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Administrators from GBC's sister school in China visit Elko

By JULIE WOOTTON
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Administrators from Great Basin College's sister school in China were in Elko this week to improve collaboration between the schools.

Dr. Zhang Cunjin, president of Heze University, said the goal of the trip was to set up more exchange programs with GBC.

Cunjin said the four main areas they're focusing on are administrator exchange visits, faculty exchanges, student exchanges and collaborative research programs between the two schools.

"We would like to learn from each other," he told the Free Press through a translator.

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Dr. Zhang Cunjin
President of Heze University in China

Cunjin said administrators from Heze University are also seeking to learn more about higher education in the United States.

Several representatives from Heze University traveled to the U.S. for the visit. Since the university administrators speak Mandarin, they interacted with

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Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Bret Murphy, Great Basin College's dean of applied science, center, shows a solar-powered car to representatives from GBC's sister school, Heze University, in China during a campus tour Wednesday. From left: Translator Dr. Lijuan Zhai, Murphy and Heze University president Dr. Zhang Cunjin.

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GBC representatives through translator Dr. Lijuan Zhai.

Zhai, a former GBC administrator, is now the director of institutional research, assessment and planning at Fresno City College.

Administrators from Heze University arrived in Elko on Tuesday. They toured GBC's campus Wednesday morning.

Bret Murphy, dean of applied science at GBC, took the group through labs in the Electrical and Industrial Technology building, while describing the college's technical education programs.

"I am really impressed," Cunjin said about his time on GBC's campus. "I like the university."

During the tour, Murphy also asked Cunjin about

Heze University's technical training programs.

While in Elko, the Chinese college administrators also visited a ranch, Lamoille Canyon and several local businesses. With their six-day U.S. visa, they planned to visit other cities in the Western U.S., such as Los Angeles. It was the administrators' first trip outside of China.

Cunjin said what impresses him most about Elko are the blue skies and mountainous terrain.

He said he'd like Elko residents to know they're welcome to come visit Heze University, as well as the city.

"We can learn from each other," he said.

GBC and Heze University have been sister colleges for several years.

Mike McFarlane, vice president for academic

affairs at GBC, led a group of GBC administrators to Heze University in 2007 to sign an informal collaborative agreement between the schools.

Since then, faculty members have led two student groups to the university in China in 2008 and 2010.

"It was a good time," Cunjin said. "We got to know each other well," as far as their school, culture and country.

Several faculty members from GBC have even taught English at the university in the past.

Cunjin said Heze University offers associate and bachelor's degrees. The university has about 18,000 full-time students and 20,000 continuing education students.

He said the university offers a variety of pro-

grams in subjects such as social science, engineering, agriculture, economics and law.

The 150-acre campus has many flowers and trees, he said.

The city of Heze is primarily a farming area with a population of more than 9 million. It's also known as the "city of peonies," Cunjin said. A peony is a traditional Chinese flower that's said to bring luck, richness and happiness.

As part of the visit, Heze University administrators exchanged gifts with GBC administrators. Heze administrators handed out pictures of the peony flower, which were painted by a Heze artist.

McFarlane presented Cunjin with educational materials produced as part of the college's Great Basin Indian Archives program.

Great Basin College celebrates 50 years of Peace Corps

By CYNTHIA DELANEY
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — The Intellectual and Cultural Enrichment Committee at Great Basin College is planning a celebration and information session this fall in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy created the agency as a means to help people in other countries, meet their need for trained men and women, help other countries understand Americans and help Americans understand the people they serve. His idea has grown into a worldwide organization that provides support for people in developing nations.

The GBC event, tentatively set for Oct. 5, will be a two-part forum with

an information session that people can attend to find out about volunteering for the Peace Corps. In the evening they will host guest speakers who will answer questions and give presentations on past Peace Corps experiences.

The college is looking for more northern Nevadans who formerly served in the Peace Corps to be a part of the celebration.

"We want to highlight local people who have volunteered their time and expertise to others," said Angie de Braga, director of continuing education and a member of the I.C.E. committee.

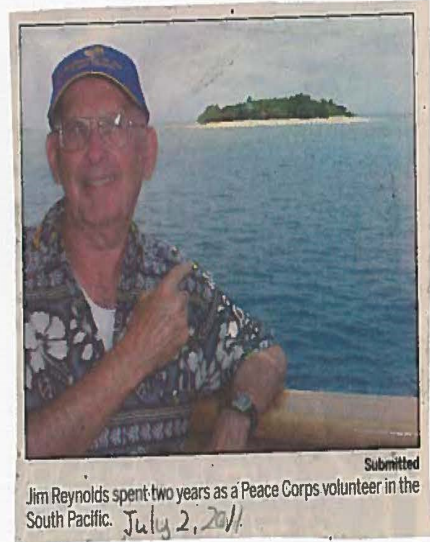
One of the main presenters will be Jim Reynolds, a semi-retired fisheries specialist who served in the Peace Corps from 2003-2005.

Reynolds earned a doctorate in fisheries biology and worked in the Great Lakes region and then 30 years on faculty at the University of Alaska. He is currently an adjunct instructor at Great Basin College.

"The Peace Corps was one of the greatest highlights of my life," said Reynolds, who, unlike most volunteers, entered service after his main career had finished. "A lot of people go in the Peace Corps right out of college. They have a lot of knowledge but not much life experience. It is often a great way to start a career. I went in after working for many years."

The Peace Corps needs volunteers in many different fields. The job is a

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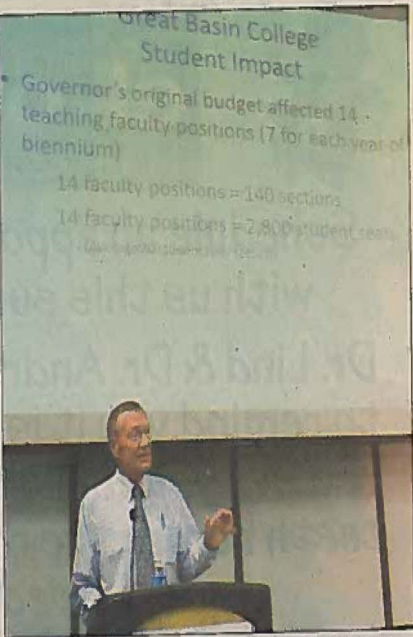


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demanding one with a little more than a two year commitment.

"I was sent to Fiji where they first train you in the language and culture of the people you will be serving," said Reynolds. "I made many lifelong friends during my stay."

Former volunteers who are interested in participating in the anniversary celebration should call Reynolds at 777-9104, 385-5967, or email jbreynolds@alaska.edu.



Ross Andreson/Elko Daily Free Press
Great Basin College President Carl Diekhans talks about GBC budget matters Friday during a town meeting on campus.

GBC hosts budget talk

By DANIELLE SWITALSKI
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The budget cuts at Great Basin College aren't great, but they could have been worse, said GBC President Carl Diekhans in a town hall meeting Friday discussing the GBC Budget Reduction Plan.

"I went into this and it looked like the college was going to have both legs amputated, but instead it cut one leg off, so it could have been worse," Diekhans said Friday.

GBC is still facing higher tuition and staff reductions after the Nevada System of Higher Education's Board of Regents approved its two-year budget June 17 in Reno. Regents are responsible for governing Nevada's public colleges and universities, including GBC.

Local regent Kevin Melcher reiterated that they aren't happy about the reduction, however, he said one of the most important things he saw during the board of

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Regents meeting was a joining together of institutions, leaders and the student body.

"I encourage that," Melcher said. "We need to have a united front."

For the Nevada System of High Education, Gov. Brian Sandoval originally proposed a 29 percent biennium budget reduction over the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years.

Instead of facing cuts in both fiscal years, Diekhans said the cuts will happen in fiscal year 2012 and the budget will remain flat in 2013 in order to "smooth things out." This way the university system is cut by \$85 million instead of the proposed \$162 million.

The total reduction is 15 percent. For GBC in particular, it amounts to \$4.8 million over the next two fiscal years. Diekhans said most departments at the college will be cut by 15 percent.

For students at GBC, fees will increase 13 percent in the upcoming school year. This fee increase will remain in the second fiscal year, but will not increase an additional 13 percent as originally proposed.

For the fiscal year 2012, which begins July 1, a full load of lower division credits, which is 30 credits for the school year, will increase from \$2,077 to

\$2,347. For 30 credits of upper division classes for the school year, the student fees increase from \$3,397 to \$3,840.

"That's a pretty significant increase, which will put us right below the median for the western states," Diekhans said.

To meet the reduction, 20 employees will be laid off, seven of which are faculty members. This number is down from the original proposal, which Diekhans said would have forced GBC to lay off 14 faculty members and 35-75 positions.

In preparation for the Board of Regents meeting last week, seven faculty members were given "temporary contracts" in case the budget was reduced to a point where GBC would have to lay off 14 teaching positions — seven in fiscal year 2012 and seven in fiscal year 2013. Although seven teaching positions will be eliminated in July, the seven "temporary positions" will remain in 2013.

"We can actually not terminate those seven temporaries and this year I've notified the faculty that they can go forward with those as tenure track as permanent faculty," Diekhans said. "You need to keep your academic faculty in a secure positions so it is very important those positions, as soon as

possible, be put on a regular track so they can devote themselves to teaching and not worry whether they need to be looking for a job in six months."

The elimination of seven faculty positions is equivalent to 1,400 class seats.

"Students will tell you our waiting list is longer and it's harder to get into classes, so it will affect them," Diekhans said. He said the first priority is to put positions back at GBC.

All GBC employees will have to take a 2.5 percent pay cut and six furlough days this year.

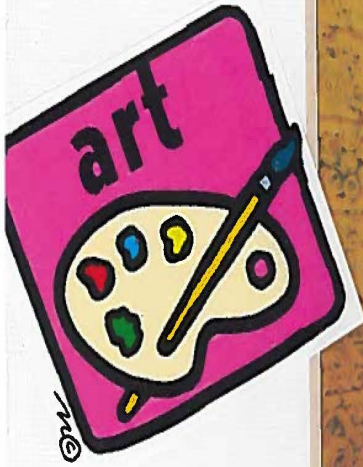
The good news, Diekhans said, is new student fee revenues could amount to \$400,000, which is equivalent to 6-8 medium level jobs.

However, currently student enrollment is down at GBC, which Diekhans said could be attributed to a new student registration system.

"This is a considerably better registration system," Diekhans said. However, students need to get accustomed to it.

To see GBC's budget plan, visit the Nevada System of High Education's website at www.nevada.edu. Click on the "end of session budget reductions" link in the green box on the right side of the page.

All about the arts



July 27, 2011
New Great Basin College ceramics instructor Debbie Finley poses with some of her creations, including the background tile. Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent

GBC hires new arts, humanities instructors

By CYNTHIA DELANEY
Free Press Correspondent

ELKO — As summer deepens into August, thoughts of returning to school strike students of all ages.

At Great Basin College, fall enrollment is already in progress. For the arts and humanities department, two new instructors will add a wealth of knowledge.

Area ceramic artist Debbie Finley is returning to teach as adjunct instructor. She is offering a course called Ceramics 2H from 7-9:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

The course will take both beginning and advanced clay students into the realm of hand building.

"We'll explore around 10 projects," said Finley, who is excited about working at the college again. "Students will be able to learn new glazing techniques, modeling, surface alteration, coil work, raku and sawdust firing."

Finley said she likes to create objects and wall pieces rather than functional ware. Her forms and clay sculptural elements recall the colors and beauty of nature.

She has developed many interesting takes on the sphere and con-



centrates primarily on abstraction. Alongside her husband, she also makes furniture from tile ceramics and wood.

Finley received her bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics at the University of Washington and her master's of fine arts degree at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Another new instructor is Christine Young-Gerber. She was recently hired by the college as full-time music and theater instructor.

The theater program at the college was put on hold for several years due, in part, to financial con-

cerns. Now the schedule will be in full swing and aspiring thespians can sign up to learn about performance arts.

Young-Gerber attended Northern Kentucky University for her bachelor of fine arts degree. She also has a master's degree in art from the University of Kentucky and a master's of fine arts degree from the University of Central Florida.

As head of the program, Young-Gerber will teach Music 101 — Music Fundamentals, Music 121 — Music Appreciation, Theatre 105 — Introduction to Acting and Theatre 209 — Theatre Practicum. Other courses in music theater are taught by ancillary instructors.

Aside from these additions, GBC is offering classes in art appreciation, art history, beadmaking, digital photography, drawing, jewelry, painting and other ceramics sections.

Both traditional and non-traditional students are welcome in all GBC art classes.

To view the complete listing, go to www.gbcnv.edu and browse the fall 2011 class schedule. Call 738-8493 for more information or to enroll in a class.



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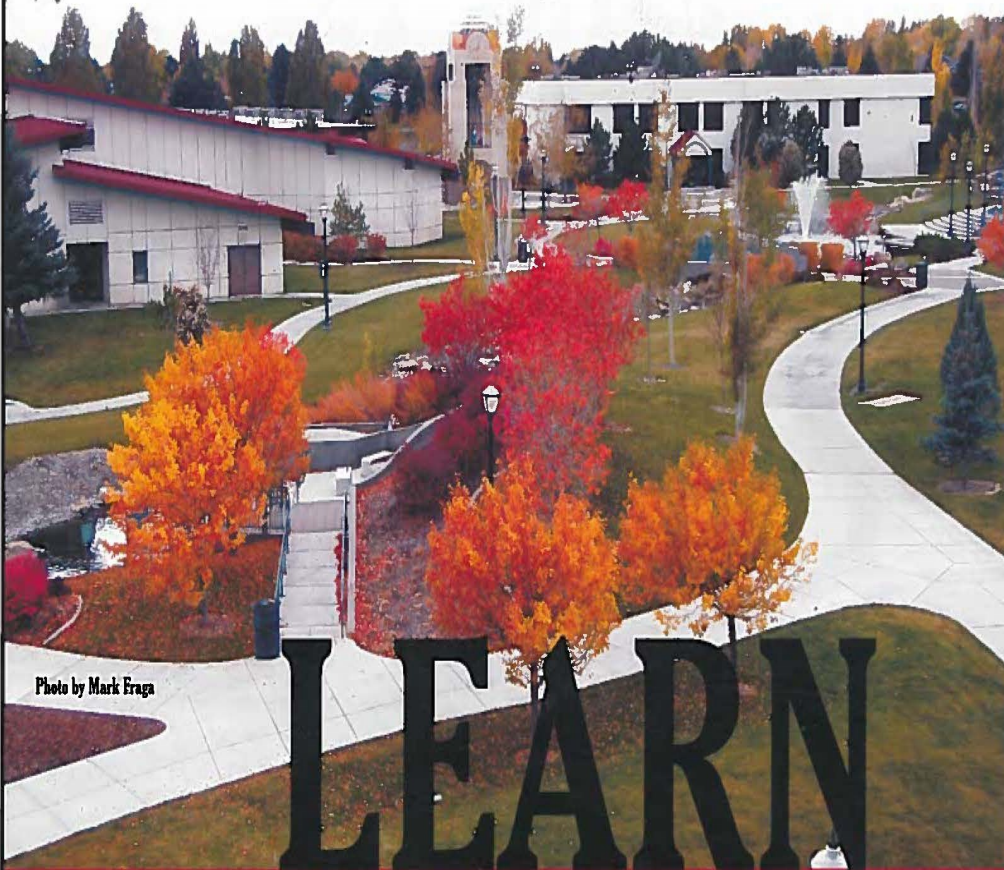


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Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent
Students and employees of Great Basin College gather around the barbecue line Wednesday.

GBC welcomes back students

Sep. 7, 2011

ELKO — Great Basin College's student government association this week hosted a slew of fall festivities as a way of welcoming new and returning students.

The school is in its second week of instruction and already bustling with activity. During the welcome back week students had a chance Tuesday night to participate in midnight basketball at the school gym. On Wednesday there was a free barbecue feed in the Leonard Center. Studying makes people hungry, so the lunch was well attended.

Tonight the students are playing root beer pong at 8 p.m. in the amphitheater.

"We have to hold this one outside or Norm (Cavanaugh) would have a fit if we spilled root beer all over the gym floor," said GBC employee Pat Anderson, who is helping supervise the events.

On Friday afternoon, the association has organized volleyball and flag football. Any GBC student can participate in these events.

Student government association representatives said they work hard to make sure all students feel happy to be at GBC.

By Cynthia Delaney

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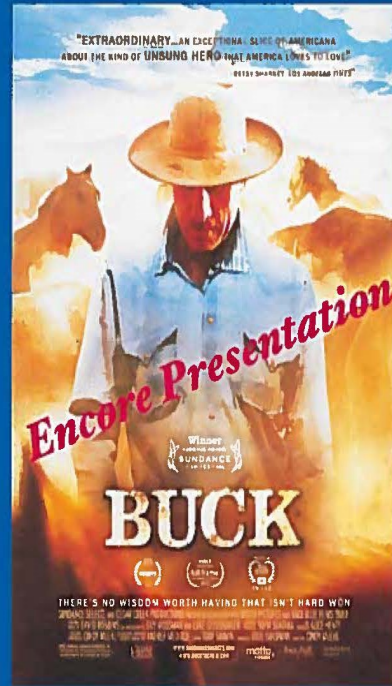
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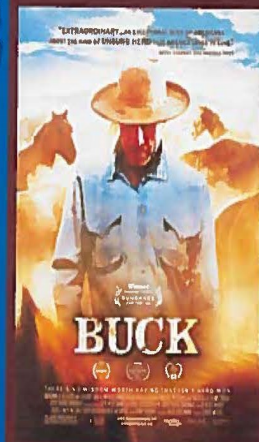
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Diekhans to step down from GBC

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Carl Diekhans has announced his intention to resign as Great Basin College president in the near future.

In a statement released Tuesday, Diekhans commented on the timing of his decision, stating, "I am making this announcement at this time because I believe it is in the best interest for the college."



Diekhans

"In a few months, GBC and NSHE [Nevada System of Higher Education] institutions will begin to plan their budgets for the next biennium and the next legislative session. I believe it is very important that leadership be in place for these events. By stepping down within the coming months, I will be providing sufficient enough time for

GBC and the Board of Regents to make a decision about leadership for the future of our college."

John Rice, director of institutional advancement at GBC, commented on Diekhans' work as president.

"Carl has done an amazing job for the college, the community and higher education across the state,"

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he said.

According to Rice, Diekhans' budget acumen was particularly noteworthy.

"When new regents come on (to the Board of Regents) and have fiscal questions, they call on Carl to see how the budget works," Rice said.

Bret Murphy, dean of applied sciences, commented on Diekhans' ability to work with academics in higher education as well as his ability to work with the Legislature.

"Carl has been instrumental in getting [the Electrical and Industrial Technology] Building. He worked with the Legislature and got the project prioritized. It wouldn't have been built if it weren't for Carl," Murphy said.

