 2nd  
Basketball**



**April 9th  
Volleyball**



**April 16th  
Dodgeball**

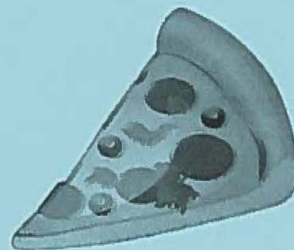


**April 23rd  
Basketball**

**April 30th  
Flag Football**

**4pm**

**@ GBC Fitness Center**





Julie Wootton/Elko Daily Free Press  
Wissha Tumulak, a student in Great Basin College's social work program, ties a teal ribbon around a tree Saturday at GBC's campus on College Parkway.

## CADV, GBC tie ribbons for sexual assault awareness

By JULIE WOOTTON  
Free Press Staff Writer

4-27-10

ELKO — Teal ribbons tied around trees at Great Basin College blew in a light breeze Saturday.

The ribbons, lining Elm Street and College Parkway, have a special meaning for the Committee Against Domestic Violence and students in GBC's social work program.

Teal is the color that represents sexual assault awareness and support for victims of sexual violence.

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The month of April is sexual assault awareness month.

"Sexual assault is the least reported violent crime," said Pam Lansford, victim advocate at Harbor House.

In collaboration with Wendy Charlebois, GBC's social work program coordinator, and CADV, about 20 volunteers tied ribbons to trees Saturday. "We're trying to get the

word out to the community to be aware of your surroundings," Lansford said.

She said it's important to go out in groups, rather than alone.

Body language can also make a big difference when someone is alone in a public place.

Whether someone is jogging alone with headphones in his or her ears, or in a parking lot, "keep your head up and look

around," Lansford said.

CADV's Harbor House offers counseling for sexual assault victims as well as domestic violence victims and four victim advocates are here to help.

"It doesn't have to be a recent assault," Lansford said. "Many victims experience Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder."

CADV also hosted a fundraiser spaghetti feed and Bingo night Saturday

at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The group raised about \$1,200 and all the proceeds went to the non-profit.

"The night went quite well," said CADV Secretary/Treasurer Marianne Kobak. "Elko is always a generous community, and several businesses and individuals donated items that helped make this event a success. Our next fundraiser will be in October."

## 4-27-10 Busy week at college

ELKO — Throughout this week, the Student Government Association at Great Basin College is hosting a week of activities, including a free taco feed, an iPod raffle, midnight basketball games, and the movie preview of "The Invisible Children: The Rough Cut."

It all takes place during voting week for student government offices. "The taco feed is a way to get students into the newly remodeled Cafe X," said SGA Vice President Jacqueline Lemback.

"The new building also has an improved game room and SGA will now have offices in this central area where students can hang out."



Story & photo by Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent  
GBC students Vince Quintero and Andrew Leahy enjoy the free taco feed sponsored by the Student Government Association.

# 2010 SOL DAYS

Students, Organizations and Leaders



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**CLUB and  
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**MONDAY, APRIL 26**  
through  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**  
Leonard Center for Student Life  
Club Information Booths  
SGA Elections

**FREE TACO FEED**

**MONDAY, APRIL 26**  
11:30 A.M.  
Café X

**FREE MOVIE**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 26**

8 P.M.  
"Book of Eli"  
GBC Theatre

**FREE MIDNIGHT  
BASKETBALL**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**  
Fitness Center  
IPOD and Gift Basket Drawing

INVISIBLE CHILDREN PRESENTS



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10 TOURS. 10 WEEKS.



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Jacob (Pacific Northwest) – Abducted as a child by the rebels and hunted after his escape, Jacob has found a future beyond fear.

Lillian (Texas) – In a war zone, girls have no future. No hope. Lillian will prove this wrong.

Natalie (East Coast) – A 19-year-old girl chasing the world's worst war criminal.

Norman (Deep South) – His life tells Uganda's story: Peace, Rebellion, War, Hope.

Pepito (Middle America) – Orphaned by war, a man before his time, a leader in the making.

Ronald (So Cal) – From a nation in civil war without hope or leadership, he will bring both.

Tony (Mountain West) – A war invisible to the world. He feared his voice would be too, until now.

**Tuesday, April 27**  
**HTC 121 12:15**  
**GBC Theatre 5:30 pm**

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# GREAT BASIN COLLEGE PRESENTS

## Invisible Children: "THE ROUGH CUT"

Presented by **TONY and RICHARD FROM NORTHERN UGANDA**

**A FREE FILM SCREENING**  
**Tuesday, April 27 2010**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Great Basin College Theatre**



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"This is a story so powerful that I am considering joining the effort!" said GBC student Jacqueline Lemback. This will be the first time that the campus has ever brought Invisible Children on board, but SGA wanted to schedule this event because so many students on the campus were expressing interest in trying to help support these child soldiers.

Student Body President Paulette Batayola remarked, "After watching the documentary, all I could ask was how can I help?"

With the support Invisible Children receives from its film tours and young supporters, they implement innovative and effective programs on the ground in Uganda. From the orphanages to the schools, the programs are designed to help the children of Uganda, a country that has suffered from a decade of war, to rebuild their lives and the economy of their home country.

"Invisible Children: The Rough Cut" was made in 2003 by three young men who went to Uganda looking for a story to tell the world. There they witnessed thousands of children traveling for miles each night to find a safe place to sleep.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. **Due to the nature of this film, it is recommended for ages fifteen (15) and up.**

4-23-10

# GBC student govt. to screen 'Invisible Children'

ELKO — Invisible Children, a media-based nonprofit organization dedicated to ending Africa's longest-running war, will screen "Invisible Children: The Rough Cut" Tuesday at Great Basin College campuses.

The organization exists to raise awareness about children who are abducted and forced to fight as soldiers in the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group in central east Africa.

The screenings, sponsored by GBC's Student Government Association, will be held at 12:15 and 5:30 p.m.

The 12:15 screening will be broadcast via interactive video from room 121 of the High Tech Center in Elko to GBC centers in Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca.

The second screening at 5:30 will be held in the GBC theater on the Elko campus.

The community is invited to

attend, but due to the graphic nature of the film, it is not recommended for children under the age of 15.

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The war in Uganda has been called the most neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today.

For the past 23 years, the Lord's Resistance Army and the Government of Uganda have been

waging a war that has left nearly two million innocent civilians caught in the middle.

It is estimated that more than 90 percent of LRA troops were abducted as children.

The film was made in 2003 by three young men who went to Uganda looking for a story to tell the world.

There they witnessed thousands of children traveling for miles each night to find a safe place to sleep.

After the movie screening, there will be merchandise for sale, including bracelets, handbags and T-shirts made in Uganda.