In addition to prioritizing funding for the IT building, Diekhans' other accomplishments include adding Nye County and campus centers in Pahrump and Tonopah, overseeing a number of remodeling and building expansions, and overseeing the Great Basin College Foundation Donald W. Reynolds Campus Enhancement Project, according to Rice.

Rice outlined Diekhans' tenure with GBC:

"Diekhans came to Great Basin College in 1980, beginning his career as a professor of mathematics. In 1989 he became associate dean of college services. In 1994, he was named vice president for administrative services."

Former GBC president Ron Remington left in 2001 and Diekhans was appointed as interim president, and then resumed his position as vice president of administrative services, when Remington's successor, Paul Killpatrick, was appointed.

"When Killpatrick left, Diekhans again stepped in as interim president, and was later appointed president by the Board of Regents," Rice wrote.

Murphy made mention of Diekhans' importance to GBC as well as the impact Diekhans had on those who know him personally.

"I've known Carl since '84. He and I are friends outside of school too ... He always likes to joke. When you tell him a joke he responds with a belly-roll laugh, and comes back with a good joke of his own."

"You won't find anyone that has anything bad to say about Carl," Murphy said.

According to Rice, the Board of Regents will begin determining the timeline for leadership transition in the coming weeks.

Regents invite public to GBC leadership forum

Sep. 19, 2011

ELKO — The public is invited to attend a Great Basin College leadership transition forum from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday in the Berg Hall Conference room on the Elko campus.

Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Dan Klaich, Board of Regents

Chairman Jason Geddes, Vice Chairman Kevin Page, and Regent Kevin Melcher will participate.

Great Basin College President Carl Diekhans this week announced he will soon step down from his position.

The forum is an opportunity for the chancellor and the Board

of Regents to receive advice and counsel in regard to the leadership transition from the communities served by Great Basin College.

The meeting will also be aired on interactive video at the GBC centers in Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump and Winnemucca. The inter-

active format will allow for open discussion between everyone in attendance.



Regents take fresh look at community colleges

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

Sep. 21, 2011

ELKO — In an effort to continue improving the academics of Nevada's community colleges, a number of new ideas under consideration by the Board of Regents were proposed this month.

A report titled, "Fresh Look at Community Colleges Task Force," which outlined 10 suggestions for improving community colleges, was accepted at the last Board of Regents meeting.

John Patrick Rice, Great Basin College's director of institutional advancement, prefaced his reaction to the First Look plan.

"It was only accepted by the Board of Regents. There are currently no plans to implement any of the suggestions," he said.

After an initial review, there were some reservation



Rice

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Continued from front page by the community colleges, Rice said. "Two of the recommendations rocked community colleges back on their heels."

One recommendation considered consolidating all online college classes into a single entity referred to as Nevada Virtual College. If implemented, community college classes would all remain on campus, but previously offered online courses would only be available through the virtual college.

"There is so much technology throughout the curriculum, and our online campus is our largest," Rice said, explaining his concern. He also noted many classes offered by GBC are hybrid classes which incorporate online aspects with campus classes.

Other reservations surrounded the quality of content a new virtual college could offer.

Regent Kevin Melcher shared his concerns.

"I flat out don't like the idea of the establishment of Nevada Virtual College. My number one concern is that we have to be able to control the quality of the course work that is being delivered. I am concerned by doing this the quality won't be as good as the instruction through a community college, thus making students seeking

associates degrees less prepared when they go to universities/their junior year.

"If we contract this out, we don't have the urgency to do a better job at distance delivery. That is critical," Melcher said.

Another suggestion from the report is to outsource remedial college classes to a private institution. Rice noted this suggestion also caused some concern.

A number of students enroll in college without mastering basic academic skills. These students must then work through remedial classes, which help scaffold them to the appropriate college level.

Melcher said helping remedial students needed to be looked at, but that outsourcing the remedial program would discourage remedial students from seeking academic careers.

"We don't want to discourage anyone from being a lifelong learner," he said.

According to Melcher, a reformed remedial system would push the brunt of the burden back on public schools as well.

"High schools have so much pressure all ready," he said. "I think with outsourcing, we are just putting the problem on high schools."

Rice agreed that remediation should be discussed, but that out-

sourcing was not a preferred solution. "There is ample room for remedial work," he said. "GBC is quite good at it though, but it is something to consider."

Rice said although he and others had a few concerns about some of the suggestions, he found other ideas to be great.

"One suggestion is to develop a strategic plan that engages in economic development. It will help focus education and training to sustainable businesses. GBC is currently doing this, but if other colleges aren't, I think it's a great idea," Rice said.

The preliminary plan was an overall good idea, Rice believes. "The whole feeling was that it is good we are taking a look — it was a third party observation, but we're glad the study was done."

The Board of Regents is planning a retreat this fall, which will discuss a variety of suggestions for improving Nevada's community colleges.

"That report will be one of the many documents we will be discussing at the retreat," Melcher said.

Other suggestions in the report were for colleges to focus on technology needs to work more closely with K-12 grades, implement variable tuition pricing, increase meaningful cer-

College gathers input on search for new president

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

Sep- 22, 2011

ELKO — The search for a potential Great Basin College president replacement is wide open.

An open forum meeting was hosted on the GBC campus in Elko and broadcast to satellite locations in Pahrump, Winnemucca, Ely and Battle Mountain Wednesday morning to gather input from northern Nevada communities regarding the transition of leadership for the college.

Earlier this month, GBC President Carl Diekhans announced his intention of stepping down from his position by this December.

Board of Regents Chairman Jason Geddes, Regent Kevin Melcher of Elko and board Chief Executive Officer Scott Wasserman were among those in attendance.

"Our intention is to launch a national search quickly," Geddes said.

Because GBC has a number of satellite sites in outlying communities across northern Nevada, and because the college emphasizes academic associate degrees as well as technical certification degrees that align with local industry, such as mining, welding,

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Geddes called the position of GBC president "a unique position that will require a unique individual."

Chancellor of Nevada System of Higher Education Daniel Klaich said at an earlier meeting for GBC students and staff, "[GBC] is a whole bunch of sites, and a whole bunch of dirt between them."

Many opinions voiced at the open forum acknowledged the uniqueness of the college, and people expressed their hopes of selecting a candidate who is acutely aware of GBC's situation.

"I don't think we want to change what GBC has been doing. I want someone who continues to work with the technical certificates," former Assemblyman John Carpenter of Elko said. "I also think we should bring the College of Agriculture here."

Greg Brorby, chairman

of Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, said he would prefer a candidate "who has experience in smaller communities, and who has experience with communities that have similar interests, such as agriculture and mining."

Because of the vast space between locations, Geddes said a candidate who is "strong in distance learning and distance education" should be considered highly.

"We need to integrate technical and educational parts of the college," Winnemucca Mayor Di An Putnam said from her city


via satellite broadcast.

The minimum requirements for all candidates will be set by a search committee, though the public is encouraged to share input on requirements.

Brorby would like to broaden the pool of candidates and not exclude any individual who did not have a doctorate degree. "I don't think we should limit the pool to only candidates with PhD's," he said. "We should also consider candidates who have a high level of business experience or legislative experience."

The Board of Regents plans to form a search committee by the end of October.

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Desire2Learn
10-11:30 a.m.

IAV Locations

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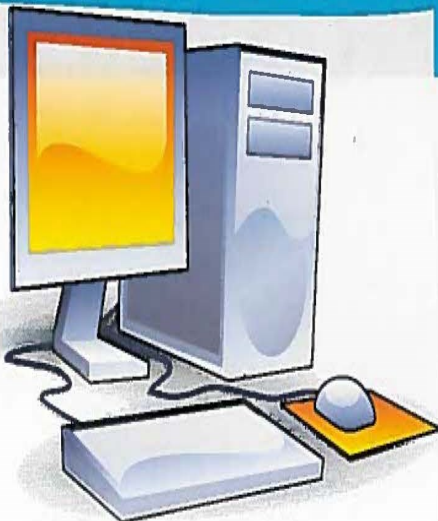
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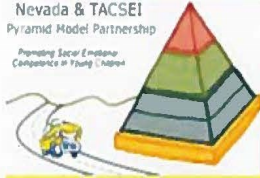
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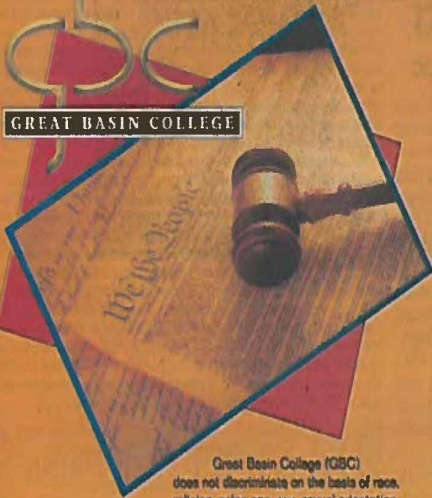


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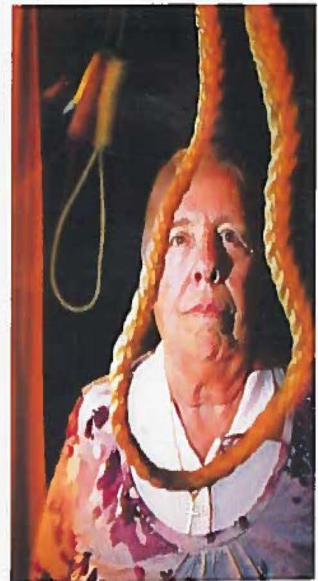
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Oct. 26, 2011

Consultant will help with hiring GBC president

By DYLAN WOOLF
HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO —The Board of Regents has the task of filling not one, but three higher education presidential seats in the state, with vacancies at Great Basin College, Nevada State College, and University of Nevada, Reno.

Much of the Regents' time lately has been spent discussing the hiring process.

Locally, Great Basin College is in the process of forming an Institutional Advisory Committee to help in the search by outlining presidential criteria to submit to a search consultant.

Regents believe hiring a search consultant to do initial screening will be a valuable investment.

Recently at a board meeting a presentation was given to the Regents about the open meeting law in regard to the hiring process. If a college is to do the search on its own, every application becomes public record.

Regent Kevin Melcher explained the dilemma this puts potential candi-

dates in.

"Someone might want to test the waters, but will be dissuaded from entering his or her name because co-workers could find out, and it can cause tension in the workplace," he said.

By hiring a search consultant, all applications will remain private until a set number, determined by the search committee, have made it through the screening process.

At that point, all discussion on the matter will be public records and subject to open meeting laws,

Melcher explained.

The Institutional Advisory Committee, in concert with a subcommittee of six Regents referred to as the President Search Committee, will determine which consulting firm to hire, what qualifications a candidate must have, and how many candidate applications should be presented to the committees by the search consultant.

Melcher expects a search committee to present the applicants by January.

Oct. 26, 2011

Online Driver's Education Classes

Great Basin College's online driver's education classes will begin again Nov. 15.

Students under 18 years of age are now required by the DMV to complete a driver's education course before attaining a Nevada's driver's license.

For more information, call GBC's continuing education department at 753-2202.



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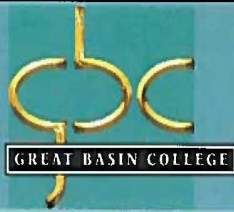
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Drug prevention

College celebrates Red Ribbon Week

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Red ribbons, universal emblems of drug and alcohol awareness, hung off the trees and poles at Great Basin College last week.

Red Ribbon Week is familiar to most in the context of elementary and secondary schools, but Great Basin College also has been participating in the national movement for quite awhile.

"We have done it in the past. It's one of these traditions; we wanted to keep it up," Student President Alex Porter said.

The premise of the Red Ribbon is to raise awareness of drugs and alcohol abuse to the students.

At the elementary and secondary level, the message of Red Ribbon Week is one of resounding abstinence. But to say that college students partake of alcohol in American culture would be a somewhat redundant phrase, so abstinence at a college level might be futile.

Raising awareness of other dangers can still be beneficial. Porter said the



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Great Basin College student body president Alex Porter stands near one of the red ribbons hanging around campus for Red Ribbon Week.

student body's mission is to raise awareness in all types of students and in a variety of methods.

"For people over the age, we want to bring the awareness of the consequences back. It's been years since they've heard about it. And, they can set a good example for the younger students," Porter explained.

"Some people are going to drink and do other stuff," Porter said, "but they should at least be aware of the consequences. If you go to class under the influence you

should know that there could be everlasting consequences."

A more problematic and ubiquitous concern comes when young people under the influence are found behind the wheel; the student government organization brought attention to this as well during Red Ribbon Week.

"On Monday we had a DUI simulator with drunk vision goggles, and then we had a golf cart the students could drive or ride along in," he said. A course was set up in the Student Union Building

and the students attempted to drive the golf cart through it.

"We had state patrol officers doing sobriety test," he added.

Porter said that after students tried the simulator, it might not have shattered previous expectations, "but it did open their eyes a little, and made them think."

A scavenger hunt was organized for Tuesday, which required the students to do a variety of activities including the



Father-daughter ball changes locations

ELKO – Due to the overwhelming success of the first Father and Daughter Ball hosted by Great Basin College Continuing Education, this year's event has moved to a larger venue: The Red Lion Inn Ballroom.

"The girls and their dads had such a wonderful time last year, we wanted to make sure nobody missed out, so we're relocating from the Western Folklife Center to the Red Lion Inn, which can accommodate about 50 more

people," said Angie de Braga, director of continuing education.

The event is Friday night.

"Tickets are selling quickly, so we want everyone to know it is likely the event will be sold out."

Tickets can be purchased in the GBC Continuing Education office in Berg Hall for \$20 per person, and will not be available at the door the evening of the dance.

A professional photographer will begin

taking pictures at 5:30 p.m. that night in the ballroom.

The dance begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.

"We will have goodie bags, prizes, an American Girl doll raffle, and even a dance contest," said Carmen Matlock, organizer of the event. "The ballroom decorations will be beautiful, and Dina Einboden from The Wild Rose Florist has generously donated a custom-designed cake."

For further information, call 753-2202.

Nov. 9, 2011



Father
Daughter
Ball

Second Annual Father-Daughter Ball

ELKO – Great Basin College's Continuing Education presents the second annual semi-formal father and daughter ball "One Enchanted Evening" from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Admission is \$20 per person.

The ball's location has been changed to a larger venue at the Red Lion Ballroom.

Tickets are still available, but limited, at the GBC Continuing Education Office in Berg Hall.

For more information call 753-2202.

Nov. 16, 2011

Father-daughter ball Friday

ELKO – On Friday, Great Basin College is again hosting the Father-Daughter Ball at the Red Lion Hotel & Casino ballroom.

This is a semi-formal event with the theme "One Enchanted Evening." Images Studios will be on hand to take portraits of the couples starting at 5:30 p.m.

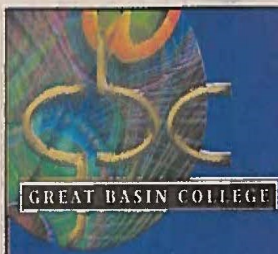
Tickets are available at the Great Basin Continuing Education office in Berg Hall. They are \$20 per person. Call 753-2202 or 753-2231 for information.



Great Basin College
Presents
Elko County College and Career Fair
November 8, 2011

Great Basin College hosted the Elko County College and Career Fair on November 8, 2011. Seniors from Elko, Spring Creek, Owyhee, Jackpot, Wells, Carlin, and West Wendover attended. GBC Tech Prep sponsored Andy Masters, a national speaker from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Andy presented his "highschool2college" talk to the 600 students in attendance. The GBC Millwright Technology students built projects to demonstrate to the seniors. The Millwright students also talked to the seniors about GBC programs and student life. The GBC Electrical Systems Technology Solar car and high performance Go-Cart were also on hand for viewing. A super big thanks to everyone that participated and helped. Kudos to GBC Buildings and Grounds for working very hard and some intense hours getting the Fitness Center ready for the event.





Second Annual
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One Enchanted Evening

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Red Lion Inn Ballroom

Photos by Images Studio starting at 5:30 p.m.
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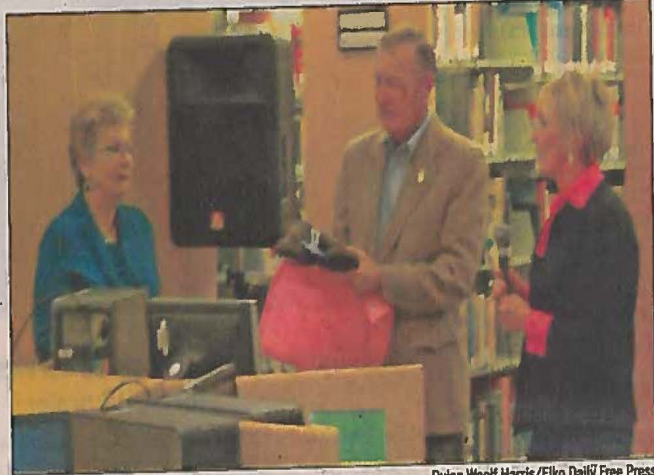
College hosts farewell party for Carl Diekhans

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College sent President Carl Diekhans warmly into retirement as a library full of family, colleagues, community members and students joined in a farewell party.

Guests mingled. A slide show, narrated by colleague and friend Bret Murphy, featured mostly humorous pictures of Diekhans on camping trips and from earlier years in Montana where Diekhans grew up.

Other guests shared fond personal and professional memories of Diekhans. When Diekhans spoke to the gathered group, he humbly deflected the praised comments he had



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GBC Interim President Lynn Mahlberg, left, watches as Carl Diekhans, middle, accepts a pair of retirement slippers from faculty chair Sarah Negrete.

received back onto those among him.

"If I've been successful it's because of the faculty,

staff and students. It's easy to lead when you have good people. I want to thank you," he said.

Regardless, colleagues had overwhelmingly positive things to say about the retired college president.



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Cyd McMullin - Retired GBC professor

"He's one of the few people that's been here longer than I have. He's been valuable at every level. These buildings wouldn't have been built if it weren't for him. He's been tremendously important to this school, and he deserves great accolades."



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Bret Murphy - GBC Dean of Applied Sciences

"I've known Carl on a personal level. He's a great guy, a good friend, good guy to be around. He's helped my career. It's going to be hard to find someone that can do what Carl did. Someone with that much experience with so many circles, like the Legislature, the Board of Regents. He's a good friend."

Nov. 9, 2011

Nov. 16, 2011 **Artist Reception**

ELKO - An artist reception with Trish Reynolds and Marti Bein will be held 5-7 p.m. Thursday in GBC's student center. A gallery of their work titled "Bold Blossoms: Photographs & Paintings" has been on display since Oct. 17.



GBC exceeds Complete College America goals

ELKO - Interim President Lynn Mahlberg announced that Great Basin College had exceeded its stated goal for Complete College America (CCA), in an email to the GBC community. The college had a goal of awarding 374 certificates, associate and

bachelor degrees in 2011. The college's actual number of graduates was 383.

Mahlberg said, "This is good news." She went on to thank the college academic and administrative faculty, support personnel, student government and student

workers. "Thank you for what you do each and every day to educate our students and to facilitate our students' progress in obtaining certificates and degrees. And congratulations to our students for their achievement."

In 2010, GBC awarded 344 certificates and degrees. The 2011 mark of 383 represents more than an 11 percent increase over the previous year.

Complete College America is a national project to significantly increase the number of Americans with a college degree or a credential of value. The program also intends to close the graduation gaps that exist in traditionally non-college graduating populations. The national goal is by 2020, six out of 10 young adults will have a college degree or credential of value.

Currently in Nevada,

among adults aged 24 to 64 just over 30 percent have a college degree. Among the population of adults aged 24 to 34, 28 percent have a college degree. "When students meet their educational goals, it contributes to their own well-being, as well as providing an educated workforce for our local economies and the State of Nevada," Mahlberg said.

Other Nevada System of Higher Education institutions exceeding their goal were the College of Southern Nevada and Truckee Meadows Community College. The entire system fared well. The overall NSHE goal was 10,915 graduates. The actual was 10,582, just 63 graduates shy of its goal.

GBC intends to increase its graduation annually and by 2020 graduate nearly 650 students each year. Nov. 23, 2011

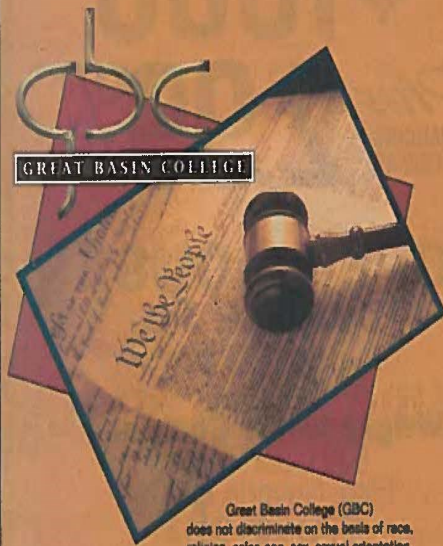
Nov. 16, 2011 **College to perform 'The Good Doctor'**

ELKO - The Great Basin College Little Theatre presents "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon at the GBC Theatre.

Performances will run at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$5 for all GBC students, faculty and staff, and \$8 for all others. Tickets are on sale now at the GBC Controllers office located in Berg Hall on the Elko Campus.





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GBC hosts mentor/mentee art show

ELKO — The work of college art students is finally enconced in the new gallery space in the Leonard Center at Great Basin College.

The debut of the first student show in this building comes with an added bonus. Curator Gail Rappa has intertwined the students' work with that of their instructors. Now, onlookers can see for themselves the great mix of professionalism that the art faculty draws from and understand what the goal of teaching the arts is all about.

"I wanted the public to



Cynthia Delaney/Free Press Correspondent
Digital photography students pose before their art gallery display. From left are Janet Correa, Kallie Rose, Vanessa Cortez, Derek Alger and Melissa Coker.

have the opportunity to view the student work with that of their teachers," said Rappa. "We

have such a great group of gifted instructors who really care about their students' success."

Glowing with a rainbow of colors and a display of design, the exhibition is now open at the Leonard Center until Dec. 8. The reception this season will be on the last day of the show from 5-7 p.m.

Many students and most of the college art instructors will be on hand to discuss their work and spring class offerings. "The Psychedelic Truck," painted earlier in the semester by art appreciation students, will also be on display for the reception night near the amphitheater.

By Cynthia Delaney

DEC. 1, 2011

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Bridging the gap: GBC demonstrates welding simulator

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Heather Steel is hoping the gap between the virtual world and the real is not as large as the curriculum gap currently separating high school agriculture mechanics students and college students seeking technical certification degrees. Steel, Great Basin College's regional tech

prep coordinator, helped organize an ideas workshop for ag mechanic educators in the district and instructors at the college. One demonstration featured at the meeting was a virtual welding station. The welding station simulator allows students to experience virtual welding in a work station with a replica welding mask. Participants dragged a small replica welding rod across a surface attached to the machine. Through the eyepieces participants saw virtual sparks flying and a welding seam in its wake. "It's pretty accurate. It would benefit high school students, beginning first and second year," said Spring Creek High welding



Dylan Woolf Harris/Elko Daily Free Press
Aaron Albusu, welding teacher at Spring Creek High, tests out a welding simulator Friday afternoon at Great Basin College.

instructor Aaron Albusu. A large image projected to a nearby screen and the virtual world seen through the mask was available for spectators waiting their turn. After the welding

bead was created, five color-coded graph lines displayed on the screen, each representing a skill in welding: Position, arc

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length, work angle, travel angle and travel speed.

"Those track five different points of interest," Nathan Flatt, tech sales rep for Lincoln Electric, said, pointing to a projector which tracked the graph lines.

The machine calculates accuracy in those areas of interest and gives a cumulative score out of 100.

"This allows students to compete with each other. It can motivate them," Flatt said.

"An Iowa State study conducted independently stated that [the simulator] increases your learning speed," he said. According to Flatt, the simulator enabled a 42 percent increase in certification for welders.

"It's quick and safe. It's an easy working environment."

Part of the success of any program requires generating interest in potential students, and Flatt believes his company's product helps create a buzz.

"It's a big attention getter for your program. Every time we have one of these set up at a conference we have the longest lines," he said. He suggested students too timid to try welding might not be as intimidated by a virtual alternative, which can be used as an introduction to the profession.

Though the welding simulator was the highlight attraction, the meeting wasn't simply to push a product but to discuss the future of the ag mechanics curriculum.

"We brought together all the high schools in the area and all the GBC tech programs and discussed the current curriculum and how we could improve it," Steel said.

The talks were a preliminary step. Steel didn't divulge any of the specifics but said the purpose of improving the curriculum is to make the transition for a high schooler with a penchant for ag mechanics to a certified degree as smoothly as possible.

"The State Department of Education is redefining the standards in the ag mechanic curriculum at the high school level. We would like to see a performance aspect," Steel said.

Steel indicated the new welding simulator could be used in assessing students.

If the school district and the college pooled resources, the two could co-own a machine and alternate using it.

"It's got only one problem," said Albusu, "the price."

Each unit costs up to \$50,000. At that price, it is likely that only one could be purchased for the area, making it hard to use as an assessment tool for the many students who would need to use it.

Maybe more significant was an idea expressed by more than one person throughout the demonstration: The simulator is a great tool, only in conjunction with a real welding station, reminding us that the realities simulators have produced are illusions that haven't been able to replace the real thing. Not yet anyway.

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"[The meeting] has helped out a lot. Originally, I was completely against [the fee increase], but now I see there are some uses for the extra money they are going to get out of us. I still feel there is a lot that needs to be tweaked out to be completely correct for everyone," said Alger.

A few ideas surfaced during the meeting, but students seemed to hear one prominent reoccurring point: "Don't forget the satellite campuses."

Great Basin College is unique in its scope because of the satellite sites in rural areas covering 62,000 miles, according to Porter. The student meeting was broadcast to four other GBC campuses in Winnemucca, Pahrump, Ely and Battle Mountain.

Students from those areas wanted to make sure their needs were being addressed with the fee increase.

"Putting tutors at each site would be extremely beneficial," said Donavon Howell from Battle Mountain. "Or, extending the hours of the current tutors."

"It's in agreement that the off-centers want more help with peer mentors and advisers and other services, so that Elko isn't getting all the help," Pawelek said.

Porter suggested adding more tutors to the proposed plan. As written, the plan allocates money for one part-time tutor.

"Maybe we could hire two tutors at another site. I don't think it's fair to say Battle Mountain needs it most or Pahrump needs it most," Porter said.

If student enrollment does not increase or decrease, the 8 percent fee will net an additional \$321,000 for the college.

The proposed plan did not leave any of that money unspent, which means if additions to the proposal are to be made, other ideas would need to be cut.

Students at the meeting suggested cutting one, or perhaps both, of the pro-

posed part-time academic advisers, who according to the proposal would net \$58,000 together.

Students held a similar meeting on Monday. During that meeting, satellite sites suggested adding a mobile bookstore.

Porter told the students because the bookstore was an independent company this money would not go toward that; however, looking at a mobile bookstore is something he believes the college will consider next time it bids for bookstore contracts.

Others students were concerned that the duties of a part-time student success coach might overlap with a full-time student retention specialist.

GBC President Lynn Mahlberg clarified the position of retention specialist last week.

"It's very important that we have retention in place. This position will focus it. Right now, each department at the college focuses on retention. We want to hire one person to exclusively work with student retention," she said.

Mahlberg explained that student success coaches show students around campus and introduce them to the services provided.

"We want to get students familiar and comfortable with campus. This will be student workers. Sometimes students are more comfortable asking other students questions about the school," she said.

"With my previous conversation with President Mahlberg, I do expect a positive response ... I do expect her to at least listen and consider what I bring to her," Porter said.

"I feel that if we bring this to her, she'll be very open to it," said Pawelek.

Regent Kevin Melcher commented on the importance of reaching a balance with student fees and programs.

"Nobody wants students to pay more, but things need to be funded," Melcher said.

A 5 percent increase

College Purse Strings

Students voice where they want fee hike spent

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College students agreed that if class fees were to be increased, they wanted to voice where the money was to be spent.

"The Board was adamant about students having a say. But we are in a time crunch and the proposal needs to be in before the next board meeting," said student body president Alex Porter.

Great Basin College student government organized two meetings for the student body to express their concerns about the 8 percent fee increases.

Students from around the state voiced their opinions at the meeting, asking Regents to not increase fees or hold off the decision for a later meeting after they had time to discuss the implications.

Regents passed the increase at the last Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents meeting.

Students at Great Basin College agreed with the sentiment of students from across the state.

"Ultimately we want to see no increases at all. I don't want to have to pay the added fees," said Shay Pawelek, student body vice president.

"I disagree with the fee increase in any form, but now that we're going to have it one way or another, I figured I might as well see exactly where it is going and



Shay Pawelek, vice president of the Student Government Association at Great Basin College, attends a student meeting discussing fee increases and where the money will be heading. Pawelek sits in front of a video show students from GBC satellite campuses.

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give my input," Derek Alger, student body senator, said.

However, after students saw the proposal for how the money was to be spent, and were given the opportunity to voice their

opinions regarding the fees, they warmed to the idea.

"In the beginning, I kind of felt like they were just trying to take our money and we didn't get asked if we wanted an 8 per-

cent increase, but I realized I kind of do need that money student body senator Ashl Harp said.

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"I encourage students to

apply for financial aid. There are a lot of scholarships. There are merit-based scholarships as well as need-based scholarships," she said.

Full reports on each institution's allocation of money will be given at the Board of Regents meeting Jan. 20.

Before the 8 percent increase was passed, Melcher stipulated the importance of discussing how the money will be spent.

"I asked that presidents gather input, from not only students but faculty as

well, and decide as institutions where the money goes," he said.

GBC Faculty Senate Chair Sarah Negrete said she sent the proposed plan to the faculty and asked for input. Fee money will allow the school to hire one full-time science faculty instructor.

"The students will have some services back in, which is a good thing," Negrete said. "All pieces help other pieces. Students need advisers, we need to make sure we retain our ability to teach those students," she said.

According to Plans need to be by early January to Board of Regents.

Because organ holding the meeti needed to occur b semester finished with the frenzy of only about a dozen students were able to Tuesday's meetin

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wouldn't allow any growth. A 0 percent increase would likely mean more cuts. The 8 percent increase allows the school to invest in some student services and bring back a few positions that were lost due to the last wave of budget cuts, Melcher explained.

"It all depends on how you look at it," Melcher said. "Some students were saying it was a tax, or is it an investment?"

At the Regents' meeting, some students expressed a concern that the increased fee would be a deterrent for students contemplating furthering their education.

But, 15 percent of the total money from the fee increases will go toward financial aid and more than \$45,000 will be specifically allocated for merit-based student access, such as scholarships. Mahlberg suggested students concerned about the financial impact apply for a scholarship through the school.



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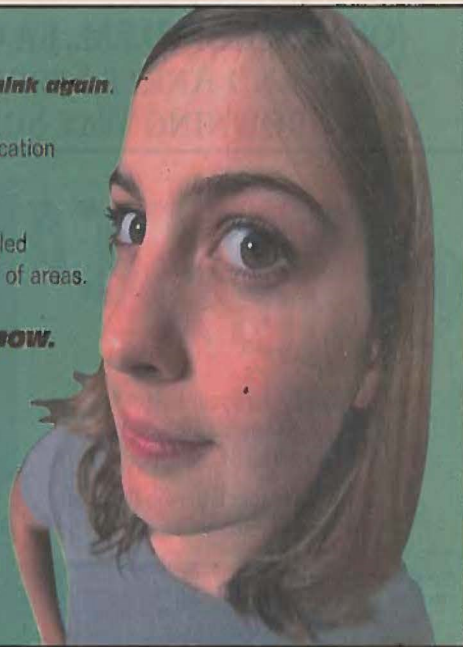
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GBC student registration has begun

ELKO – Although there are still leaves to be raked in rural Nevada, there are definite signs of the coming spring.

Students can now register for Spring, 2012 courses online or at campuses throughout Great Basin College's service area. According to college officials, the process is simple.

According to GBC Chief Development Officer John Patrick Rice students can register a couple of different ways.

"The simplest way is to log on to our website at www.gbcnv.edu and

follow the easy steps on the "MyGBC Self-Service Center" to register online. Or, students may stop by campuses and centers in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely, Pahrump or Winnemucca," said Rice.

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," he said.

"[Advisors] 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."

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 student financial services office to find ways to finance your education," said Rice.

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 online distance learning classrooms. Studying online gives a student a considerable amount of flexibility. Evening and weekend classes are also available.

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

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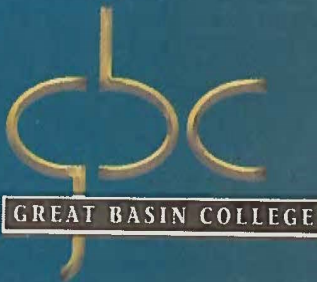


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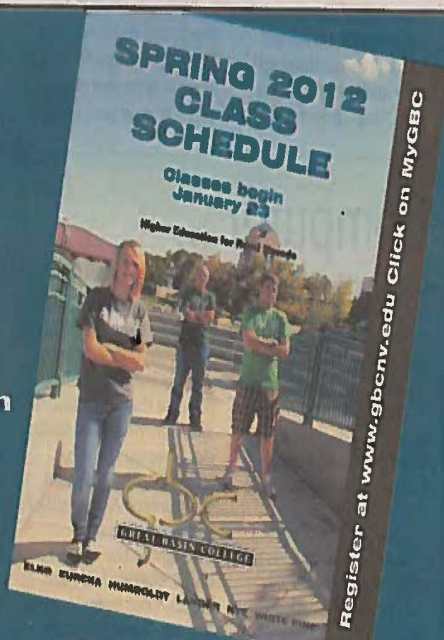
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Advisement

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CTE Instruction Begins January 3

Faculty Return January 11

Fees Payable January 17
All fees must be received by the Controller's Office no later than 5 p.m. After this date, fees for walk-in and Internet registration are due and payable at the time of registration. Late fees will be assessed.

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Instruction Begins January 23

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For more information contact Heather Steel, 775.753.2303.

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Jan, 11, 2012



DR. TERRY DOYLE

Dr. Terry Doyle is an author, educational consultant and Professor of Reading at Ferris State University where he has worked for the past 35 years. From 1998 to 2009, he served as the Senior Instructor for Faculty Development. He also served as the Program Coordinator for the Ferris State Faculty Transition Program for Teaching and Learning. During the last five years, Dr. Doyle has worked with faculty from 50 different colleges and universities across the United States focusing on the development of learner-centered teaching practices. Dr. Doyle has also consulted with university faculty in Taiwan and South Korea.

Dr. Doyle has presented over 60 workshops on teaching and learning topics at national and international conferences since 2000. He was the keynote speaker at Virginia Tech University and the Lilly Conference in 2011.

Dr. Doyle authored the book, *Learner Centered Teaching: Putting the Research on Learning into Practice* published by Stylus in 2011 and *Helping Students Learn in a Learner Centered Environment: A Guide to Teaching in Higher Education*, published by Stylus in 2008. He co-authored the book *New Faculty Transition: An Ideal Program* published in 2004.

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Keynote Address ***The One Who Does the Work Does the Learning***

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Time: 8:15 – 9:30 AM

Place: GTA 130 — Interactive Video to all GBC sites

Description: This session explores what neuroscience, biology and cognitive science can tell us about teaching and learning and how it can be applied in our classrooms and online.

Break: 9:30 – 9:45 AM

Breakout Session ***Moving from Teller to Facilitator of Learning***

Date: 1/17/2012

Time: 9:45 – 10:45 AM

Place: GTA 130 — Interactive Video to all GBC sites

Description: This session will focus on a step-by-step process for creating a classroom environment that will facilitate learning through student engagement.



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Jan. 25, 2012

Flag View sixth-graders go climbing

By DYLAN WOOLF Harris
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Sixth-graders looked up an artificial rock wall thinking about literature.

Students at Flag View Intermediate School went climbing last Friday, in conjunction with the young adult novel, "Climb or Die."

"It's a story about a brother and sister who have to make a decision to climb a mountain to get to a weather station to call for help," Lynette Vega, sixth-grade reading teacher at Flag View Elementary School said.

"They had vocabulary words from the book. Then we did some research on Mount Everest, and then they wrote, their own newsletter about Mount Everest and they turned out really well."

Students of Vega's reading classes who read the book, finished the project, and didn't have any behavior issues were rewarded with a rock climb. Part of the reason Vega organized the field trip was so students could relate to the characters in the novel.

"I could feel what they are going through," said sixth-grader Nathaniel Davis said.

Aries Romero, sixth-grader at Flag View, agreed that the rock climbing experience was a good way to relate to the text.

"It was very interesting," Aries said of the novel. "It made me excited that I am able to come here and climb here."

Luckily for the students, they didn't have to climb an actual snowcapped mountain.

That isn't to say the task was

without its difficulties. When asked about nerves, most students weren't too proud to admit among their peers the nerves they felt for climbing the wall.

The rock wall at Great Basin College is an artificial face, slightly sloped, with attached handholds. Depending on where a climber begins his or her ascent determines the difficulty of the climb.

"It was scary at some point, but once I was down it was fun," sixth-grader Kylee Kinzie said. It was so fun in fact that she climbed the wall two additional times.