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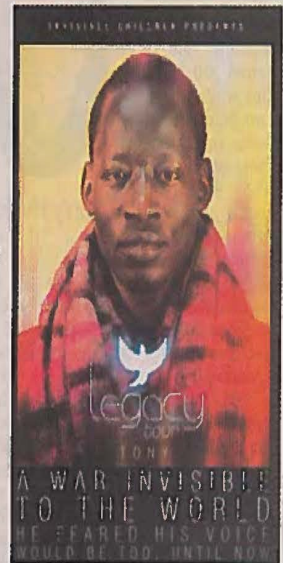
Invisible Children is holistically approaching the recovery of this devastated region through

rebuilding schools, providing scholarships and mentors and building micro-economic village banks.


The Tuesday event was organized by Lemback and is a part of Invisible Children's Legacy Tour, where 10 teams are traveling the country in vans to show films with two northern Ugandans, Tony and Richard, both featured in the film.

The audience will have the opportunity to meet them both. They are no longer boys, but still have powerful stories to share of their lives in Northern Uganda.

The two will introduce the film and answer questions after.



Submitted Great Basin College's Student Government Association will host a screening of "Invisible Children: The Rough Cut" Tuesday.



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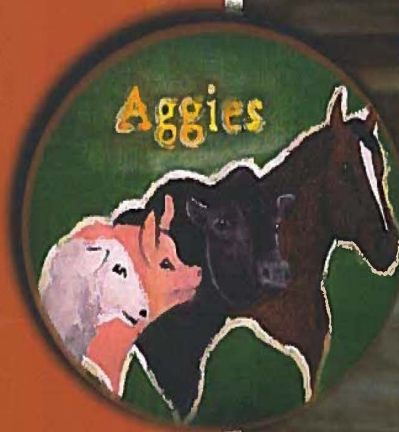
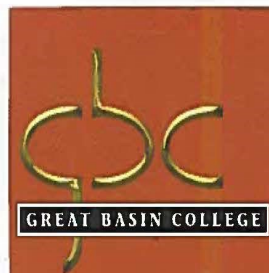
You are cordially invited to join the Education Department of Great Basin College for a celebration

*Aggie Celebration*

Wednesday, April 28, 2010  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Electrical/Industrial/  
Technology Building 203

Please come meet the students, the lead teachers, and review the recently completed student portfolios.

Refreshments will be served.



If you would like to help sponsor this event or would like more information please call Tracy Shane at **775.753.2344**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
GBC Lundberg Hall 109  
Tracy Shane  
IFA

# Fifth Annual AGRICULTURE SUPPORT DINNER

Friday, April 30, 2010  
Great Basin College Solarium

\$25.00 per person

Social Hour: 5-6 p.m.

Dinner and Program: 6 p.m.  
Dinner catered by Café  
Chef Xavier Levesque  
Followed by a silent auction

**Guest Speaker**  
**Advocates for Agriculture**  
**Troy and Stacy Hadrick**  
**Vale, South Dakota**  
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**Discovering Your Influential Power**  
Have you ever heard something said about agriculture that wasn't true but didn't know how to find out? Farmers and ranchers are some of the most trusted people in our society but many times we are afraid to ask for the influence we have to tell the real story of agriculture. Troy and Stacy Hadrick, fifth generation ranchers from South Dakota, will help you discover your influential power. They have had a remarkable amount of experience dealing with consumers and the media in their young agricultural careers. The tools they share will leave you prepared and motivated to be an Advocate for Agriculture.



**Entertainment**  
**Merrily Wright**  
A National Cowboy Poet  
performer and Elko County rancher  
who entertains with her guitar  
singing and poetry



# College Creativity

4-15-10

By CYNTHIA DELANEY  
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO – Spring is a time to honor student creativity at Great Basin College. On April 30th at 1 p.m. Art Student of the Year Zondra Manges will be sponsored by her instructor Gail Rappa in a school-wide recognition assembly.

Manges, a beginning jeweler, has only been fabricating metal for one year and Rappa said her work shows incredible promise.

The awards will be presented in the GBC theatre.

"I wanted to give the award to Zondra because of her dedication and advanced skill," said Rappa about her student.

Following the ceremony a shortcake and coffee break will be offered so friends and family can gather with the honored students.

The fun doesn't stop there. From 3:30-5:30 p.m. a reception and viewing of the Spring Art Show will be held in the Greenhaw

Technical Building. This event highlights the work of all art department students in their various media.

Many of the artists will exhibit pieces that have taken most of the semester to create. The show is a celebration of color and form not to be missed by the public. During the reception hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with punch and soft drinks. The artwork will hang from April 30 until May 14.

A new idea is also on the

wing and during the art reception the ICE committee will introduce the unveiling of Argentum, the school's new literary and visual arts magazine. The publication was put together from more than 60 submissions that were judged and chosen by a panel earlier in the semester.

"We hope to keep Argentum going even in these hard economic times," said committee member Lynne Owens. "It is really important for our students and faculty to have a showcase for their work."

Copies of Argentum will be for sale at the reception for \$5 apiece. Some of the original work shown in the magazine will be displayed in a special, matted exhibit on the wall.



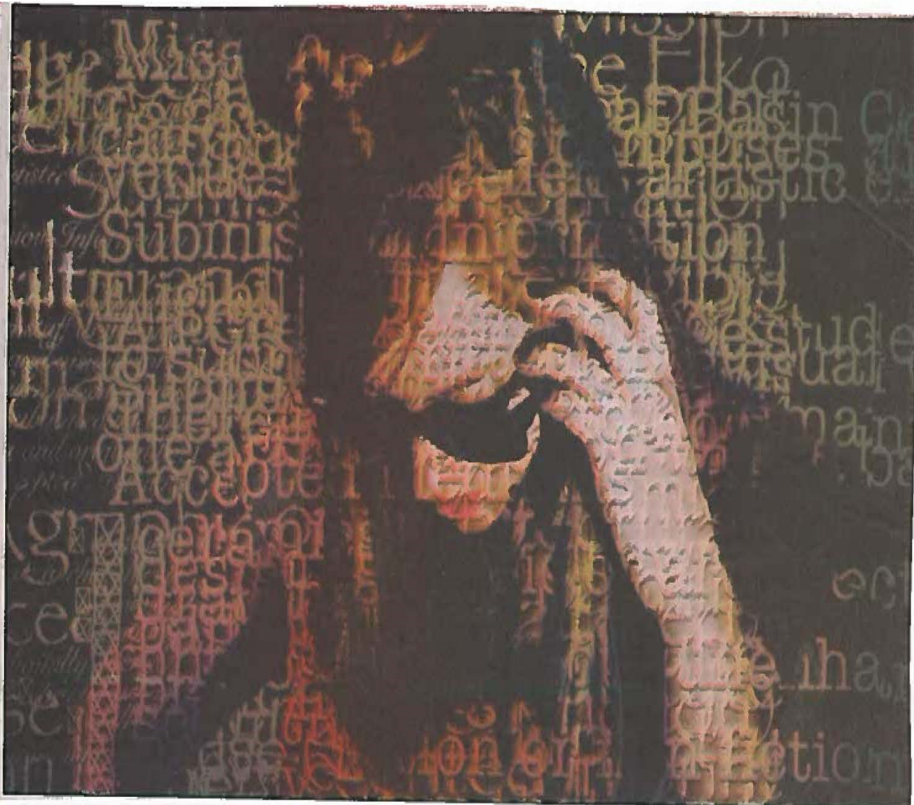
Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent  
Karen Blair shows off a photograph she made with light graffiti. Her image made the cover of Argentum.