Kylee also said she was excited to try climbing after reading the book and doing the book project.

"You think you will slip and hyperventilate," said Nathaniel, "But I liked it a lot."

"For a lot of the kids, this is the first time they've tried something like this," said Annie Hicks, music teacher at Flag View. Hicks is also an adjunct rock-climbing teacher at GBC with her husband Brandon.

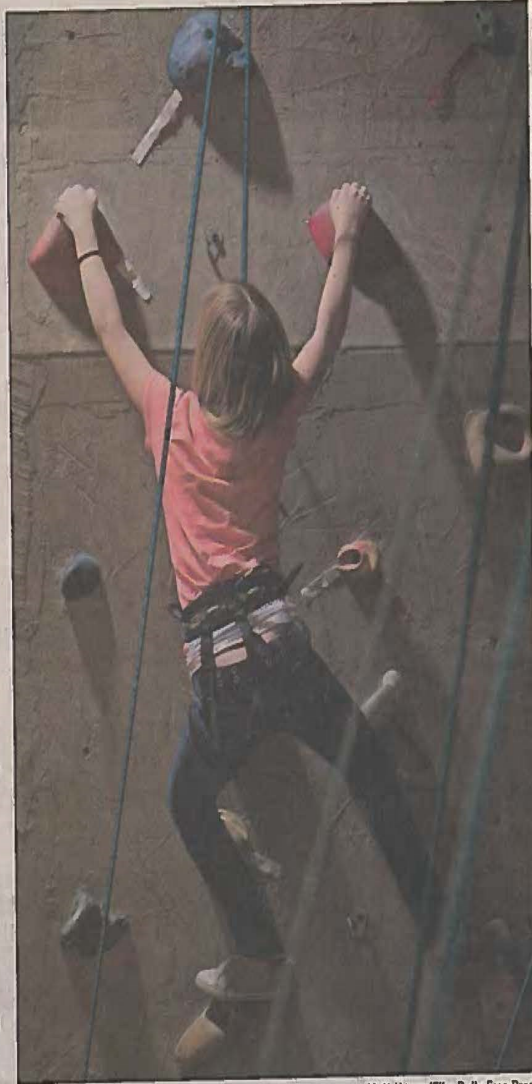
"It is a lot of fun for students," Hicks said.

She helped set up the event and organized volunteers of former students and friends to belay the climbers. And the students accepted the challenge.

"I feel like I can conquer this is little bit," Aries said before getting harnessed up.

"I wanted to thank the college for letting us do this," Vega said.

This week, the students will have another activity for the unit in which a mountaineer will come speak to the students.



Matt Unrau/Elko Daily Free Press
Flagview Elementary sixth-grader, Kylee Kinzie, scales a rock wall at Great Basin College. Kylee was on a class field trip Friday morning.

GBC narrows criteria for new president

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ZEKO — The search for Great Basin College's president has begun.

Former President Carl Diekhans retired in November, and Lynn Mahlberg is filling in as interim president until July 1 when a new college president is scheduled to begin.

In the meantime, candidate criteria is to be set, applications collected, and the candidate pool narrowed.

The first meeting with Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents' Search Committee, the Institutional Advisory Committee, and Marti Cizek, senior consultant of Cizek Associates Inc. was held Friday at Great Basin College to discuss qualifications wanted in a college president.

The consultant company was hired by Regents to weed the candidate number down to a workable number.

"It is very clear they want someone who understands the area, understands the vastness of the size, the differences of



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Continued from front page the communities, the difference between Pahrump and Ely and Winnemucca and Battle Mountain," Regent Kevin Melcher said of the participants in last week's meeting.

GBC is based in Elko and often described as "unique" because of its satellite sites located in those four towns, with a student body stretching across 62,000 square miles.

Melcher said an understanding of technology was another qualification voiced at the meeting. Because of the distance between GBC centers, the college utilizes satellite video and a large selection of online classes.

A draft of the presidential prospectus, synthesized by Cizek, listed "demonstrated leadership experience, experience in a higher education environment, master's degree; earned doctorate from a regionally accredited institution preferred, demonstrated commitment to diversity, and post-secondary teaching experience preferred," as qualifications, but the list is subject to change.

"Most people want the same thing," Melcher said. However, some discussion was made Friday about the minimum requirements Cizek should consider.

"Some people wanted (a doctorate) required," Melcher said. However, after some discussion, a decision was reached that the position should be doctoral degree preferred.

"[Cizek] said, 'Look, I'm not going out there to search for people who don't have their doctorate. I'm going to be out there looking at doctoral candidates. ... however if some candidate pops up somewhere who is just short of their doctorate, but they have skills ... I might bring that person to you and say, 'Is this someone you might be interested in?'" Melcher said.

"What you don't want to do is limit yourself by the criteria you establish," said Melcher. "One of the examples is this: If you say 10 years of experience in college leadership is required.

Well, what if you've got someone who is coming up and just dynamite, and they've got nine? When you put that in — 10 required. Someone who really knows what they're looking for sees that and thinks, 'I've got nine, I'm not qualified,'" said Melcher.

After Friday's meeting, Cizek compiled the ideas and took out some ambiguous or redundant language and created a presidential prospectus. However, she isn't done collecting input.

Next week, Cizek, chauffeured by Melcher, will visit the sites and hold forums so residents can voice what they want in a college president. Meetings in Elko are tentatively scheduled from 9 a.m. - noon Tuesday at GBC.

"It is important she understands the area she is recruiting for," he said.

Cizek also has a questionnaire for residents, faculty and students to fill out asking about the direction of GBC's future and opportunities and challenges the college faces.

The West is not foreign to Cizek, who is based out of Arizona, which is partly why her company was selected to conduct the search, as well as her previous work records with the Regents.

"She knows the West. She knows Nevada System of Higher Education. She did the last search at College of Southern Nevada. She is real genuine," Melcher said, adding, "She is a horse person."

More information on GBC's presidential search, visit www.gbcnv.edu/search.



Feb. 1, 2012



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GBC art magazine calls on community for submissions

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Budding artists, writers, photographers, creators of all kinds — those too timid to submit pieces to national magazines — have a local outlet, which Lori Minter hopes will invite local talent.

"Beginning artists feel uncomfortable submitting their stuff, but we all started there, and what better way to learn?" Minter said.

Great Basin College's ICE committee has been annually publishing *Argentum*, a literary and art magazine, but for the first time has broadened the scope of submissions.

"Basically we've always accepted submissions from students, staff and faculty," Minter said. Now, *Argentum* is being opened up to community members.

"The only restriction is that they be 18 years old," Minter said.

She said GBC faculty senate decided this year to allow



Dylan Woolf Harris/Elko Daily Free Press
Past issues of *Argentum*, Great Basin College's literary and arts magazine, are displayed on a table in the college's old Cafe X.

community members to publish their works in the issue. "It's going to be really exciting," Minter said. "[The ICE committee's] whole mission is to bring music,

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art, film to Elko, which we all admit is geographically lated, and give the public the opportunity to experience art," Minter said.

Argentum serves two purposes. The magazine allows community members to read or view otherwise unpublished pieces, but also provides local, amateur or professional artists a venue for getting their work out there tangible page.

"Plus, when I pick this up as a community member, a student, whatever, I'm being exposed to art," Minter said. "Art is there to trigger our imagination, to inspire us, to make us think outside of the box. It opens up a world."

"I personally can't imagine living in a world without images and music and film that makes me think in a new way. And that's what happens when you pick up a magazine about art. You are exposed to stuff that might not have been exposed to," she said.

Once all submissions are collected, a team of judges will select the pieces for the magazine.

"We have community judges and it will be a blind selection process," Minter said. This means no names are attached to the pieces as they are being judged. "It's all going to be judged based on merit."

Local published author Richard Hooton has helped judge submissions in the past and is likely to again. Minter said other artists will be judges as well, though they aren't finalized yet.

Minter said she is still looking in the area and outside state, for an affordable place to have the magazine printed this year, and isn't sure yet who will be selected. Despite tighter budgets, Minter expects the issue to be as good as those of years past and hopes the magazine can bring enlightenment to all its readers.

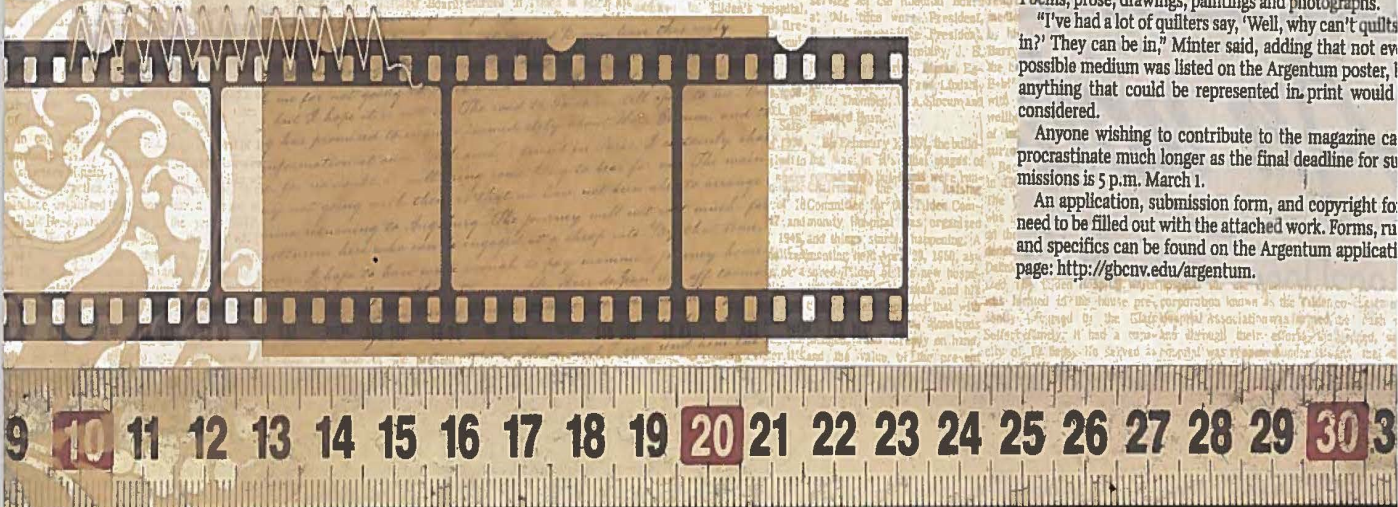
"I know arts organizations are hurting because of economics," Minter said. "But it seems to me that times are tough and you're worried about jobs, and stressing, art also performs that function of getting away — bringing you to a different place and letting you focus on beauty instead of all that stuff that we worry about."

Argentum accepts submissions from all walks of art: Poems, prose, drawings, paintings and photographs.

"I've had a lot of quilters say, 'Well, why can't quilts be in?' They can be in," Minter said, adding that not every possible medium was listed on the *Argentum* poster, but anything that could be represented in print would be considered.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the magazine can procrastinate much longer as the final deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. March 1.

An application, submission form, and copyright form need to be filled out with the attached work. Forms, rules and specifics can be found on the *Argentum* application page: <http://gbcnv.edu/argentum>.



Feb. 23, 2012

Boogie, banquet



GBC Foundation sends community thanks with a dinner dance

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — As residents promenaded on the dance floor and sway to live music Saturday night, they'll likely appreciate the opportunity — dressed to the nines — of a night out with friends.

And that's precisely why the foundation organized the evening: as a gesture of gratitude.

Great Basin College Foundation's annual dinner dance is scheduled 6 p.m. Saturday at the Elko Convention Center. This year's theme is "Celebrate!"

"It's a great opportunity for the college and the foundation to be able to thank the community. ... It's not a fundraiser. It's a thank you for what folks do," John Patrick Rice, executive director of the GBC Foundation, said.

As a sign of thanks, the foundation is hosting its annual dinner dance, which Rice described as "a singular event" for the community.

"It's the one real dress up dinner and dance event of the year in the community," Rice said. "This is the

Top: Jim Winer, left, and Amaya Ormaza-Winer dance at a previous year's GBC Foundation dinner dance with other dancers and the Joe Muscolino Band in the background. Great Basin College Foundation hosts its annual dinner dance 6 p.m. Saturday at the Elko Convention Center. This year's theme is "Celebrate!"

time of year to get together in the middle of winter and be with friends."

Regardless of whether or not Elko sees a strong snowfall stick this season, the evening is an opportunity for residents to put on their best, socialize and dance.

"It's a terrific opportunity for people to dance.

We just don't get enough chances to dance," Rice said.

The night begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., and dinner being served around 7. While participants mingle between doors and dinner, attendees will have an opportunity to talk to students — many of whom are ben-

eficiaries of scholarships from donors.

"We've got a half dozen student groups that will be in the lobby talking to our guests about our programs and the advantages that their programs have brought to their lives. They'll be talking about

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two other important milestones. This coming fall marks the 45 year anniversary of the opening of the college. GBC Foundation is celebrating its 30th year.

"The inaugural event, a yard sale, netted \$3,000," Rice stated in a foundation release.

In the interim, the foundation raised more than \$30 million.

However, the entrance costs for Saturday evening basically cover costs, Rice said, and the purpose is to show gratitude to the community and supporters of both the college and the foundation.

GBC Foundation has a lot to thank the community for in terms of finan-

cial support, but it has also helped align goals of the colleges with communities the school services.

GBC Foundation recently embarked on a project called Vision 2020 which gathered input from the opinion leaders in the college's communities regarding local economies, education, health care and general well being.

Through the gathered information, the foundation recognized four areas to focus its efforts: scholarships, institutional sustainability, health sciences and new and emerging technologies.

Sponsors of the evening are Barrick Gold of North America and Newmont

Mining Corp., Wells Fargo Northeast Nevada Regi Hospital, Gallagher For Stephen Price, Elko Fed Credit Union and Stockmen's Hotel & G Wirtz Beverage Nevada supplying every table w couple bottles of wine.

GBC Foundation is "separate non-profit entity whose sole purpose is to support the students and mission Great Basin College," stated its website.

Tickets cost \$65 p person and are still available. For information contact the foundation 753-2326 or visit the offices in McMullen at the GBC Elko Can

Continued from front page scholarships they've received and how the support the foundation receives from the community has really helped them to achieve what they've set out to achieve as students," Rice said.

One such group of students will be from the college's Skills U.S.A. Club who are typically from the career and technical education department.

"Students are bringing their solar powered car, so people can see it and talk to the students about what they're doing," Rice said.

A pianist will play ambient music in the lobby while cocktails are served.

Dinner, catered by Machi's, is scheduled to be served at 7 p.m.

"I think dinner will be done by 8 or 8:30 and then the band will play on until everybody goes home," Rice said. "Normally there is a good crowd of dancers there until midnight."

The Joe Muscolino Band, made up of six members this year, will provide the dance music.

"They play big band music," Rice said. "They're great. People really like them. They play music from contemporary to big band jazz standards."

The band has a de facto standing gig to play at the foundation's dance. Rice said they have been performing for more than a decade.

The evening itself is at least twice as old.

"It's actually been going on for more than 20 years in one form or another," Rice said. "It used to be a Mardi Gras celebration."

Over the years, the event has morphed into the dinner dance.

This year's dance marks

GBC looks to expand but limited by budget

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

Feb. 25, 2012

ELKO — Lately, higher education in the state is under a lot of pressure to make due with less.

Budgets, programs, faculty size, employee benefits, they've all shrunk. Meanwhile, northeastern Nevada's mining industry is expanding and in need of skilled workers, which Great Basin College can provide.

This catch-22 was brought up at an interactive media town hall meeting Thursday evening hosted by Jason Geddes and Kevin Page, the chairman and vice chairman of the Board of Regents.

"The demand for our students has increased significantly. We're trying to expand our program and yet, we have no budget to do that," Bret Murphy, dean of applied sciences at GBC, said at the meeting.

"Our technical programs teach these skills to

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Continued from front page students to make them employable," Murphy said in an interview on Friday. "But, we can't expand to the level they need." GBC offers certified degrees in diesel, industrial millwright, welding, electrical, and instrumentation programs.

"(We're) trying to deliver what we've always delivered, excellent programs, and students are employable and they get good paying jobs," said Murphy. "I pride myself on our programs. These students are able to go out and make a living for themselves and their families, and we teach them to do that. I think that's awesome, but in order for me to do that and continue doing that with any kind of quality, it's tough."

The demands of simultaneously trying to meet the needs of the local economy, and supporting programs with a diminishing budget, all while keeping faculty moral up is challenging.

"It's a hostile situation for the college," said Murphy.

GBC is looking to expand its diesel program. Currently, the school offers two sections of the class and will soon be adding a third. Money is



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press

Great Basin College faculty listen on campus to a live broadcast Thursday of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Town Hall meeting.

even available to hire an instructor, but "we don't have enough money in increased budget to run the program ... We had two sections now, and we'll have three with the same budget," Murphy said.

Adding to the problem of trying to meet local industries' needs, retaining faculty to teach students the necessary skills has compounded the problem.

The diesel program is currently looking to fill two open positions.

Murphy said he recently lost an instructor because the benefits package no longer provided the necessary care for the instructor's family's medical needs.

"Because of our insurance that we have, it was a big factor (in the instructor leaving)," Murphy said.

Hiring replacement instructors has been challenging for GBC because candidates seeking teaching jobs have the exact qualifications the mines are also seeking in a potential hire. The mines have leverage with significantly better salary and benefit packages.

"As I sit down with these candidates and talk with them about placing them on the salary schedule and then tell them ... you have to take a 4.6 percent cut, and then I explain the benefits to them, and they say the benefit package is not very good. I have a hard time defending that," Murphy

said at the town hall meeting.

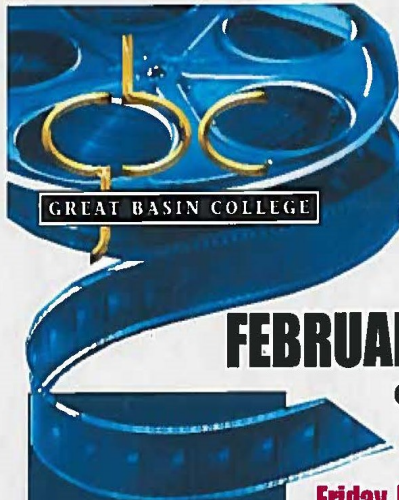
The purpose of the town hall meeting was to collect input from the state's colleges that could help shape future Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents agendas.

Geddes addressed Murphy's concern, saying presidents can hire outside of the salary range, and every board meeting regents approve such salaries based on certain criteria of critical need.

Murphy said on Friday hiring above the salary scale was a possible solution for filling the positions, but it certainly wouldn't be possible to increase every salary and it would negatively affect current employees who remain stuck in the salary scale with a possible raise being six years down the road.

"Yeah I could go above the scale, but now I'm going to pay this new person more than these (other instructors). How does it make the rest of the faculty feel?" he said.