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

ABOVE: Jewelry student Zondra Manges displays a pendant and chain she created in class.

RIGHT: A digital piece created by Greg Ramussen will be printed in Argentum, Great Basin College's new literary and visual arts magazine.



Art  
ART DEPARTMENT



GREAT BASIN COLLEGE



SPRING 2010

30  
April  
through  
14  
May  
GBC Gallery



STUDENT EXHIBIT

Opening  
Reception  
30  
April  
3:30-5:00  
celebrating the  
Profession's  
Award Ceremony

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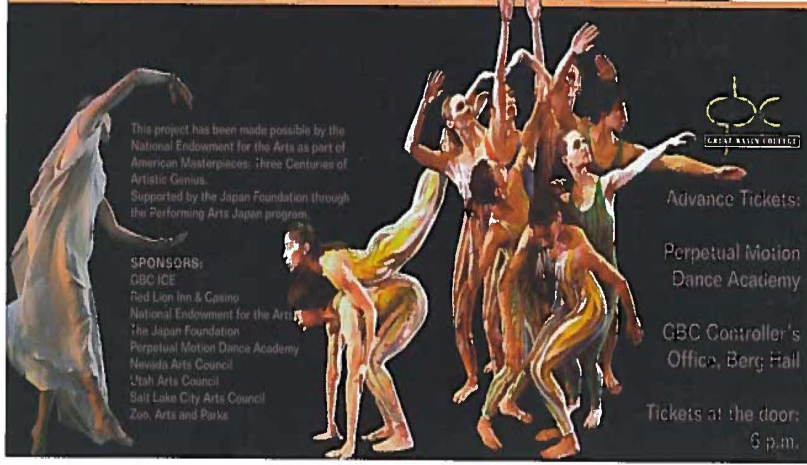


Explore a world of contrasts, myth and magic, nature and community, past and present — dance as you have never seen it.

**OCTOBER 21, 2009 ~ 7 P.M.**

Great Basin College Theatre ~ Admission: \$15

(Doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

This project has been made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts as part of American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius. Supported by the Japan Foundation through the Performing Arts Japan program.

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**Advance Tickets:**  
 Perpetual Motion Dance Academy  
 GBC Controller's Office, Berg Hall

**Tickets at the door:**  
 6 p.m.

# GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

REYNOLDS AMPHITHEATRE OUTDOORS

# SUMMER MUSIC

**WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS  
7:00 P.M.**

**GENERAL  
ADMISSION  
\$20.00**

**ALL STUDENTS  
WITH ID  
\$15.00**

**Picnics  
encouraged!**

**Soft drinks and  
adult beverages  
available.**

**In case of rain,  
performances will  
be held indoors in  
the GBC Theatre.**



August 4  
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August 18  
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September 1  
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**Orientation:**  
Wednesday, August 26, 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday, August 29, 9 am.-12 p.m.

**Free Math Refresher Workshops:**  
Monday through Thursday  
August 10-20, 5:30-7:30 p.m

**Most  
classes  
begin  
August 31**

## Registration for ESL classes at Great Basin College begins on Aug. 31

8-31-09

Special to the Sun

WINNEMUCCA — The Adult Learning Center at Great Basin College in Winnemucca will



COURTESY PHOTO

Great Basin College English as a Second Language students Maria Lopez (left) and Victoria Salcedo practice their English while on a class field trip to a local grocery store. Registration for the free classes begins Monday, Aug. 31.

begin fall registration for English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education classes on Monday, Aug. 31.

The center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are from 5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday. Classes, which are offered free of charge, include English as a Second Language, basic computer literacy, citizenship skills, pronunciation and basic mathematics.

The center also provides basic literacy and reading instruction for all adults 17 years of age and older.

For more information, stop by the center or call Sally Schumacher at 623-1811. The center is located on the campus of Great Basin College, 5490 Kluney Canyon Road.

# Enrollment up at GBC's Winnemucca campus 8-28-09

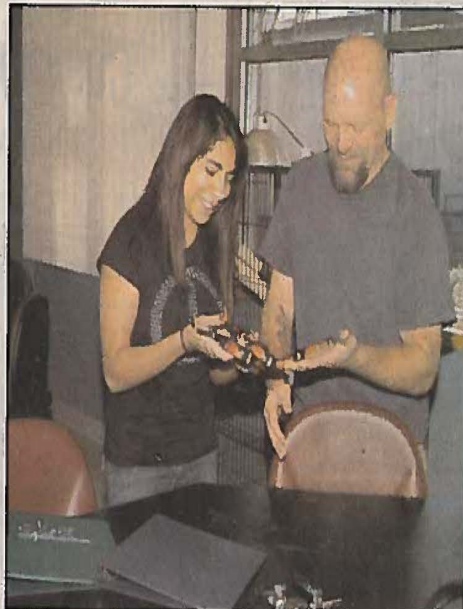
**Stimulus funds available for unemployed to retool**

By Phillip Gomez  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — The number of local residents choosing to pursue higher educational goals by attending Great Basin College has jumped significantly at the college's Winnemucca campus as well as at community colleges throughout the state.

"We now have more students than we ever have," said Lisa Campbell, Winnemucca's campus director for Great Basin College. Campbell was speaking of the whole statewide system of Great Basin College campuses, as well as community colleges in the state generally, of which Great Basin College comprises one of four such schools. With its main campus in Elko, Great Basin College has a service area that covers the entire state, except for Reno, Carson City and the Las Vegas metropolitan area.

Great Basin College has counted 1,800 full-time equivalent students statewide registered so far for the fall semester, which starts Monday, Aug. 31. As of Wednesday, that figure was up 17.4 percent from the same time



MICHAEL MICHAELSEN • Special to the Sun  
McDermitt student Marina Lopez (left) and Great Basin College lab tech Jim Flanders hold one of the reptiles in the laboratory on Wednesday morning.

last year, said John Rice, Ph.D., the college's director of advancement. Rice said he anticipated the percentage increase would level off by Monday to 10 — 15 percent higher than last year. "And that's on top of 10 percent enrollment growth last year," he said.

At the Winnemucca campus about 300 incoming students are already registered to attend one

or more classes this fall semester, Campbell said. The college will be continuing to enroll students until Monday, the deadline for enrollment in classes that start then; other classes have later starting dates, and they will remain open for registration. The semester runs for 16 weeks until mid-December, then starts with new courses the second semester

of the year, beginning in January.