Other concerns brought up during the town hall meeting dealt with the funding formula the Nevada System of Higher Education is looking at revising, consolidating the college's satellite sites and an overall look at the employee benefits package.



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Friday, February 10 7:00 p.m.

***My Name Is Khan* (PG-13) (2010)**

Rizwan Khan, a Muslim from India, marries a Hindu single mother, Mandira, in San Francisco. He is detained at LAX after 9/11, by authorities who mistake his Asperger's Syndrome as suspicious behavior. Rizwan then travels to meet President Obama on a quest to clear his name.

Back by popular demand—tonight is DINNER and a MOVIE NIGHT! For an extra charge, come early and enjoy dinner before the film. Reservations required. Please call GBC at 738.8493 after January 10 for more information.



Saturday, February 11 4:00 p.m.

Short Shorts

This is a matinee showing of short films from our local Boys & Girls Club. There is no charge to attend this program. Please come out and support our budding local filmmakers. Donations to the Boys & Girls are welcome.



Saturday, February 11 7:00 p.m.

***Life in a Day* (PG-13) (2011)**

Amateur and professional filmmakers were invited to chronicle a single day in their lives—July 24, 2010. Their 80,000 submissions, 4,500 hours of footage from 192 countries, were blended together in this film, capturing what it means to be a person in the world today.



Friday, March 2 7:00 p.m.

***The Flyboys* (PG-13) (2008)**

This film is based on an actual incident from 2004. It tells the story of how two boys accidentally stow away on a mob-owned airplane, and end up landing the plane on an Arizona highway. It has won audience favorite (Jackson Hole, Omaha, and Sedona Film Festivals) and jurors' choice (Durango and Omaha Film Festivals) awards in multiple film festivals. It has not been released in theaters and is not available on DVD. The only way you can see this charming film in Elko is at the GBC Film Festival!



Friday, March 3 7:00 p.m.

***The Artist* (PG-13) (2011)**

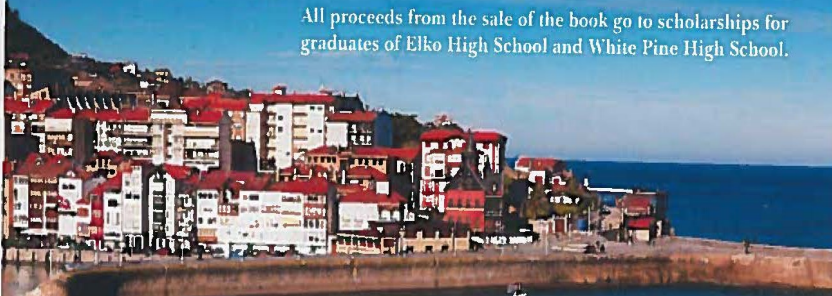
This modern-day silent film takes place in Hollywood, 1927. It contrasts the end of the career of a silent-screen movie star with his lover's rising popularity in "talkies." It's forecast to receive multiple Academy Award nominations.



Last minute film changes may be necessary

Book Signing at Great Basin College

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to scholarships for graduates of Elko High School and White Pine High School.



Please join us for dessert and discussion with Elko native, Vince Juaristi, moderated by Lori Gilbert of Elko Broadcasting KENY-TV. Vince currently serves as CEO and President of Arbola, Inc., a management consulting and technology company headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. Since graduating from John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Vince has volunteered for several non-profits and served to further education and government projects for Presidents Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Recently, he founded the Juaristi Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to young people in Elko and White Pine Counties.

Thursday, March 8

7-8:30 p.m.

Back to

in the Solarium

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GBC Controller's Office, Berg Hall



College highlights social work

ELKO – Recognizing the critical importance of professional social workers in the community, the Great Basin College Social Work Program will celebrate National Social Work Month with an orientation and introduction to the college Social Work program on Thursday.



The event begins at 5:30 p.m. in Greenhaw Technical Arts Center on the Elko campus, and will be broadcast via interactive video to GBC centers in Battle Mountain, Ely, Pahrump, Tonopah and Winnemucca.

GBC partnered with the University of Nevada, Reno in 2006 in a unique 3+1 program of study. The first three years of the program are offered by GBC. The final year is held on the GBC campus, but instruction is delivered by professors from UNR.

Once the program is complete, students receive their degree from UNR.

Nearly 50 students have graduated from the program since its inception, helping to fill a void in social services in rural Nevada.

According to a statement from GBC Social Work Professor Wendy Chariebois, the majority of students have found employment.

"Opportunities are being filled with the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, the Division of Aging, and with nonprofit organizations throughout the GBC service area," she said. "Some graduates choose to continue their education in graduate school."

The Division of Labor estimates by the year 2020 there will be need for at least 60,000 more social workers across the nation to work with the elderly, children and families and substance abuse clients.

The GBC/UNR program includes an internship opportunity.

Once the program is completed, graduates are eligible to sit for the Nevada State Board of Examiners Social Work Examination.

Those who pass the examination successfully, can practice social work in a professional setting.

For information on the event contact Chariebois at 753-2466.

Mar. 21, 2012

College helps feed the hungry

ELKO – Faculty, staff and students of Great Basin College generously donated nearly 400 pounds of food to the Communities In Schools of Northeastern Nevada Hunger Prevention Program as part of their "Edibles for Education" campaign.

With the initial idea for this program stemming from a moving presentation given by Lynette MacFarlan, CIS board member, last October during the CIS "Tiny Tastes of Heaven" Awareness Event, Laurie Walsh, anthropology professor at GBC, was moved to action in support of the numbers of local children who face hunger daily.

Walsh met with the Student Government Association, classified staff, faculty senate and other campus entities to not only encourage the donation of 400 pounds of food along with the GBC drawstring bags that were given to children through schools in Elko County, but also to raise awareness regarding the reality of hunger locally.

Members of the Student Government Association, Walsh and Lynette MacFarlan joined forces in February to pack the bags, according to GBC.

Amber Overholser, program coordinator for Communities In Schools' Hunger Prevention program, recognized that Margaret Mead said it best when she said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Overholser went on to say, "The 'Edibles for Education' campaign is exactly that – being moved to action for positive change. We appreciate all that GBC has done for CIS now and in the past. Thank you, Dr. Walsh, and thank you, Great Basin College."

March 7, 2012

March 21, 2012

BLUEPRINT for the FUTURE



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press
Great Basin College Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice stands Tuesday in front of The Paul and Gwen Leonard Center for Student Life. The center recently received a \$1.6 million renovation and addition thanks to the Leonards. Paul Leonard was a newspaper editor in Ely, Reno and Carson City after getting his start as a reporter with the Elko Daily Free Press.

GBC Foundation begins new campaign

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College Foundation is under way with a campaign that Executive Director John Patrick Rice called “the most ambitious to date.”

“Vision 2020” is allocating money into focused projects, based on community input.

GBC Foundation has raised an average of more than \$1 million per year for the last 30 years to help support the college, and has seen many successes since the first fundraising project — a yard sale —

netted its first \$3,000. Roughly \$3 million later, the foundation can look back on many substantial successes.

In the mid 1990s, GBC, then known as Northern Nevada Community College, changed its name and — in the years following — its face.

The foundation secured a Donald W. Reynolds grant to renovate the interior of the campus. However, the donation hinged on the foundation's ability to raise an additional \$1 mil-

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VISION 2020

- Scholarships
- Emerging opportunities
- Sustainability
- Health sciences

Editor's note: See the Schools section each Wednesday in the Elko Daily Free Press for subsequent articles in the coming weeks on each of the four elements in Great Basin College Foundation's "Vision 2020" campaign.

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lion to be used as an endowment for maintenance on the property, Rice said. The money was raised and thus the college added a clock tower, outdoor amphitheater, waterway and landscaping.

These additions corresponded with the start-up of the college's first bachelor's-degree programs, he said.

“It's important to students to study on a campus that is inspiring,” Rice said. “When we raised the bar in terms of our academic offering, we knew we needed to raise the bar in terms of what our campus looked like. This was one of the things that marked the beginning of Great Basin College (under its new name).”

GBC's Electrical and Industrial Technology Building was built and opened in 2008 after funding was secured.

“We had a terrific community initiative that helped to fund the EIT building,” Rice said. “The foundation, with the help of members throughout the community, the

mining community — as well as vendors who support the mining community — got together and raised a half million dollars to secure funding for that building. ... That was a real success.”

Career and Technical program classrooms, as well as the Academic Success Center, are located in the EIT building.

“Most recently, the foundation funded the transformation of (GBC's) community center to the Leonard Center for Student Living,” said Rice.

Paul and Gwen Leonard, longtime supporters of higher education, had a fondness for the college and made a substantial donation for the purpose of renovating the student center, Rice said.

The project cost \$1.6 million and was completed in September 2010, according to Free Press records.

“It created a terrific center for student life with a cafeteria, a game room. It really helps with its adjacency to the theater and the fitness center. It's a great spot for students,”

Rice said. The center also houses student government offices and lounge areas.

Rice stressed the importance of business and individual community support, and the foundation's appreciation.

“We really have broad-based support. It goes beyond businesses,” he said. “The participation of our trustees and employees is extremely high ... The people that are closely involved care about what we are doing.”

While the foundation can be proud of the accomplishments of yesterday, it is looking forward.

For Vision 2020, the foundation decided to gather input from stakeholders in all the communities served by GBC. Rice and former GBC President Carl Diekhans hosted community summits where residents were asked about the current state of their communities and in which areas the college could assist.

Residents were asked about general well-being, economic, educational,

and health care needs.

Questionnaires were returned, and Rice and Diekhans also tried to answer questions and take note of suggestions.

The foundation compiled the information in four areas of focus: scholarships, emerging opportunities, sustainability, and health sciences. They make up the initiatives of Vision 2020. Funds raised will essentially be split evenly between them.

“The foundation has made a lot of contribution to the college and scholarship initiatives,” Rice said. “And we have seen a commitment from the community.”

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GBC FOUNDATION SERIES: SCHOLARSHIPS

Vision 2020 project looks to triple available scholarships

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO - Most college students agree: Finding the funds to pay for school can be difficult.

One of four focal points for Great Basin College Foundation's Vision 2020 project is scholarships. The Foundation has typically provided in the area of \$100,000 a year in scholarship funds for GBC students, and with the ambitious efforts of Vision 2020 it hopes to triple that amount.

The Board of Regents approved an 8 percent increase in student fees late last year. At the time, GBC President Lynn Mahilberg acknowledged a concern among students who thought the increase was too significant and might deter classmates from attending college.

However, Mahilberg said, students with financial concerns should consider applying for scholarships.

Erin Heise, a GBC student graduating this spring with a four-year associates degree in nursing, agreed.

"They have so many opportunities. If students need help paying for college, they should go to the college and the foundation," she said. Erin Heise said she benefited greatly from scholarships.

"Without them I wouldn't have been able to afford college," she said.

"Where we are really trying to make a difference (is) in merit-based scholarships," foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice said.

The foundation offers a variety of need-based scholarships for individuals who come from low-income families. However, a contingent of students do not qualify as low-income but are still in need of financial assistance.

"We fortunately live in a community where household incomes are



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press
Great Basin College nursing student Erin Heise talks Tuesday about the scholarships she has received.

actually quite high, and as a result there are a lot of students whose families don't qualify for some of the need-based scholarships that we can award and many of them are right on that bubble, and we all know that no matter how well a family is doing, it is difficult to put children through college," said Rice.

For these students the foundation offers merit scholarships awarding academic performance. They usually require students to meet a minimum grade point average, depending on the scholarship.

The foundation is also making

students aware of scholarships offered to those returning after their first year.

"We are hoping to be able to expand retention-type scholarships. High school seniors are encouraged to fill out all these applications, but what happens in that second and third year?" Lisa Heise, foundation controller and Erin's mother said. "All of a sudden the pool of scholarships that they are aware of (shrinks) ... They might not be filling things out or aware there are scholarships that they can continue to apply for."

The Wilson Scholarships are an example of this. They will be awarded annually to three women and three men. The scholarship award will be \$2,500 annually. Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

In addition, the Wilson Scholarship will not be available for freshmen. Jackie Leonard made an initial gift of \$50,000 to the foundation for this scholarship.

Non-traditional student Kat Pejic said she benefited greatly from the foundation's scholarships. She also was able to reapply for scholarships that were left unclaimed.

All donations are made by charitable contribution, so the donating party does not influence the recipient, Lisa Heise said.

Currently, 71 scholarships are available through GBC. Of those, 62 are through the foundation.

As students continue to apply for scholarships to fund their schooling, the foundation will look to make sure more scholarship opportunities are available.

"We recently passed the milestone of awarding our millionth dollar in scholarships over the (30) years," Rice said.

Barrick pledges \$1.2M to GBC foundation

March 28, 2012

ELKO — Acknowledging the need for private investment in higher education in rural Nevada, Barrick Gold of North America pledged \$1.2 million over three years to Great Basin College Foundation's Vision 2020.

The funding is directed toward the college's vocational programs, student housing and an expansion of training programs at the college's Winnemucca campus.

Read the first in a four-part series on the college's Vision 2020 program on the Schools page in today's Free Press.

"Our business in Nevada continues to grow and we must support programs that allow us to recruit, retain and develop our people," said Gary Halverson, president of Barrick. "We see Great Basin College as an important partner in our growth and as an essential asset to the commu-

nities of rural Nevada."

Barrick has a long history of support for GBC, funding many building projects, equipment purchases and hundreds of student scholarships since the late 1980s. Many Barrick employees also serve on the various advisory boards that oversee GBC

programs, planning and fundraising.

"We are overwhelmed by Barrick's commitment to the students and mission of Great Basin College, and by their considerable generosity," said John Patrick Rice, executive director of the foundation. "We have a long and valuable relationship with Barrick. We are deeply appreciative of their continued support," he said.

Barrick's contribution is the culmination of a rigorous planning process with the foundation.

"We met with Barrick over the course of several months discussing their needs and how we could fulfill them," Rice said.

After a number of meetings, Rice said the foundation presented a proposal for several

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options that would help Barrick increase its productivity

"Recognizing the reductions in state funding for higher education, we asked the foundation to come up with a list of possible investments for Barrick to consider," said Lou Schack, Barrick's director of communications and community affairs. "Several items on the list made sense for us and I am very pleased we were in a position to make this commitment at a time when the college is scrambling to meet community needs with limited resources."

Barrick will help fund a number of programs and capital projects at the college. Just as the Elko community struggles with housing needs, so do GBC students.

"Our dormitory, Elizabeth Griswold Hall, has a wing that is now unoccupied awaiting renovation," Rice said. "Barrick has committed to providing half of the cost of the wing's renovation, which will increase the facility's capacity to 60 students."

Much of Barrick's contribution will go directly to program support. In the first year of the pledge, Barrick's backing will increase operating funds for GBC's current Career and Technical Education programs. The college now operates eight course sections on a budget designed to operate just four sections in 2000.

In addition, Barrick will provide half of the funding for an additional electrical section and an additional diesel section on the Elko campus, and will fill half of those new sections with eight added scholarships per new section.

In the second year of the pledge, Barrick's donation will continue the operational support initiated in the first year, and will support the establishment of a CTE program on the Winnemucca campus. The contribution will cover the cost of additional faculty, equipment and operating costs.

The third year of the pledge will sustain the new and existing programs from the first two years.

GBC President Lynn Mahlberg had considerable praise for Barrick.

"GBC continues to benefit by the strong partnership we have with Barrick. What is unique about this particular gift is how well we worked together to create a mutually beneficial plan. We were able to better understand how we could respond to Barrick's workforce needs. Barrick was able to better understand how they could leverage our state funding to boost their productivity," Mahlberg said.

Vision 2020 is the most ambitious fundraising effort that GBC Foundation has ever undertaken, which will primarily pursue funding for four initiatives: Scholarships, institutional sustainability, health sciences and emerging opportunities.



Textures: Pastels Paintings by Sidne Teske

Pastel painting demonstration by Sidne Teske:

March 20, 2012
3:15-3:45 p.m.

Artist Reception:
4-6 p.m



Texture: noun

1. The characteristic visual and tactile quality of the surface of a work of art resulting from the way in which the materials are used.

Texture: verb

2. To give texture to, especially to impart desirable surface characteristics to.



Ceramic Sculpture by Ben Parks

ART DISPLAY
March 12 — April 7, 2012
Leonard Center for Student Life
Elko Campus

GBC hosts life support class

Feb. 11, 2012

ELKO - Great Basin College will sponsor an American Heart Association basic life support instructor certification course from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Health Science Building, room 110 at GBC.

All enrolling students must have BLS certification to attend the instructor course. The cost is \$250, which includes an instructor packet, books, and land fee. Pre-enrollment is required. Part one of the course is online and students will be provided necessary materials to complete this portion once enrolled.

To enroll, visit www.gbcnv.edu. For information, call Peggy Drussel at 753-2020.

'The Way' film screening today

ELKO - The Great Basin Film Festival is in its seventh year. All films will be shown at the Great Basin College Theatre in the Solumium. The next film for this year's line-up will be "The Way."

This program is funded in part by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Mar. 3, 2012

Suicide prevention training scheduled

ELKO - To those who are involved in suicide prevention, or who have expressed an interest in the two-day suicide prevention class, Acquired Suicide Intervention Skills Training is scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

The training will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. both days, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Great Basin College.

For information, contact Janett Massolo at the state Office of Suicide Prevention at 775-688-2964 ext. 261 or Jan Bassier at 934-6670.

This training is opportunity to learn about and practice suicide prevention skills. For those who work with people who are at risk - which includes every age group, socio-economic class, race - this training can be a benefit. It is not only for professional people, but for anyone interested in learning more about suicide prevention. Feb. 13, 2012

GBC Foundation Dinner Dance

ELKO - The Great Basin College Foundation's Annual Dinner Dance will be Saturday at the Elko Convention Center. No-host Cocktails begins at 6 p.m. with dining around 7 p.m., followed by dancing with The Joe Muscolino Band.

Tickets are \$65 per person. Feb. 22, 2012

Film Festival starts today

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All films will be shown at the Great Basin College Theatre in the Solumium. The first film for this year's line-up will be "My Name is Khan" at 7 p.m. today. Dinner and a movie will be Friday and tickets can be purchased in advance. Biltoki will be catering dinner at 6 p.m.

For more information about purchasing dinner, call GBC at 738-8493. On Feb. 11, there will be a matinee showing of short films by the local Boys & Girls Clubs of Elko at 4 p.m. At 7 p.m. that day, the feature film is "Life in a Day."

This program is funded in part by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Feb. 10, 2012

College library book sale

ELKO - Great Basin College library will host its annual Book Sale April 9-13. The sale will begin each day at 8 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. The sale will end at 1 p.m. Friday, April 13.