"Our enrollment at Great Basin College is quite strong this fall in Winnemucca," Campbell said. "Things are going really well. In tough economic times there are funds available for retraining, and that helps people who are unemployed or those seeking retraining in new fields."

With a strong local economy, Winnemucca residents with stable jobs who want to retrain themselves for a different occupation have various options available to them to help ease the transition back to school, she said. And many recent high school graduates from Lowry High School have chosen to cut college costs by staying home, continuing to live with their parents in Winnemucca while taking advantage of attending a school nearby for their first two years.

"We've got a lot of young new students who are choosing to stay local," Campbell said. For reasons of fulfilling obligations for obtaining health insurance or a scholarship, the students usually attend school full-time, she said. The school has a number of students attending under the Nevada Millennium Scholarship program, she said.

Campbell mentioned the Humboldt Foundation as a helpful source of funding for local students who decide to continue

their education in Winnemucca.

"It provides scholarships to Humboldt County grads," she said. "They (the foundation) have really increased their funding to award scholarships to students."

In recent years the private endowment has focused its educational aid on the Winnemucca campus, augmenting its funding from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per semester, Campbell said. "It's been a really fabulous opportunity for our students because that (money) can make quite a difference with our rates, which are already affordable," she said.

The college's distance learning program has proven highly popular, even with those students who are not so distant from the campus. "We're definitely seeing a huge increase in the number of students registering for Internet classes" — a 40-percent increase over last year, she said. The school has 120 registered full-time distance-learning students, with other students registered for a lesser course load. Fifteen credit hours is required for attaining full-time student (one FTE) status, Campbell said.

Rice said that people have come to realize that GBC is a great bargain for a quality education, with greater faculty and administrative attention paid to students.

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"It makes sense to come to school here because our programs are strong and our faculty is strong, and we've established ourselves as a place where students can get their associate's and bachelor's degrees," Rice said. "And the bonus is, we're less expensive than the universities."

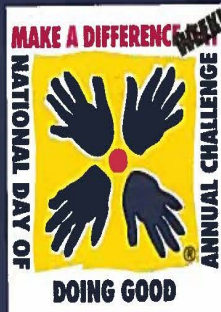
Since 1999 the school has offered students baccalaureate degrees in education K-12; nursing; management technology; and integrated studies (liberal arts), Rice said. "All have an applied aspect to them," he added. "We get the student in the field as soon as we can so they're actually practicing what they're learning."

More Nevada students are applying for financial aid this fall, according to a report Saturday in the Reno Gazette-Journal. The University of Nevada, Reno's enrollment is reportedly expected to remain flat, but already 508 more students than during the whole of last year have applied for financial aid to pay for their educations.

As of two weeks ago, registered students at

Truckee Meadows Community College had increased 7 percent over last fall's enrollment numbers, and 47 percent more of them were asking for financial assistance. At Western Nevada College in Carson City, where applications for financial aid were up by about 40 percent a week ago, the college reported an 18-percent increase in students registering for classes over last year. Registered full-time students at the college comprised a 27-percent gain over the previous year, according to the RGJ report.

As the academic year begins, students at Nevada's seven public colleges and universities are paying 10-percent more for their tuition than they did last year, and another 10-percent increase has been approved to go into effect next year. According to the RGJ's story, some UNR students have complained that there are fewer professors available to teach courses and the university's library hours have been cut, creating the perception that the educational value they were getting represented "a poor return for the extra money."



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# Make a Difference Week!

## October 19—October 22, 2009

### Make a Child Smile

**Monday, October 19 & Wednesday, October 21**

Bring a smile to the face of a child with a life-threatening illness. "Make a Child Smile" is a web-based organization that provides mailing addresses for children who are chronically ill so that caring people can send them cards to brighten their day. Drop by anytime from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. in room 123 to make a card for a sick little boy or girl. Supplies, music, cookies, and hot cocoa will be provided. If you would like to make a card, but want to do it on your own time, a drop box will be located at the front desk until Monday, October 26.

### Blanket Drive kick-off Monday, October 19

Can you imagine spending the night outside in January in northern Nevada? This is a reality for some people less fortunate than ourselves. As the weather is getting colder, we take for granted our nice heated houses, our warm clothes, and blankets. Beginning the week of October 19, Great Basin College will be kicking off a blanket, sleeping bag, and coat drive. Please bring in anything extra you have. Your donation could save a life!

### Soup Kitchen Tuesday, October 20

We have reserved a time to cook and serve in the soup kitchen at the United Methodist Church. Tuesday we will be serving lunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We will meet at the Winnemucca United Methodist Church downtown (139 W. Winnemucca Blvd.)

### Water Canyon Clean-Up

**Thursday, October 22 & Saturday, October 24**

For the finale of Make a Difference Week, we will be venturing up to Water Canyon to clean up our neighborhood! Water Canyon is a pretty popular hang out during the summer months and unfortunately everything that gets packed in, doesn't get packed out. By cleaning up the area, we can set a good example and show the community that we care. We will meet at Water Canyon at 10 a.m. on Thursday and pick up trash until about 12:00 p.m. Families are welcome on Saturday from 12-2 p.m. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Garbage bags will be provided as well as gloves for those who don't have their own.

### Volunteer Appreciation Cookout!

**Thursday, October 22**

Following the clean-up at Water Canyon on Thursday, SGA will be sponsoring a cook out to say thank you to all who participated in at least one event during "Make a Difference Week." Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot cocoa, — the works! Come and celebrate your awesomeness in front of Great Basin College from 1-3 p.m.

Receive one raffle ticket for each event you participate in.

Prizes include GBC logo sweatshirts, sweats, t-shirts, and hats!

For more information, contact Katie Schumacher,  
katies@qumail.gbcnv.edu or 775.741.5508.





## GBC students welcomed back to class with goodies

### Student Government offering pizza, ice cream sundaes

By Phillip Gomez  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — The Student Government Association of Great Basin College on the Winnemucca campus is welcoming GBC students back after the summer recess with pizza and ice cream sundaes during two weeks in September.

Domino's Pizza on Grass Valley Road and Delizioso Global Coffee on Winnemucca Boulevard are providing the treats, according to Jessica Johnson, a senator with GBC's Student Government Association.

Pizza deliveries will be made throughout the day on Sept. 8 — 9 at the college. The ice cream sundaes will be served up on Sept. 14 and Sept. 16, also throughout those days.

Students should come to the Student Government Association bulletin board to get the goodies, Johnson said. 9-4-09

## Great Basin College offering trip to Oregon Shakespeare Festival

### Special to the Sun

WINNEMUCCA — Teresa Howell, English instructor at Great Basin College, will conduct a field trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., over the Nevada Day holiday weekend. The group will travel to Ashland by van on Friday, Oct. 30, and will return on Nov. 2.