The sale features both fiction and nonfiction books, textbooks and a selection of audiobooks. Children's videos, as well as videos of PBS productions are available. Gently used books also will be offered. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The annual event helps fund other acquisitions and services the library provides to students across the college's 62,000 square mile service area. Students in every community served by the college have access to both books and dozens of online research databases.

For information contact Paula Smith at 753-2223.

Registration underway for GBC community education courses

ELKO - Great Basin College has a wide variety of spring community education courses, and registration is currently under way.

Residents who enjoy spending time on their deck or patio can take "Container Gardening: Create Your Comfort Zone" (Class No. 23551). Instructor Marvel Clyde believes planting a colorful, edible or fragrant garden creates a sense of personal well-being by connecting individuals with the beauty of nature.

In this hands-on workshop scheduled May 5 at Colorscares Greenhouse, students will create their own relaxing container gardens. Cost is \$5 plus materials, which are available on-site.

For residents who love to craft, an "Art of Eggery" class is scheduled April 28 (No. 23497). This course is taught by local artist Shandry Jarrell, who makes custom ornaments from eggs and creates wedding cake tops, music boxes and other keepsakes for special occasions.

On April 18, a basic investing course, "Building Your Financial Portfolio on \$25 a Month" (No. 33451) will introduce students to the stock market. Instructor Bobbi Christensen will discuss why the economy does the things it does, and why she feels the stock market is still the safest place for investing. The course fee is \$39.

For residents with a great voice or those interested in learning to do voice-overs, Kelly Hurley and Jenny Marcotte from Creative Voice Development Group will explain how to prepare a demo, what the pros look for, and where to find work in "Creative Voice Coaching" (No. 33702). They will discuss industry pros and cons and play samples from working voice professionals. The cost is \$40.

To register for any of the community education courses, stop by GBC Student Services at 1500 College Parkway in Elko, or log on to www.gbcnv.edu.

For information, call Continuing Education 753-2231. Mar. 28, 2012

'The Flyboys' film screening today

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This program is funded in part by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Mar. 2, 2012

GBC presidential search committees meet

ELKO - A joint open meeting with the Board of Regents, Great Basin College Presidential Search Committee and GBC Institutional Advisory Committee will discuss a leadership profile for the presidential search 9 a.m. Jan. 27 in Room 120 at the college. Jan. 18, 2012

College to celebrate Cowboy Poetry Gathering

ELKO - In conjunction with the Western Folklife Center, Nevada Humanities, and the Great Basin College Foundation, the ICE committee has lined up several fantastic speakers to be featured at GBC during 2012 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. These events are free. For information on specific speakers and times, call 738-8493. Jan. 18, 2012

College hosts musical auditions

ELKO - Roles for Great Basin College's production of "Urinetown" are still available. Auditions will be held at 3 p.m. today in the GBC Theatre. Jan. 23, 2012

For information contact theater instructor Christine Young-Gerber at christiney@gwmail.gbcnv.edu

April 3, 2012

FUNDING WAR

GBC has concerns about new formula

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — After spring break, Great Basin College wasted no time confronting looming budget concerns.

GBC President Lynn Mahlberg hosted a forum Monday afternoon to address the Nevada System of Higher Education's proposed funding formula, which was made public in February and calculated a 31 percent decrease in GBC's budget.

GBC campuses from Ely, Winnemucca, Pahrump, and Battle Mountain participated via interactive media, as did NSHE Chancellor Dan Klaich from Reno.

If the metaphors conjured at Monday's meeting are any indication of the college's outlook, GBC's 2013-2014 budget could be messy.

"It looks to me that it is funding by cannibalization," said GBC Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane. "Everybody is under-funded right now across the state, but community

Continued from front page colleges in the north are having double digit cuts in the 30 percent range, so that one institution can have a 9 percent increase (in the proposed formula). They're hungry so we're supposed to give them an arm."

"I suspect that institution would respond to what you just said, by saying, 'Maybe you understand now how it's felt to have you all chewing on our arm for the last 10 years,'" Klaich, author of the proposed formula, said.

In an interview after the meeting, Klaich said the impetus for changing the formula was partially sparked by pressure from other institutions, the Legislature, as well as the NSHE Board of Regents.

"The dissatisfaction with the current funding formula ... was virtually universal," he said. "But, this is also a normal review process we try to do every 10 years." He said the last review given to the funding formula was about 12 years ago.

The current formula has a strong weight on enrollment while the new proposal shifts the funding weight heavily on student completion.

"(Graduating students) is what we are supposed to do. I don't think we are supposed to just enroll folks and let them wander around the system. The State of Nevada has a dire need for educated individuals. I think that is our number one job, to educate to completion," Klaich said.

During the meeting, Mahlberg said certified

degrees count as completion, as do associate degrees.

The new formula prioritizes degree completion and attempts to keep student fees within the institutions.

"One of the things that I indicated when starting this whole discussion was that I was going to try to propose a model that would be built on what I felt were sound and fair and equitable principals. To a great extent, I was going to let the numbers go where the numbers go," Klaich said.

However, once the numbers played out, some of the smaller colleges were slated to take significant cuts.

"Our goal is to work to make sure that no budgets are reduced," Klaich said during the forum. "Having said that, I think that particularly, you all at Great Basin need to understand that part of the issue that we are dealing with here is the very heavy subsidy in state tax dollars that has benefited Great Basin College for quite a long time."

Klaich said GBC receives more state dollars per full-time student (FTE) than any other institution in the system under the current formula.

"Some folks have a problem with that. We have to address it head on, and I intend to," he said.

McFarlane took umbrage with the Chancellor's choice of words.

"There is a couple things that bother me very much here. The fact that you said any subsidies ... it is not a subsidy — it is the cost of business. We are

addressed a perceived political rift in higher education between large and small, city and rural, north and south.

"They have the resources to do things that we cannot do. They always have. And now they are trying to say we're overly funded," McFarlane said. "We're not wasting any money. We've never wasted anybody's money, and our total budget is a fraction of what the big (institutions) are."

"They cite figures like Great Basin is funded at twice the amount per FTE as College of Southern Nevada. They wonder how a formula which produces those results can be considered right or fair," Klaich said. "I've been thumping around this system going on three

decades. I've heard about the geopolitics of funding higher education for about 29 years too long. I am absolutely committed to taking that issue head-on and in a perfect world, never hear about north-south funding issues again. Right now we can't get there because people throw numbers at my face."

The new formula will go through a vetting process and be discussed thoroughly between now and August when it could be presented to the Regents as an agenda item.

If it goes as planned, Regents will approve something that all institutions find fair, equitable, and quell concerns that certain institutions benefit more than others, at least for another decade until the formula is once again up for review.

not richly funded. We are under-funded, and we are barely making it through right now," McFarlane said.

"If we were to close down Winnemucca, Pahrump, Battle Mountain and Ely, including the faculty, buildings, shut them down completely, that would save us \$1.7 million. We would have to still cut in Elko," he said.

"Right now, where other institutions have three or four people doing one function, we have one person doing three or four functions. We have no backup, no redundancy at all."

Klaich acknowledged the cuts would be too severe and that to counter that, NSHE would have to implement "mitigating factors."

"The mitigation will have to be something built in, because this will kill us if it goes through," McFarlane said.

Faculty Senate Chair Sarah Negrete pressed Klaich on what was being considered to alleviate proposed cuts.

"What are some ways we could mitigate 31-plus percent cut to GBC? How are you thinking we might survive that?" she asked.

Klaich said off the top of his head he could think two ways: First, get new money, and secondly change allocation among the institutions if necessary.

McFarlane asked if NSHE were to simply change allocation of funding, wouldn't GBC still be accused of unfair siphoning money from the system? Klaich agreed, that might be the case, but the comment implicitly



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Great Basin College President Lynn Mahlberg talks about the proposed funding formula for the Nevada System of Higher Education Monday at GBC. In the background listening is Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Dan Klaich.



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GBC SERIES, PART 2: EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

College foundation prepares for changes

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Tree Press Staff Writer

ELKO – Industry and technology evolve, and Great Basin College Foundation is ready to adapt.

One of its initiatives in Vision 2020, called “emerging opportunities,” will address the need of keeping up with industry.

This sometimes means creating new college programs. However, one difficulty with starting programs is finding the funding.

If and when GBC looks to open new programs, the emerging opportunities fund could supply the start-up necessary to get the ball rolling, said GBC Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane.

Starting a new program, or expanding an existing one, often requires an upfront sum before the program is self-sustaining, he said.

“You can start a program with seed money,” McFarlane said. “The college needs to organize the classes and hire the instructors. Sometimes it takes a semester to a year before the enrollment is enough to carry the class.”

Ideally, the seed money should cover funding for a new program for three years, he said.

“The program should increase enrollment after it’s been running for a few semesters,” he said.

Because of budget concerns GBC

is reluctant to add programs currently, and the college is always selective about which programs to consider, McFarlane said.

Despite that, he said, there has been some discussion about starting a four-year program in the area of criminal justice.

“If there was enough, we could fund it for two to three years,” he said.

“We think we have enough people in the (criminal justice) associates

“Changes in technology or the diversification of the region’s economic base will be answered with the emerging opportunities initiative,” according to the foundation offices. “The fund will serve as venture capital as GBC continues to respond to the evolving workforce demands in the region.”

But the emerging opportunities fund will also allocate money for other start-up projects. The foundation received a significant pledge from Pattern Energy, which is building the Spring Valley wind farm east of Ely, said GBC Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice.

“They are contributing \$500,000 over a period of time. Because it isn’t feasible to develop wind farms everywhere, their hope is that we have a focus on renewable energy,” Rice said. “They are giving us a broad pallet for that.”

An emerging opportunities fund will allow the college to begin or re-tool existing programs to adjust to industry needs or start from scratch, said foundation Controller Lisa Heise.

“It’s the fund we will look to, over time, to make sure that Great Basin College continues to be able to respond to whatever work force needs might be introduced into the area,” she said.

degree that we could continue on with a bachelor’s degree,” McFarlane said. “It depends on the agencies as well. The agencies require more schooling, so if we could provide it ...”

A few programs on campus were started using this model, McFarlane said.

“Our radiology, agriculture program, human services, we started all those with grant support,” he said. “Then we were able to pick those programs up, and they were able to support themselves.”



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Cafe opens on college campus

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
 Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO - Chew on this Great Basin College: There is a new place on campus to grab a bite or espresso.

Since Cafe X shut its doors last year, GBC students and faculty have been without an eatery on campus, until last Monday when Great Basin Coffee set up shop.

Owner Shawn Lowe had been baking bread at Let Them Eat Cake Bakery for the past two years.

Lowe decided to venture out on her own, and GBC seemed to be a nice fit.

"You've got to feed kids and you've got to feed faculty," she said.

So, she organized a menu to whet a campus-life appetite.

"We decided sandwiches are good, and pastries for the morning," she said. "We also offer croissants, muffins, chocolate chip cookies."

In addition to a set menu of sandwiches and breakfast, Great Basin Coffee will serve a hot lunch special every day. The lunch dish, determined by Lowe's whims, will provide variation to Great Basin Coffee's set menu.

"It's kind of whatever takes my fancy, whatever I want to make that night," she said.

On Monday, opening day, Lowe's special was lasagna. A salad and bread was included with the meal. She had already decided Tuesday's special: macaroni and cheese.

"Eventually, we would like to expand the menu. I'd like to have more kinds of sandwiches, maybe two different kinds of hot meals during the day. But to start out



Ross Anderson/Elko Daily Free Press
 Great Basin Coffee Company proprietor Shawn Lowe prepares a lasagna lunch for a customer Monday at the newly opened establishment on the Great Basin College Campus in the EIT building. In back is employee Andrew Kallum.

with we wanted to make it manageable, so that's what we're trying to do."

With a sandwich, patrons can get chips or a salad. For the indecisive, Lowe said she thinks a sandwich is a great choice.

"The sandwiches are great. The beef sandwich is awesome. It's beef and cheddar, sautéed onions, lettuce, tomato. It's a good sandwich," Lowe said. "I'd recommend it."

"Everyone has been so welcoming here at the college. They are so excited to have somebody here to do food, and I'm so excited to be here to do it for them."

Great Basin Coffee was originally scheduled to open a few weeks earlier but couldn't because of a minor equipment setback.

"There was a delay with our espresso machine. We got it, we put it in, then one problem, another problem, another problem. So we had to order a new one. It arrived Saturday, we hooked it up, and it's running well, and we're up for business," said Lowe.

Lowe said she is looking forward to Cafe X opening again in the future, but for the moment, will try to feed as many hungry bodies on campus as she can.

"Right now, it's (only) us and we're going to do everything to make people happy," she said.

Great Basin Coffee is open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

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GBC president finalists down to three

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — A semi-finalist pool of seven candidates for GBC president, announced Monday morning, was whittled to three finalists by Monday afternoon.

The finalists selected, in unranked order, were Mark A. Curtis, Peggy D. Kennedy and Gregory Benson.

Nevada System of Higher

Education Board of Regents began its search for a president earlier this year after Carl Diekhans announced his retirement last fall.

The finalist selections were made in a joint meeting with the Regents Presidential Search Committee



Benson



Curtis



Kennedy

and GBC's Institutional Advisory Committee. Each candidate underwent a 45-minute tele-

phone interview.

Committee members put a premium on candidates who addressed GBC's unique position as a small school spread across miles of rural Nevada, those who acknowledged GBC's technical certificate programs and partnerships with local industry, and those who researched the school and area prior to being interviewed.

Curtis is vice president at

Alpena Community College in Michigan. He has worked for nearly 30 years in higher education and worked for 11 years with a company that manufactured components for vehicles, according to his application.

Comments were made about Curtis' strong background in technical education, and his preparedness.

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"It seemed he did research on the campus. He knew about the campus," GBC instructor Norm Whittaker said.

Kennedy is interim president at Minnesota State Community and Technical College. She has worked in higher education for about 40 years, and was "instrumental in the development of the Instructional Technology Center at Saint Paul College," her resume states.

"She mentioned business and industry ... She had done her homework as well," GBC Dean of Applied Sciences Bret Murphy said.

Benson is vice chancellor at Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah. He has worked in higher education for more than 20 years. The campus where he currently works is in Price, and the college, similarly to GBC, has "several centers located over hundreds of miles throughout southeast Utah," according to his resume.

His experience on a small campus with remote cities struck committee members as important.

"He's the one that seems to understand our service area," said GBC Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane.

John Garic, Chief Executive Officer of Montana Tech College of Technology, was selected as a replacement if one of the three applicants declines the offer as a finalist. A few members of the committee noted Garic seemed the most personable and approachable.

The remaining semi-finalists were as follows:

- Patricia Kay Adkins, Yuba College president;
- John Patrick Rice, Great Basin College chief development officer;
- Chris Dyer, Missouri State University-West Plains chief academic officer.

"We are pleased with the caliber of the individuals who we were able to attract for the position. We are confident of a successful outcome," said Marti Cizek, owner of Cizek Consulting, which gathered applicants and narrowed the pool of 51 down to seven semi-finalists.

The three finalists will visit the campus in the coming month for a series of interviews — though a visitation date has not been set.

Information on campus visits should be available in a week's time on the GBC Presidential Search website, Cizek said.

Committee members also voiced input regarding interview questions they considered important for the finalists, such as how to approach GBC's potential budget concerns and communication with the faculty.

For information visit www.gbcnv.edu/search.

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Sustainability brings new life to student housing

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — One wing of Elizabeth Griswold Hall lies dark, bare save for dusty relics of the nursing home it once was and stacked boxes of old college forms.

Though this hall remains locked, awaiting renovation, the two other wings of Griswold Hall house fresh-faced college students, many living on their own for the first time.

Renovation, for the third, is awaiting money.

Great Basin College Foundation Vision 2020 has organized four initiatives for the college with one focusing on sustainability.

Funding sustainable projects is a fairly open-ended endeavor. However, one specific need the sustainability initiative hopes to address is the building upkeep.

"When we are talking about institutional sustainability, we are talking about the operations themselves," GBC Foundation Controller Lisa Heise said.

"The university buildings are large and old. There is a lot of need (for repairs) and little money," said Heise. "Sometimes there is some sort of exigent need. If all of a sudden there is a roof leak, and they don't have funding — the leak still needs to be fixed."

Though Griswold's third wing is in need of more than a roof repair, it is significantly closer to a necessary renovation thanks to a sizable donation pledge from Barrick Gold of North America. The mining company committed in March to fund, among other things, half of the renovation costs for Griswold's wing.

"It's in dire need (of renovation)," GBC Student Housing Coordinator Stacie Combs said. "Everything about it needs to be renovated. It needs to be gutted ... The ceiling's stripped out. There is no electricity back there because it is dangerous with bare wires



Above: Funding the upkeep of Elizabeth Griswold Hall, a dormitory for students attending Great Basin College, is one of the sustainability initiatives.

At left: Dalton Elvin, a resident assistant for Elizabeth Griswold Hall, shows off one of the building's empty rooms.

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hanging down."

In addition to fixing the walls, the halls need to be brought up to building codes.

"This is an old, old building. And because of the new codes, they can't keep the existing stuff as it is," she said.

The rooms on one side of the hall in the empty wing are too shallow, Combs said. In order for the wing to be deemed livable, an interior wall would need to be removed completely and extended out into the hallway.

The wing would have to be gutted out and rebuilt on the inside before it could be used.

"It would give us 16 to 18 new rooms depending on how the rooms are to be measured out in the process," Combs said.

This would add to Griswold's 27 current dorm rooms. Most of the rooms in Griswold are shared doubles though there are a few smaller single-bed rooms. The school also has a building for family housing, and a student housing apartment complex all located near the college.

Adding more rooms would be welcoming, Combs said.

"We are getting applications right now for the fall. Usually I am chuck full

and there is a waiting list where I have to turn people away," she said.

Though the renovation of Griswold's third wing will be an extensive process, student housing has routine maintenance expenses annually, Combs said.

Not only does she consider student housing an option for students who might not be able to afford it otherwise, but she also said the housing community provides some important out of class experience and allows students to transition into adulthood.

"Across the street they teach college, I teach Life 101," said Combs. Students have learned from Combs how to write checks and properly operate a dishwasher, she said.

The dorms also host monthly parties and encourages all the students to participate.

"You are here to make new friends," Combs said. "Come and have fun, we have events and every time we have an event we're going to feed you. You're going to meet new friends."

The funds allocated for Vision 2020's sustainability initiative also include grant-matching funds. Foundation Executive Director John Patrick Rice said the school has had to turn away grant money in the past because matching funds could not be reached.

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Join Joni April 19 at GBC Theatre

April 12, 2012

By CYNTHIA DELANEY

Arts & Entertainment Correspondent

ELKO – After a very successful debut in the college theatre last year Joni Morris and her ensemble are returning to perform again at the college.

“My band, After Midnight, and I have toured all over the country for many years. Our audiences in Elko have proven to be some of the most warm, receptive people we’ve ever met. It will be an absolute pleasure to play for them once again. We’re really looking forward to it,” said Morris.