While in Ashland, the group will enjoy four plays. Two of the plays, the tragedy "Macbeth" and the comedy "All's Well that Ends Well," were written by Shakespeare himself. "Equivocation," by Bill Cain, is an imaginative examination of the political realities within which Shakespeare wrote. "The Servant of Two Masters" is a comedy by Carlo Goldoni written in the 18th century.

Additional attractions of the trip include a backstage tour to explore the history, design and technology of repertory theatre. On Saturday afternoon, participants will be able to take in the fantastic Ashland Halloween parade.

In addition to \$65.50 for one GBC credit, the trip will cost each participant \$300 to cover transportation from Elko or Win-

nemucca, tickets for all events and accommodations at the Ashland Hostel. Participants will pay for their own meals.

Whether you are new to theatre, or a seasoned veteran, Great Basin College invites you to spend a weekend with fellow theatre-lovers. A limited number of spaces are still available. Inter-

ested students and community members are encouraged to sign up before the Oct. 2 deadline in order to reserve a spot. Telephone Great Basin College Continuing Education Director Angie de Braga, at (775) 753-2231 or Teresa Howell at (775) 623-1807 for further information. To register, visit [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu). 9-22-09

## GBC's Academic Success Center opens Tuesday

### Tutoring available six days a week

#### Special to the Sun

ELKO — Students have returned to class at Great Basin College and the state of the art Academic Success Center will officially open for student tutoring the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Academic Success Center is located on the Elko campus in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building. Live and online tutoring is available at the center in Elko and also at the GBC campus facilities in Winnemucca and Ely. Students enrolled at GBC's campuses in Battle Mountain, Pahrump or online can benefit from the Academic Success Cen-

ter's online services by visiting the ASC Web site at . 9-4-09

The Academic Success Center offers instructional support for students in math, English/writing, science and foreign languages. Tutors in these disciplines can provide extra support and guidance on assignments and other course work. The center also maintains a computer lab for word processing and Internet research. All current Great Basin College students are welcome to use the computer facility as well.

For more information, contact the ASC at (775) 753-2149.

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.

## 'Mining Rocks' —

## Great Basin College Tech Prep, Barrick Goldstrike offering tour

### Special to the Sun

ELKO — Do you want to know more about the opportunities and education that lead to mining careers in Nevada? Join the "Nevada Mining Rocks!" tour and explore all the careers and programs available to become apart of Nevada's mining industry. 10-2-09

Great Basin College, in collaboration with Barrick Goldstrike, will be offering a rare opportunity to tour a mine site and learn about all the different careers and educational opportunities available in mining. Tour participants will be able to get up close and personal with daily mining operations and meet with employees to learn about the variety of career opportunities available in mining. Some

of the different careers and programs at Great Basin related to mining discussed on the tours will include: electrical systems technology, diesel technology, welding technology, mining, engineering, natural resources, earth sciences, office technology, human resources and business.

This opportunity will be open for 45 participants. Interested high school students who want to participate will have first priority. Great Basin College students and community members who are interested in attending GBC are also encouraged to sign up if there are additional seats available for the tour.

The tour will be held on Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. Call (775) 738-8493 for information and to sign up by Oct. 16.

## Great Basin College to offer driver's ed

### Special to the Sun

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

One of the chief benefits, according to Angie de Braga, GBC's director of continuing education, is that completing the course can cut the amount of training the Department of Motor Vehicles requires of a student driver in half.

"The DMV requires that a beginning driver under 18 years of age must log 100 hours driv-

ing time with an adult before applying for a license. With successful completion of a Driver's Ed course, the time is reduced to just 50 hours," she said.

Students can enroll for the Driver's Ed course by clicking on the "driver's ed" icon listed under "announcements" on the college's Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

The 10-week, two-credit course is delivered online and is taught by certified Driver's Education instructors. The next class started this week. Another section begins on Nov. 9. High school students are eligible for a special \$35 tuition fee. If a stu-

dent has not been enrolled at GBC in the past, a one time \$10 admission fee will also apply. Non high school students may also enroll, but will pay the regular tuition fee of \$141.

In order to enroll, students should be 15½ years old 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.

For more information on Driver's Education at GBC call (775)753-2231.

10-13-09

## 'Train the Trainer' —

## GBC to offer nursing instructor course

### Special to the Sun

ELKO — The Health and Human Services Department at Great Basin College will offer a course for registered nurses that will qualify them to become certified nursing instructors.

The course, Nursing 285, E01, Train the Trainer, is a two-day class that will be held Thursday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

Friday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will be held in the Gallagher Health Science Building, Room 109, and instructor for the course is Phyllis Jo Dean, BSN, RN.

Interested individuals must possess a current Nevada RN license and have had a minimum of two years experience working with chronically ill patients. In order to become a Certified

Nursing Instructor, qualified individuals must enroll in the 16-hour Train the Trainer course. The cost is \$84 (plus \$10 for first-time GBC students) and will be offered at the Great Basin College Elko Campus in Elko. To register, visit [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu).

Additional classes can be partially tailored to individual schedules. For more information call (775) 753-2301 or (775) 753-2216.

10-27-09



Halloween  
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# More higher education budget cuts could be coming

**GBC president waiting for Economic Forum to meet before making any decision**

By Heather Singer  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — Great Basin College (GBC) will wait until after this month's Economic Forum to decide on any budget cuts, said GBC President Carl Diekhans. Any possible budgets cuts would impact all of GBC's campuses, including those in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain.

"It is pretty hard to say what is going to happen," said Diekhans. "Basically the college is just waiting to see what the Economic Forum comes up with. Certainly I can say that any percentage of cuts will be devastating to the school."

The percentages of cuts could be 6 percent, 8 percent or 10 percent, said Diekhans. Due to an increased state revenue shortfall, Gov. Jim Gibbons asked for updated revenue projections from the Economic Forum before he will decide on a special legislative session to look at the

state budget.

The forum is an independent panel that consists of five outside financial experts who project state revenues. The governor appoints three of the members; one member is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader; and one member is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve for two-year terms.

These projections of the forum are binding by state law on the governor and lawmakers in constructing the state budget.

"We don't want to plan for the worst if it is not going to be the worst," Diekhans said. "We don't know if it will be 6, 8 or 10. Basically, it goes from bad to really bad."

The possible cuts would be active from March 1 until the end of the fiscal year and will also be active for the 2010 — 2011 fiscal year.

Once the proposed cuts are decided, GBC's president will meet with a special task force committee that deals with budget cuts and make proposals on where to cut. The committee will meet in mid January to start discussing the matter.

"We are not submitting any cuts until we know what the governor decides and how much (will need to be cut)," said Diekhans.

After the percentage of cuts is



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Gov. Jim Gibbons has asked the Economic Forum for new revenue projections, and is considering whether a special legislative session is needed to address the state's budget problems. Great Basin College President Carl Diekhans said any percentage of cuts would be devastating to the school.

decided, the task force will meet again to finalize the cuts, which will then be presented to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents for final approval.

"Basically, it is not good for the institution and depending on what the governor settles on, we

will convene and try to settle it at that time," Diekhans said.

GBC delivers associate and bachelor degrees throughout rural Nevada. Its service area covers 62,000 square miles. Through its Internet campus, it serves students from across the nation and around the world.

Last spring, Great Basin College underwent its Regular Five-Year Interim Accreditation Visit by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The commission suggested no corrective actions and its accreditation was reaffirmed for another five years.

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## Great Basin College offers deferred payment plan

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2-8-10

ELKO — Great Basin College is now offering students another affordable option to help pay for a college education. GBC's deferred payment plan allows students to register for classes with a payment of just one-fourth of the total tuition and fees, with subsequent payments scheduled throughout the rest of the spring semester.

The plan allows students to register with payment of one-fourth of the total due on Jan. 19, or at the time of registration. Deferred payment agreements require a three-credit minimum.

The second payment of one-fourth is due Feb. 19, the third one-fourth payment on March 19, with the final one-fourth payment due April 16. Deferred payments are not available for short-term courses.

Students may arrange for a deferred payment plan online at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu), or at any GBC campus or center across rural Nevada.

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# GBC Foundation reaches milestone

2-23-10

**Organization has now awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships**

Special to the Sun

ELKO — The Great Basin College (GBC) Foundation reached a milestone recently in its support of students enrolled at GBC across rural Nevada. Last fall, the organization topped \$1 million in scholarships awarded to students enrolled at campuses across rural Nevada.

"Because of the generosity of our donors and the commitment of our Board of Trustees, Great Basin College Foundation has been able to provide hundreds of students with the opportunity to receive post-secondary education and training for well-paying jobs in rural Nevada," said John Patrick Rice, Ph.D., the foundation's executive director.

Rice noted that nearly 70 percent of students who apply for financial assistance from the college are first-generation college students.

"Without scholarship support, many of those students would be denied their opportunity for higher education," said Rice.

In addition to scholarships, in the nearly 30-year history of the foundation, donors have provided almost \$14 million for capital projects on GBC campuses throughout rural Nevada. Most recently, the foundation funded the renovation of the College

## Enrollment deadline looming for Prepaid Tuition program

Special to the Sun

CARSON CITY — State Treasurer Kate Marshall and the Nevada College Savings Plans Board are reminding parents and other family members that the 2010 open enrollment period for the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program closes Feb. 28.

The program enables Nevada parents, grandparents and family friends to lock in future college tuition rates at today's prices.

"The State Treasurer's Office has made a concerted effort over the past two years to get the word out about this

tremendous program to communities all across Nevada," Marshall said. "With the cost of attending college continuing to go up, the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program provides families with the opportunity to meet tuition costs for their child's higher education needs at reduced rates."

From newborns to ninth graders, parents have a variety of options to participate in this program. Parents can pay a lump sum, spread the payment out over five years with 60 equal payments, or pay each month from the time of enrollment until the child is ready to

start college. The program is fully transferable to private or public out-of-state colleges and universities, and can be transferred to another family member, including a first cousin. New components of the program added this year include a one-year university plan and a gift program that can be used by other family members and friends to give the gift of a college education.

For more information on the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program, go to <https://nevadatreasurer.gov/PrepaidTuition.htm>, or call (702) 486-2025 or toll free, (888) 477-2667.

Community Center in Elko, transforming the facility into the Leonard Center for Student Life, scheduled to open later this spring.

In Winnemucca, foundation funds provided a new modular classroom building, providing additional space for traditional and interactive classes on that campus beginning this summer.

From time to time, donors choose to support other areas of the college in need of support with those disbursements totaling nearly \$1.4 million.

Beginning last year, the trustees have directed a quarter million dollars from unrestricted funds to support 10 program areas of the college, including the Academic Success Center, Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment programs, the child care center, adult basic education and ESL programs and the nursing program. The foundation regularly

supplements state funding for equipment needed to keep academic and training programs in line with current technologies.

"Our trustees are also very committed to the long-term success of the college and have encouraged donors to establish a number of endowments to support programs, scholarships and facilities in perpetuity," Rice said. "Donors have contributed about \$2.9 million to endowments, which, because of good stewardship by trustees, are now valued at just under \$3.3 million."

The foundation will hold its annual Dinner Dance fundraising event this Saturday. Rice said that the Dinner Dance is an opportunity for the trustees to say thank you to donors and to the community and to raise the funds that support the administrative work of the foundation.

"It's a terrific evening of

entertainment, great food, dancing and fun," he said.

Tickets for the event are available at the foundation offices in McMullen Hall on the Elko campus or by calling (775) 753-2246.

The GBC Foundation was established in 1983 as the private fundraising arm of GBC. Since its inception, foundation trustees have raised more than \$27 million to support the mission of the college.

For information on how to support the foundation, log on to [www.gbcnv.edu/foundation](http://www.gbcnv.edu/foundation).

# Education officials relieved by lower state cuts

## Local GBC campus likely to stay open

By Heather Gula  
The Humboldt Sun  
3-9-10

WINNEMUCCA — Collectively most consider education to have been spared the brunt of deep fiscal cuts following the legislative special session designed to mend the state's ailing financial situation by whatever means possible.

What could have been as high as 22 percent cuts to public schools and Nevada's system of higher education came in just under 7 percent.

Instead of \$211 million being the resulting loss of Gov. Jim Gibbons' proposed 10 percent reduction the 6.9 percent cuts to school districts total only \$116.8 million now.

Dan Klaich, chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, said the cuts will cost the state's universities and colleges \$50 million over the next 18 months. But he was relieved.

"We're so much better on Sunday morning than we were on Tuesday morning" when the special session began, Klaich said. College presidents and the board of regents will decide how campuses will implement the reductions but, due to the reduced cut, it appears Winnemucca will likely keep its Great Basin College campus.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for academic affairs, who is acting as the administrator in charge while GBC President Carl Diekhans is out on sick leave,



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French Ford Middle School students and parents roam the halls during the annual student orientation day last August.

said he did not foresee the closing of any GBC campuses.

For Humboldt County the lower cut translates to an additional \$340,000. Superintendent Mike Bumgartner estimated that to translate into the equivalent of four teaching positions retained in the county.

"I guess you could say that we were relieved it was not a 10 percent cut, although it is still going to be close to a 7 percent reduction," he said. "At the same time one of the positive things is that I felt like there was a lot of support for trying to spare education as much as possible. I really think the legislature tried to do that."

Regardless of the intention to spare education, Bumgartner said that coming off the heels of two years of massive reductions there is simply not much left to cut. As they face this round of budget overhaul Bumgartner said that the same two goals will be kept

"Anything we can do to keep those two goals we are going to be moving toward," he said.