This year’s show is called *Legendary Ladies of Country Music*. Morris has a special knack for singing those old-time classics that make lovers of country music just swoon.

Some of the songs in her repertoire include “Crazy,” “I Fall to Pieces,” and “Where the Boys Are.”

“Morris Has Cline Down Pat,” said newspaper headlines in the San Fran-

cisco Examiner.

A look at Morris’ website, www.jonimorris.com, proves that she has a huge national following. She is booked all the way into 2013.

Morris is a star but also a real person. Last year she did a free concert at the Elko Senior Center. My talk with her then showed me that she is not only a sensational performer but also a charismatic and kind human being. She happily chatted with individual senior citizens and sang them some of their special favorites from the ‘50s and ‘60’s.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 at the GBC Controller’s office, 753-8493. They will be \$15 at the door come show night. This event starts at 6:30 p.m. April 19 in the GBC Theatre.

“We recommend buying your tickets in advance,” said Angie de Braga, director of continuing education. “This terrific show is sure to sell out.”



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Joni Morris performs next Thursday at GBC. Advance tickets are on sale now.

GBC selects Curtis as president

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The search for Great Basin College's new president is all but over after Mark Curtis of Michigan received the nod Tuesday night.

After two chock-full days of open forums, personnel meet-

and-greets, campus tours, and interviews — a process Curtis referred to as a "marathon session" — GBC's Institutional Advisory Committee and the Regents Presidential Search Committee deliberated as to which of the three finalists would fit best with the college.

The position will officially be offered to Curtis after

approval by the Board of Regents in a special session Monday. Regent Kevin Melcher recently said, however, he had confidence the candidate selected by the search committees would be approved by the board.

If hired, Curtis could begin his tenure at GBC July 1.

The tasks for the new

president will come with significant challenges, foremost of which are budget concerns, which Curtis acknowledged head-on in a public forum Monday night.

"The most difficult thing is when you have significant budget constraints," he said.

He said he's had to make tough decisions such as fac-

ulty reductions due to budget cuts in his current position as vice president at Alpena Community College in Michigan, and those decisions were not made lightly.

"I try to make those decisions in an inclusive way, and do everything else first before



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we get to that point (of cutting personnel)," Curtis said.

Committee members commented on Curtis' responses, and in particular lauded his experiences in tough economic situations.

"A key to the future and success of this college centers around budgetary issues and monetary issues," Jim Winer, Institutional Advisory Committee community representative, said during deliberations Tuesday evening. "I was looking for someone who I felt was going to work best with the community (and) with industry because that's where a lot of the funding will come from in the future."

Curtis also stood out as a president who could work well with local and state politicians, Winer said.

Curtis' background in academia, as well as industry with Millennium Plastics Technologies LLC, appealed to many committee members who said his well rounded experience was important.

"I was very surprised with how well Curtis came across. I thought of him as just a CTE guy, a stand alone (before the final interview), but he convinced me that he is more than just that," GBC Vice President for Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane said. "Career and Technical Education is very important for us but he addressed my concerns about being able to handle the academic side too."

Regents noted that all three finalists would make exceptional presidents, but said that based on the Institutional Advisory Committee's lean toward Curtis, they would back him as their selection and said he seemed to be the best fit for the college and community. The other two candidates were Peggy Kennedy, interim president for Minnesota State Community & Technical College; and Greg Benson, vice chancellor for Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah.

All six Regents on the search committee voted to recommend Curtis to the full board for approval.

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New student president at GBC too

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — A student body government race may not be the most talked about election in 2012, and the Great Basin College campaigns didn't create much of a buzz either. Most of the open positions had a single candidate vying for votes. Two positions — treasurer and secretary — had zero candidates.

But, the relative ease of president-elect Derek Alger's campaign will be made up by on-the-job challenges, at least according to current GBC student body president Alex Porter.

"Sometimes I think this is so much work," Porter said while reflecting on his tenure, adding that next year he will have time to do his homework.

"I think it will be more work," said Alger. "I'm trying to get excited about meetings."

And the best way for Alger to learn the ropes? Jump in feet-first and learn on the fly.

"I ran track, and it's like trying a new event for the first time," said student body vice president Shay Pawelek. "You are thrown into it. Like hurdles, you've seen how it's done but you actually have to go over the hurdle to know what it's going to be like."

Friday in a GBC conference room, while a broadcasted Regents meeting was under way, Porter helped Alger transition into the new position, leaning over to the president-elect and naming Regents as they spoke.

Porter said there is a misconception that student government officers exist to organize parties.

"We do — We do the events, fun stuff throughout the semester for students. But a lot of what we do is represent the students, not only at the college level with the administration, but also at the state level with the Legislature or Board of Regents," Porter said.

"A lot of (students) come to me and say, 'Why don't we ever see you,'" Porter said.

That's probably only because they're not looking in the right places. Porter said he does attend student events, but most of his work as president is representing the student body at meetings.

A student run meeting was one of Porter's biggest successes.

"I was able to make the forums that we held after the 8 percent increase,"



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Great Basin College student president-elect Derek Alger, left, discusses presidential duties with current student body president Alex Porter.

Porter said. Last December, the Board of Regents passed an 8 percent hike in student fees across the state and asked college presidents to map out how they planned on using the money.

GBC's student government took it upon themselves to organize a student run meeting to get input from those on campus who would be footing the bill.

"We had five days to plan and organize the student forums, to decide where their money was going. And we actually had participation. We had feedback, not only through the forums, but through emails and verbally."

More rewarding for Porter than successfully organizing the forums was the student input he was able to relay to the administration who implemented the changes suggested by students.

"We are that voice for the students," Porter said. "I always like it when students come to me with concerns and suggestions, and we can take something back. We do a lot with administration here. Here at GBC there is a lot of opportunity for the students to weigh in."

That isn't to say government is all work; Pawelek said student government has two primary roles: representing the student body and fostering an inviting campus experience that allow students to socialize and enjoy their time in college between

annotating textbooks and cramming for exams.

The vice president's duty is heavier on organizing events. Next year Isaac Duran, who also ran unopposed, will fill that role.

Pawelek said one of the most successful events for her was a Halloween dance that capped a week of drug-free awareness on campus.

"We want to provide a good college experience for the students," Pawelek said.

Neither Porter nor Pawelek will be representing the student body next year in any role. Porter is transferring to University of Nevada, Reno to pursue a four-year degree and Pawelek will be focusing on her final year at GBC earning an associates degree in agriculture.

Before they go, they've got a final week of events planned to send students off to summer before the semester ends April 30-May 4. Activities include bingo, a dance competition, a huau dance, and a campus screening of Project X.

"Lots of prizes, lots of food. It's going to be fun," Pawelek said.

For information about GBC's student government visit www.gbcnv.edu/student_life/sga.html



Lindsay Luttrull of Elko is a first-year nursing student at Great Basin College. Here she is practicing in the school's lab. This semester one of their focuses is on IV insertion.

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Educating Nurses

College puts big emphasis on program

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer



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First-year nursing student Lindsay Martin of Ely places an oxygen mask over a dummy's head. Martin is studying at Great Basin College.

ELKO — Though Elko and the nation differ in many ways, the two are similar in at least one: Everyone could use more qualified nurses.

"Nationally we know that qualified nurses are needed," said Kris Miller, GBC dean of health sciences and human services.

At a series of community summits organized by Great Basin College Foundation, participants voiced support for the health care industry — so

much so that the foundation solely focused one of its four funding initiatives for Vision 2020 on health science programs at the college.

GBC, for its part, is well aware of the demand and has responded by

adding a two-year bachelor of science program for nurses who already have associates degrees, called the "RN to BSN" program.

"Research has been done that says patient outcomes are better when there are more bachelor-prepared nurses to the extent that the Institute of Medicine nationwide is recommending 80 percent of all nurses have a BSN by 2020," Miller said.

The department encourages students who complete the associates degree nursing program to continue on at the college and complete the bachelor of science in nursing because of the growing emphasis on bachelors in the industry.

GBC is going to graduate its largest class this academic year. Five students completed the program last December and 12 more are on mark to finish in May. The program had six

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Students graduating with degrees and certificates from GBC's health science programs are entering a job market that is ready for them.

"Last year we had 100 percent of our graduates placed in employment out of our program," said GBC nursing instructor Amber Donnelli. And, students enrolled in the college's RN to BSN program are typically employed in the field while completing the bachelor's program, she said.

But, however great a demand exists in the job market, the department can only expand to the degree that funding is available. According to Miller, health science programs are not cheap, beginning with instructor salaries.

"Faculty is a big issue for us. It's the biggest issue, hiring and retaining qualified faculty with credentials," Miller said. People seeking doctoral degrees in the field often incur tremendous debt, so jobs that can help pay off student loans appeal to graduates when choosing employment, she said.

"That's why I'm a big pusher for our bachelor's program because it's affordable and it makes an impact on our community," Donnelli said.

In addition to salaries, Miller said GBC is trying to add field equipment that is becoming more and more essential.

"There's a lot of things we need because technology is becoming so important. High fidelity simulators for EMS for nursing, even for radiology, is a big part of education now and we're a little behind. We need to get caught up," Miller said.

The department has a fleet of mannequins that can simulate patient symptoms and reactions. The mannequins, set up in tile-floor classrooms resembling hospital rooms, allow students to practice patient care. More importantly, students can make mistakes on mannequins without repercussions.

"You're going to learn as much from the mistakes as when you do it right," said John Bain, nursing lab coordinator in charge of

"Faculty salaries are about half at the community colleges than what they are at the universities, and even less than that compared to industry," Miller said. Offering competitive salaries is difficult.

In addition, because the demand is so high, smaller programs in rural areas, such as Elko, are competing with just about everyone.

"When we advertise for a doctorally prepared faculty member, which we are doing, we are competing with every other program in the nation," said Miller.

And though no discipline wants to cram additional students into classes, in health sciences teacher/student ratio is carefully mandated.

A faculty member can't have more than about eight students at a time to supervise in a clinical agency, Miller said.

"The faculty we have are really putting themselves out there and investing in the program and making a tremendous contribution to the college and the community," she said.

Donnelli, now an instructor, was once a GBC student in the nursing associates program. At the time, GBC didn't offer an RN to

BSN program, so after graduation she continued her education online but at a significant cost.

running simulations at GBC, "If you make a mistake in (simulation), the worst that will happen is I hit the restart button."

In the end, the costs of running health science programs are worth the outcome, Miller said.

"We are serving our area and serving it well. It is a good investment for the whole community and a good investment for the students because they can stay here," she said.

"We do service this area. Our students stay here," Donnelli said. "If the college were to loose programs like this, where would the health care come from? Where would the nurses come from? Where would the nurses in the community come from, and the EMTs, and the radiology technicians? Having community support for this college and these types of programs is very important because its such a huge impact."

For information on GBC Foundation visit www.gbcnv.edu/foundation or call 753-2246. For information on GBC's health science department visit www.gbcnv.edu/programs/hs_programs.html.



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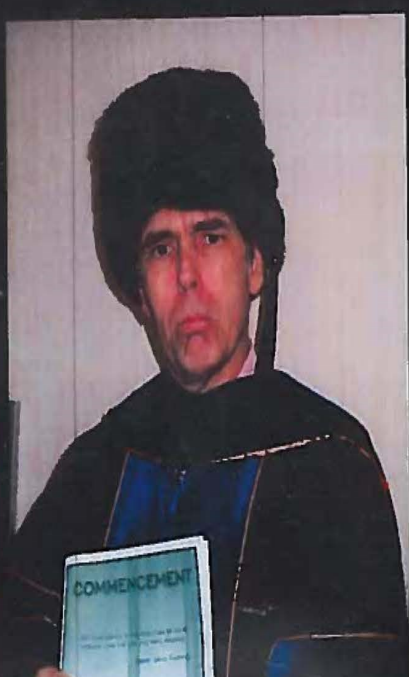
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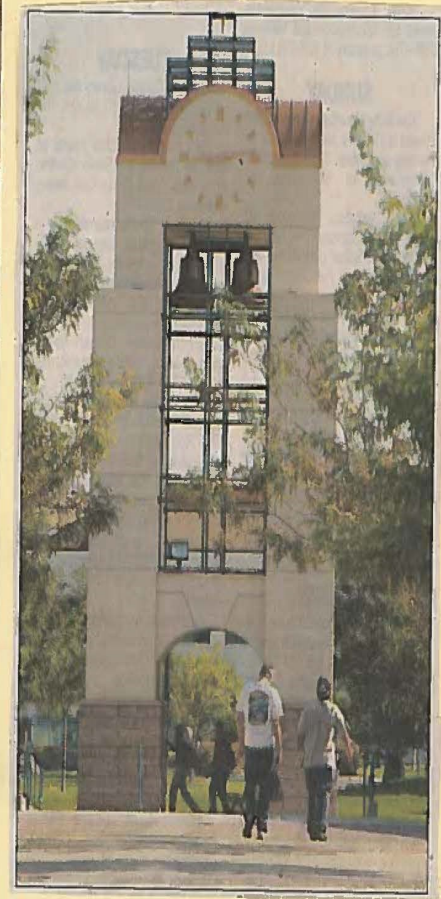
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May 19, 2012



GBC honors students on spring deans' list

ELKO – Great Basin College Vice President of Academic Affairs Mike McFarlane and Vice-President of Student Services Lynn Mahlberg announced the deans' list of Great Basin College students for the spring 2012 semester. The list honors students with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the semester.

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Angelica Batista, Tonya Day, Regina Deeds, Angi Garcia, Alyssa Marques, Jamie McIntosh, Jennifer Rivera, Sean Wilkin, Juan Davila, Alexander Porter

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Darby Adams, Sonya Aleksandrova-Holcomb, Andrea Allison, Maira Alvarenga, Roberta Andreozzi, Michael Bail, Ignacio Barajas, Heather Benjamin, Grace Blair, Kandis Bockness, Jessica Borkman, Shala Brimer, Ashley Brouillette, Guadalupe Cabral, Tiffany Carrillo, Jennifer Caudell, Morgan Charpentier, Erin Collier, Jackson Collins, Terri Covert, Lacie Creamer, Sidnie Creamer, Tuwisha Dennistumulak, Angela Duffield, Lauren Eagledeihl, Catherine Eby, Sarah Elwood, Jonica Fortune, Colleen Freeman, Craig Funk, Marcy Funk, Belen Garcia, Christy Gillespie, Kristin Glover, Breanna Gonzales, Cassie Grange, Kenneth Grange, Ashley Guy, Richard Hammell, Joseph Hanington, Emily Hardy, Sierra Harmening, Sierra Harris, Elizabeth Heath, Erin Heise, Lauren Heise, Jessica Hooiman, Richard Hooton, Dalia Huerta, Hilda Jacobo, Lyndsey James, Cody Kapphahn, Nadeen Khair, Kayla Kramer, Merissa Kraus, Brittany Leedy, Sarah Lino, Talhan Luero, Alex Lund, Nicole Macrae, Sherissa Malarchik, Lindsay Martin, Kristen Maynard, Albina Mayne, Cassy Meade, Janneth Mendez, Giuliana Micheligordon, Khatlyn Micheligordon, Shanelle Millage, Sarah Minard, Brandy Muhs, Marissa Murphy, Joana Musey, Mitchell Myers, Kimberly Nye, Gus Paoli, Pamela Passmore, Caycia Patchett, Rachelle Peppers, Leesa Phipps, Troy Poncin, Aspyr Price, Kristen Rainwater, Desirae Redford, Justin Rocha, Hector Ruiz, Alexis Sandoval, Charles Schultz, Loudon Sharp, Katherine Shearerpejic, Dustin Smith, Stephanie Souza, Kayla Spence, Sara Stahl, Jacqueline Sutherland, Michelle Taylor, Brandon Teppo, Colleen Thompson, Kendra Thompson, Norbel Uribecorrea, Tiffany Urresti, April Wilson, Jordan Wines, Kassy Yardley, Kassie Yostblair, Kenneth Zicker

Wendover

Jeremy Loncar, Maria Luna, Aaron Lund, Abigail Lund, Nathan Lund, Rolando Pacheco, Julie Perkins, Susan Perkins, Aurora Tangaro

Battle Mountain

Cindy Ayala, Kayla Bare, Nicole Bigelow, Le Bunch, Kalee Dorman, Christianne Drew, Quinc Heinz, Erin Hillesheim, Christy Johnson, Jared Kelli Tracie Knight, Mikah Knopp, Rebecca Linville, Bran Luster, Amy Minchew, Adriana Orozco, Jacob Price Ryan Thompson

Pahrump

Jessica Alarid, Tiffany Allen, Emily Boardman, Joshua Boothe, Sarah Bruns, Nakia Celius, Douglas Chino, Trevor Cratty, Amanda Curtis, Erin Delaney, Brittani Dinicola, Andrea Finkler, Desiree Fortin, Rhema Gundacker, Jack Hunter, Jo Longley, Dalton Mccay, David Mccay, Patryna Mcqueen, Maria Mirabal, Brandi Monje, Dustin Roames, Christine Salazar, Jacob Sumpter, Jonathan Thomas, Taitiana Thomas, Sue Tunder, Jessica Vancleef, Kelly Varden, Matthew Warner, Hannah Williams, Liqun Zheng

Winnemucca

Shannon Albisu, Samantha Bissue, Camille Bourquin, Cole Bourquin, Tiffany Bressen, Kimberly Brooks, Daryl Brown, Laura Butterfield, Tyler Cooper, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Cortney Goodell, Jeanette Katzenmeyer, Kathleen Morse, Donna Prather, Macie Quilici, Angela Ruelas, Shelby Ruff, Kimberly Sherbondy, James Simonsen, Lindsey Steepleton, Lora Vance, Lacy Villarreal

Jackpot/Wells

Emma Ballard, Monica Burt, Brandy Gibbs, Iona Weeks

The following students from outside of the GB service area were also recognized:

Jamie Jewett, Alamo; Amber Edgmon, Fallon; Heidi Miller, Fallon; Sydnee Weddell, Fallon; Janice ELLIO Middle River, Md.; Christina Prince, Murfreesboro Tenn.; Lourdes Aker, Reno; Yucui Liu, Reno; Diane Reynoso, Sparks

Spring Driver's Education starting soon at Great Basin College

ELKO — Great Basin College is offering an online driver's education course May 15.

Course topics include: rules of the road and traffic laws; defensive driving habits; how to navigate a roundabout; and buying, insuring and maintaining a vehicle.

This course provides 30 hours of driver's education, and is required by the Nevada DMV for first-time drivers under the age of 18 to earn a driver's license.

The dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and the danger of texting while driving will also be discussed.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American teens.

Young drivers, ages 15 to 20, are especially vulnerable to death and injury on the roadways.

Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in

three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.