While he admits that the 7 percent could mean a loss of programs and people, one thing administrators are pushing for is a pay freeze.

"If we can get folks to agree to that then we think we can make it through this without a reduction in force. But that would be a huge concession on the part of the associations," he said.

One of the major tenants to come out of the special session was the state's new found commitment to providing individual districts with more flexibility to manage their own budgets.

Bumgartner said that on the one hand he does feel like that rang true, specifically with relief on the mandated textbooks and

class size. On the other hand, the flexibility they were hoping for — namely different provisions for collective bargaining — were seemingly overlooked, he said.

"But, I've got to tell you I think our associations have been fabulous to work with, so I think we are getting that flexibility anyway and I really feel like we are making some good moves with our association."

AB4 does allow school districts to increase first- and second-grade class sizes by two students, for a maximum of 18 per teacher. Third-grade classes can add three students, for a ratio of 21 students per teacher. The measure requires any money saved to be used to minimize budget cut effects on class sizes in other grades. Bumgartner — See EDUCATION, Page 11 —

in the forefront; keep the cuts away from the classroom and avoid layoffs.

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explained that there is no mandate to increase class size but it allows the district to utilize attrition to increase class size if they deem appropriate.

AB5 provides a temporary waiver to minimum textbook spending requirements for all public schools for the rest of the biennium. Prior to its passage the district was required to spend a certain percentage of their budget on improving textbooks and classroom equipment.

Both measures expire June 30,

2011.

"I do think it is going to be worse going into the next biennium," Bumgartner said. "I think what we have done in this state is overt this for another year."

In order to ensure the cuts made this year are effective and plan for what are sure to be difficult budget years in the future, the district will be hosting two public forums.

Both will be held March 16; one from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the other from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the West Hall of the Winnemucca

Convention Center.

Bumgartner stated that they are looking for creative solutions to the current problem and hope to establish a clear picture of the district's values to help guide future cuts.

As of March 3, no decisions were made by GBC administrators on what areas will absorb the 6.9 percent budget cuts, said McFarlane. He added that college administrators were relieved that the cuts were not as big as they thought they would be.

"The reason we came out bet-

ter than we thought is we were expecting 22 percent cuts but by the time (the special session) finished, the 6.9 percent seems relatively mild to the disaster it would have been before," McFarlane said. "Great Basin College and all of the colleges and universities are grateful to the Legislature for not cutting us as bad as we thought they might."

While they are not saying anything definitive right now, McFarlane said they are not anticipating the closure of any centers.

## Great Basin College to offer driver's ed courses 3-30-10

### Special to the Sun

ELKO — First-time drivers under 18 years of age are currently required by Nevada law to complete a 30-hour Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) approved course in basic driver's education.

Great Basin College offers DMV-approved courses regularly, with upcoming classes to begin April 13, May 18 and July 13.

The GBC basic driver's education course covers traffic laws

and rules of the road, vehicle control techniques, managing risks, driving in urban and rural areas and on interstate, highways, negotiating intersections and roundabouts, defensive driving skills and the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.

The cost of the basic class is \$35. For convenience to students around the state, the course is offered online and can be followed by actual "behind the wheel" driving lessons in Elko for \$175. All GBC drivers' education courses are taught by

certified instructors.

In order to enroll, a student must be a minimum of 15½ years old and complete an application for admission to Great Basin College. Behind the wheel students must have a valid driver's permit.

For details stop by student services in Berg Hall at Great Basin College (1500 College Parkway in Elko), visit the college's Web site at <http://www.gbcnv.edu/drivers-ed> or call (775) 753-2202 or (775) 753-2231.

## Great Basin College reports increase in spring enrollment

ELKO (AP) — Full-time enrollment at Elko's Great Basin College is up 11.7 percent over last spring.

The college reported enrollment for the spring semester as of March 15.

On that day full-time equivalent enrollment was 1,904. Full-time students take a minimum of 15 credits per semester.

The total enrollment at all Great Basin College campuses, including online students, is 3,318, a 3.4 percent increase over last year.

The college will see a 7 percent state funding reduction during the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year because of the special legislative session. The school has to cut \$336,000 during the rest of 2010 and about \$1 million in 2011.

The college's administrators have convened a task force to look at budget cut options.

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## Spring has sprung, but fall in the air at GBC

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ELKO — Spring has sprung in northeastern Nevada, but fall is in the air at Great Basin College.

Student can now register for Fall 2010 courses online or at campuses throughout GBC's rural Nevada service area.

According to Jan King, GBC's registrar, the process is simple.

"Students can register a couple of different ways," King said. "The simplest way is to log on to our Web site at [www.gbcnv.edu](http://www.gbcnv.edu) and follow the easy steps to register online. Or, students may stop by campuses and centers in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely,

Pahrump or Winnemucca."

"Advisors at each campus site can assist with registration," she said. "Our advisors can assist students who are just beginning their education, those who are continuing their education or thinking about launching a new career."

King said that the advisors provide a valuable service to students.

"They will help you to 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.

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," she said.

Whether a student decides to study full-time or part-time, the college offers several options for study. Students can study in the traditional classroom or engage in one of the college's state of the art online distance learning technologies. Studying online gives a student a considerable 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.

For more information on enrolling in courses at Great Basin College call (775) 753-2102. In Battle Mountain, (775) 635-2318. In Winnemucca, (775) 623-4824.

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 central and northeast Nevadans. GBC awards Certificates of Achievement, Associate and select Baccalaureate degrees using a variety of instructional methods.



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Ashley Reed spoke at the Great Basin College graduation reception May 19 in Winnemucca. Reed, who received her AAS-Radiologic Technology degree this year, was named the GBC Regent's Scholar.

## Reed earns Great Basin College's top honor

By Heather Singer  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — Great Basin College (GBC) Regent Scholar Ashley Rose Reed, of Winnemucca, inspired fellow classmates and parents, families and friends during her graduation speech May 21 at the Elko Convention Center.

Reed, the daughter of Mark and Carla Reed, of Winnemucca, spoke on why GBC is different and what the school has done for her and her fellow graduates.

"We are all very lucky to be in a higher education that is truly an extended family," she said prior to the ceremony. "Our instructors, faculty and staff are more caring. They want to bring

the best out in their students and they truly care, not just about us as students, but also as a person and as a friend. They want us to succeed."

As Regent Scholar, Reed is being acknowledged for her academic achievement and leadership. The Regent Scholar Award is conferred by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Scholars are nominated by faculty members.

The nomination process is rigorous and the recommendation to the Board of Regents is made by the president of the college. The award comes with a \$5,000 stipend as well.

"I am actually really grateful and excited but at the same time, I am like how would I be

nominated?" she said. "I am just really proud. I was shocked."

There is only one Regent Scholar selected per college or university. Reed represents all of GBC.

"They try to find the most well-rounded (person)," said Reed, who is a GBC ambassador and will receive her Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology degree.

She does community service for the college and for church functions.

"Wherever I am needed, I try to help out," she said.

Reed has lived in Winnemucca a total of 15 years but attended Jordan Valley High School in Jordan Valley, Ore.

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### SCHOLAR

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She graduated in 2006.

"I have always tried to keep my education and goals high and stay true to my belief in God and morals," said Reed.

During high school, Reed was on the dance team but her immune deficiency kept her from participating in too many activities.

The health disorder is known as hypogammaglobulinemia. She

was diagnosed 12 years ago but has had it her entire life, she said.

Reed undergoes IVIG infusions every month. The excellent medical care she has received over the years is what inspired her to go into the field of medicine, she said.

"I just wanted to be able to give back what so many people have given to me from the medical field," she said. "I wanted to return that care with compassion

and provide excellent patient care."

After graduation, Reed plans to get a license to be a substitute teacher. In a year she plans to continue pursuing education in the field of radiology.

"One thing I can say about pursuing higher education is you will never regret it," said Reed.

She is very close with her family and said she has had a lot of support to make it so far in her

education.

"I really want to thank the faculty and staff at the Winnemucca branch of Great Basin College as well as my family and friends because I wouldn't have made it today where I am without them," said Reed.



Above left photo (left to right), student Jo'be Sullivan, graduate Beth Haley and Professor Doug Hogan discuss their future plans as Sullivan and Hogan encourage Haley to sign up for biology next term. Above right, Jolina Adams fulfills a special request to cut the graduation cake as 4-year-old Bradley Myers and 6-year-old Antonio Montez wait in anticipation.

## Local Great Basin College campus hosts graduation party

By Heather Gula  
The Humboldt Sun

**WINNEMUCCA** — On a night that was all about celebrating student accomplishment, Great Basin College held a graduation party for the 45 Winnemucca students who graduated at GBC commencement in Elko May 21.

Winnemucca Center Director Lisa Campbell explained that each year they try to host a celebration locally to allow students and their families — especially those who have chosen not to attend commencement — to celebrate with their peers and instructors.

"In a small school such as ours with about 400 students per semester we get to know our students really well, and they become almost family as sometimes we spend more time with your loved ones than you do," Campbell explained.

She invited those who wished to share stories or congratulations for the students to speak and kicked off the tributes by honoring her own mother, Patricia Lee,

**GBC Winnemucca celebrates graduates —**

Mary Orr  
"I don't call it a milestone, I call it a mile marker ... I'm still on the road."

Jim Flanders  
"I guess I need a new adventure ... what's next? To rule the world."

who was graduating with an Associates in General Studies.

"I would never disclose a lady's age, but in doing so she shows it's never too late," Campbell said.

She also shared stories of Jim Flanders, who was not only finishing a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education but who has worked as an instructor and lab assistant at GBC and has been an advocate of animals in education. "He is especially near and dear to our hearts and I wish him the best but I will miss him," she said.

Teresa Howell also came to

the podium to honor Elizabeth Mitchell, who has not only been a student but a tutor and a friend. Howell said that she will miss each and every student as they graduate.

Ashley Reed, who has received her Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology from GBC, was also honored for her accomplishment as the GBC Regent Scholar this year.

Campbell introduced her as a student with an exceptional GPA who is also involved in the community as an ambassador for the GBC Winnemucca Campus.

Reed acknowledged that the event was a celebration for her and fellow students, saying that "graduation is something that every college student looks forward to from beginning to end, that is all you ever think about."

She also talked about how fortunate GBC students are to receive the individualized instruction that only a small school can offer.

"Our instructors bring their experience and bright outlook to compose an exceptional academic site. They are not just instruc-

tors but mentors, friends and personal coaches," she said.

She pointed out how few college students can say that they just had dinner with their instructor or that their professor just spent four hours in the academic center repeating the information so their student had a new perspective on the material.

Reed thanked the staff and faculty at the school for playing such a big part in every student's experience at the school.

Winnemucca Mayor Di An Putnam was the evening's keynote speaker. Campbell explained that even prior to being mayor, Putnam has been a generous supporter of the college and was first in line to offer her support for the campus when budget cuts threatened the institution's instructional integrity.

Putnam presented an inspirational speech for the students, acknowledging that while these students have just completed an amazing accomplishment it was just the beginning for them.

In her speech, Putnam encouraged the students to act like her favorite animal, the turtle. "In



Winnemucca Mayor Di An Putnam was the keynote speaker at the GBC graduate celebration May 19.

order to move, the turtle has to stick his neck out," she said. "It is time to awaken that turtle in all of you. And as you stretch your neck out, you have to remember you can't spend so much time looking for that perfect opportunity that you overlook the right opportunity. Recognize that there will be obstacles in your way."

"One doesn't usually jump from graduation to great success, but more like the turtle it is a slow process but it's an amazing process. I have faith that with the skills and knowledge that has now been conferred to you that you will begin to draw a new map for yourself," she added.

Dr. Mike McFarlane, vice president of academic affairs, also spoke, honoring the students for their accomplishments. He said that he enjoys coming to

these events as GBC is the most spread-out college in the United States, making it difficult to visit all the campuses on a regular basis.

"They are so enjoyable to come to and meet all you people because we know what you have to go through to get degree here," he said. "And just looking at the degrees you have receive here, the variety of degrees is just wonderful. You people aren't just taking the bare minimum you are getting Bachelor degrees, Associates and certificates in several different areas. That is just wonderful."

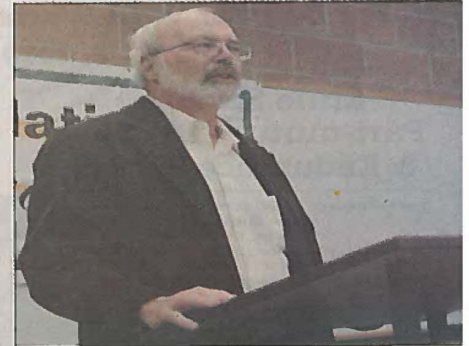
He commended the dedication of faculty, staff and students and encouraged them in the future saying, "I know that you rural students make your own way in the world."



Above left photo, GBC English Professor Teresa Howell shared kind words and fond memories of the students she will miss in her classroom and in the halls next year. Above right, Lisa Campbell, director of the Winnemucca Center, congratulates graduates and past instructor Jim Flanders on his accomplishment. Flanders says his plans from here are, "to rule the world."



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Above left photo, Elizabeth Crawford received a hug from GBC Winnemucca Director Lisa Campbell along with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Middle, Campbell congratulates Beth Haley on successful completion of a CRT-MD certificate. Haley says she plans to continue her education at GBC and looks forward to taking biology next semester. Above right, Mike McFarlane, vice president of academic affairs for GBC, made the trip over from Elko to congratulate the graduates, many of whom chose not to take part in the Elk

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