The driver's education course fee is \$35 for high school students, plus a \$10 application fee.

Students must be a minimum of 15 years of age to enroll.

Teens can apply for admission and enroll for class number 33868 online at www.gbcnv.edu

Participants older than 18 may also enroll, but will pay the corresponding

cost of \$177.50 for two credits, plus a \$10 application fee if they have not previously attended Great Basin College.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible in order to receive their computer login and a password that allows them to access the course material by the start date of class.

Another GBC driver's education class will begin Aug. 14, but the fee will be increasing to \$50.

For further information contact GBC Continuing Education at 753-2231.

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Great Basin College graduates 430, largest class ever

Next Step

By DYLAN WOOLF HARRIS
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — Great Basin College's largest class graduated Saturday with many of the seniors, amid the excitement, already preparing for what's next.

GBC awarded 430 degrees, including baccalaureate and associate degrees, and certificates of achievements. Of the 430 students, 231 walked during graduation Saturday morning. This is the largest class of graduates in the college's history.

"Graduates, this isn't the end of your journey," President Lynn Mahlberg, who presided over the ceremony, said in her speech at graduation.

And as numbered as the graduates, so are the paths.

took concurrent enrollment classes and was able to earn credit toward his college degree while he finished high school.

"I feel excited," Paoli said. "I'm transferring to Oregon State University where I'm going to double-major in animal science and history," he said.

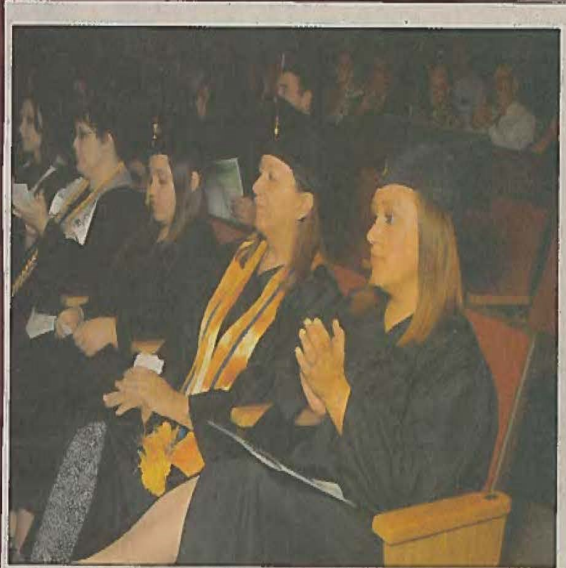
Some students are furthering their education; others are looking to enter the workforce.

"I think our students do better than the national average, particularly in our Career and Technical Education program," said Jan King, GBC director of admissions. "Those students are often hired before they even graduate. Their skills are so needed, and GBC does a lot to train the students for those jobs."

Sam Litman graduated with an associate of applied science degree and plans to move Las Vegas with his wife and look for work in television or radio, he said.

"It feels very nice to graduate,"

Litman said.



Great Basin College graduated its biggest class ever on Saturday in a ceremony at the Elko Convention Center.

Janae Johnson of Ely, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in integrated studies, is looking to continue on and get a master's degree in public policy and administration. She has been accepted at Penn State University and will attend next fall. But, her bigger-picture sights are set much higher, hoping to one day make a bid at the White House.

"I would like to be a politician someday, hopefully work in Congress

Read Vince Juaristi's commencement speech online at elkodaily.com.

and maybe be president (of the United States)," she said.

For one day, though, Johnson was able to reflect on her time at GBC.

"I'm really excited to be done. But at the same time, it's kind of sad because I've only known this for the last five years," she said.

Gus Paoli, who graduated with an associate of arts, attended graduation last year as a high school senior. Paoli

Though some students have applied to programs in other universities and colleges, others continue on in one of GBC's baccalaureate programs.

"Our students tend to stay at Great Basin College if they're going into an area that has a degree we offer," King said.

Mahlberg also commented on what she and other administrators had heard students say about their experiences at GBC. Students found inspiration from parents and children, instructors and peers and from within themselves, she said.

"I believe that no matter how long it takes you, you should keep trying and eventually you will succeed. It has taken me 40 years," one student said to Mahlberg.

Vince Juaristi, a native son of Elko, gave the commencement speech. According to GBC, Juaristi has gone on to make remarkable contributions in the defense of human rights and education on an international scale. Closer to home, he created the Juaristi Scholarship Program to provide aid to young people in Elko and White Pine counties.

Vivian Farnsworth of Lund was given the Regents Scholar Award for her academic achievement and

leadership, conferred by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Scholars are nominated by faculty members. The process is rigorous, and the recommendation to the Board of Regents is made by the college president, accord to GBC.

Of this year's graduates, 59 were awarded bachelor degrees, 24 in bachelor of arts degrees in elementary or secondary education, and integrative studies. Twenty students earned a bachelor of applied science and 15 were awarded their bachelor of science in nursing.

Six students received a post baccalaureate certification in education, 90 received associate of art degrees, 40 associate of science, 14 associate of general studies, and 122 associate of applied science.

An additional 99 students earned certificates of achievement in a variety of applied technological areas.

Of the degrees awarded, 25 students are from Battle Mountain, eight from Ely, 41 from Winnemucca, 25 from Pahrump, nine from Wells and 263 from Elko, Spring Creek and Carlin.

GBC's graduates are not limited to Nevadans. This year, nine out-of-state students were also conferred degrees from GBC, according to the college.

Baye Cavender was

named the college's Distinguished Alumnus and Tim Hafen received the college's Community Service Award.

Summer classes for GBC begin today, and registration for fall semester is open. For information call 738-8493.

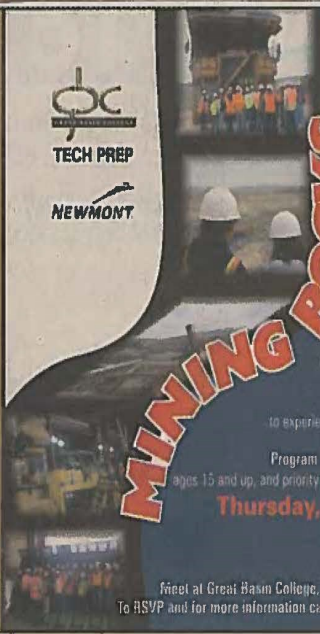
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A D V E N T U R E

County commission candidates discuss their qualifications, the feds, GBC



Larason



Gerber

By WHEELER COWPERTHWAITTE
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — The two Elko County Commission candidates have been in Elko for much of their lives, although they come from varied backgrounds.

Jack Larason was a homicide detective and Grant Gerber is an attorney. Now they're facing off in the Republican primary for the Elko County Commission, the victor to face Jim Jefferies in the general election come November.

Qualifications

Gerber said he is qualified for the position of county commissioner because he has experience with issues from across Elko.

"I have experience with issues in all parts of the county, from Midas to jackpot to the Ruby Valley and all places in-between," he said.

The issues he's dealt with, he said, range from cemeteries to county roads to veteran affairs to the Great Basin College to mining.

Gerber said he is involved

Elko County Planning Commission in 2008.

"When I came to Elko, I built a home here and became a brand inspector for four or five years," he said. "I saw how people lived."

He said he's also been involved with the master plan for Elko County.

Dealing with federal agencies

Larason said he thinks the

county needs to take a step back and reevaluate the approach its been taking toward federal agencies.

"We need to step back, stop and think that these federal agency people are our neighbors," he said. "They sit in church with us. They're the same people we are"

The anger the county feels toward the agencies, too, needs to be toned down, Larason said.

"For heaven's sake," he said, the passion in his voice audible, "We can't keep on going on and calling these people liars because they have a different opinion than us."

Gerber, on the other hand, said he thinks the county commission is both headed in the right direction and that other counties look to Elko as an example.

"We got a better result than if we let congressmen and senators decide," he said.

He said, however, that he does not advocate for the county suing the government.

"The feds have the biggest law firm in the world," he said. "It can grind us in the court system."

In the past three years, he said, the county has been successful in forcing the U.S. Forest Service to close fewer roads than it originally proposed.

with mining at many levels.

"Mining is our primary industry," he said. "I understand the importance of maintaining the viability of our mines," he said.

Larason pressed that he is a native Nevadan and wants to do

what is best for Elko County.

"Elko represents what I wanted and why I came here," he said. "I want to see that continue."

As a police officer for 22 years, Larason worked to make his community a better place. He wants to continue to do that in Elko.

Larason was appointed to the

The problem with the community college

The Great Basin College is facing a potential loss of 32 percent of its budget, with the money being funneled to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and other southern Nevada schools.

Gerber is the chair of the Great Basin College Foundation, which has raised money for infrastructure and scholarships, Gerber said.

"I'm opposed to the heavy-handed approach taken" to fund UNLV, he said.

The county commission should use its influence to try to reverse the decision process so GBC's budget is not cut.

"The chancellor is failing to recognize the importance of GBC," he said.

Gerber said he would not want to fill the gap in GBC's funding with county funding.

"I'm opposed to raising taxes," he said.

Larason agreed that the role for the county commission should be to try to influence the chancellor and the funding formula.

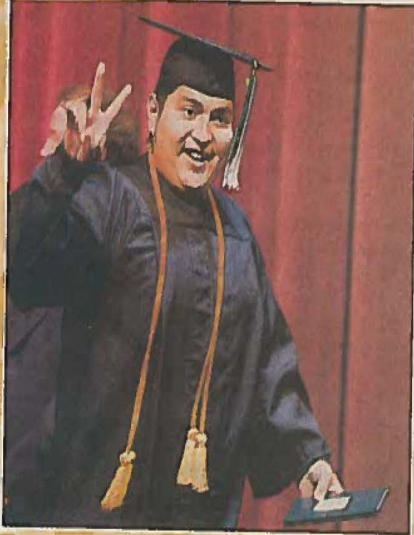
"It will have a drastic affect on students," he said.

The more drastic problem, Larason said, is the community is going to lose those students who will not, more than likely, return.

"We're going to lose those members of the community," he said.

"The county is maxed out for what funds are available," he said. "All I can add is for us to talk to the decision makers."

Students earn Adult High School diplomas, GEDs



Ross Andreson/Elko Daily Free Press
Toby Tybo makes a sign as he graduates from Elko Adult High School Wednesday in Great Basin College Theater.

By HEATHER KENNISON
Free Press Staff Writer

The week of pomp and circumstance kicked off Wednesday with the Adult High School and General Education Development commencement at the Great Basin College Theater.

Twenty-nine students graduated from the adult high school program, while 32 received GED certificates. Seventeen of those students walked at the graduation ceremony.

"In my sophomore year, I didn't think I was going to get to the point of graduation," said adult high school graduate Thalia Montana. "Now that I did it, I feel great."

The ceremony began with a welcome from GED Chief Examiner Julie Byrnes. Director of continuing education and community outreach Angie deBraga addressed the GED recipients and director of secondary education Jack French addressed the

adult high school graduates.

"One of the things I've seen is that successful people know they have a choice," French said. "They have a plan and put that plan into action."

French challenged the graduates to figure out their career, make a few plans, and see what they can do tomorrow.

"We're honored to have been part of your educational experience," said adult high school instructor Anna Bolin. "Let's continue your education process."

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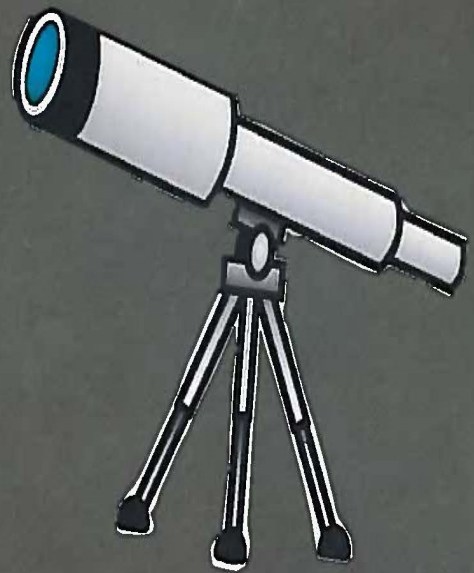
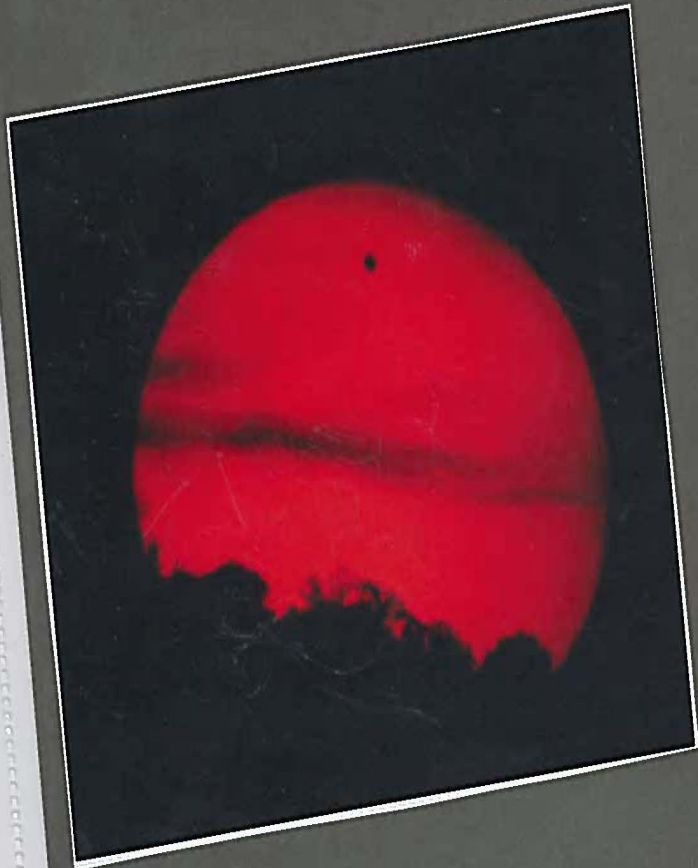
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Good Times

Transit of Venus viewing at GBC

ELKO - The public is invited to view the 2012
Transit of Venus between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on June 5,
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event is happening for the last time this century. The
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Telescopes with safety filters will be provided for
viewing the transit in real time.

For information, call Gerry Pennington at 738-8280
or GBC Continuing Education at 753-2231.



By HEATHER KENNISON
Free Press Staff Writer

ELKO — While summer for many schools is a dead time, Great Basin College is a flurry of activity.

Kids College is well under way with some new classes.

For example, in Tuesday's animal education class students learned about endangered species. The indoor camping class for young children teaches them to build tents and craft lanterns. Youngsters can even dig deeper into education with worm farming.

"We have 15 students enrolled in that class, and an adult from the community is coming, too," said Angie de Braga, director of continuing education at GBC.

Friday's production of Dan Totheroh's "The Lost Princess" was performed in Great Basin Theatre for the parents of the young actors and actresses.

"They always surprise me because the kids are so talented," de Braga said.

Video



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"It's amazing what they learn in two weeks."

About 45 parents showed up for the production performed by children 8-13 years old, said music and theatre instructor Christina Young-Gerber.

The play, set in China, is about the royal family whose daughter is stolen and adopted by a bandit.

"I chose the play because I needed something that would have exciting characters," Young-Gerber said. "The kids really enjoyed that part of it."

A challenge presented by Chinese theater was that it relies a lot on imagination, she said. The kids used costumes from the GBC costume stock, painted scrolls for a background and dowel rods as swords.

There are 265 students enrolled in Kids College in Elko, de Braga said. Sixty-two students are also enrolled in 24 classes in Battle Mountain. Winnemucca is also hosting classes.

"We have such a large service area, we encourage our other campuses to participate," de Braga said.

Newmont Mining Corp. is helping to sponsor the Kids College in Battle Mountain, putting on demonstrations including chocolate chip cookie mining for ages 14-17 and matamorphic sandwich for kids ages 6-10.

The college is currently enrolling students for the adult summer classes. So far, the class sizes are about average, at 20 students per class.

"The online classes are getting more popular because they're more flexible," de Braga said.

One challenge the college faces is there is no state funding for summer classes in Nevada.

"Teachers are paid by the size of their class," she said.

The deadline for class registration is July 1.

Lost



Zoe Glasgow, playing the bandit Lo Ho, speaks to her mother All See, played by Sash Dalke.

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Children portray a dragon in A Great Basin Kid's College production of "The Lost Princess" Friday at the GBC Theater.

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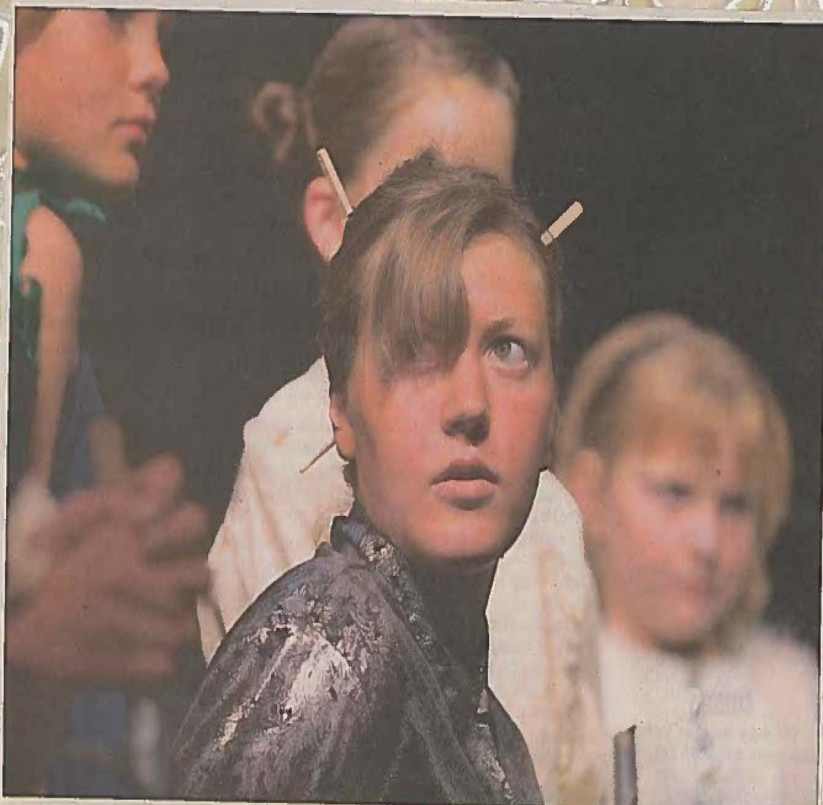


Cast members portray soldiers.

Great Basin Kids College provides summer fun



Maya Salyer, right, playing a scribe, writes as cast member Oliva Rice watches.



Zoe Glasgow plays the bandit Lo Ho in A Great Basin Kid's College production of "The Lost Princess," by Dan Totheroh last Friday at the GBC Theatre.

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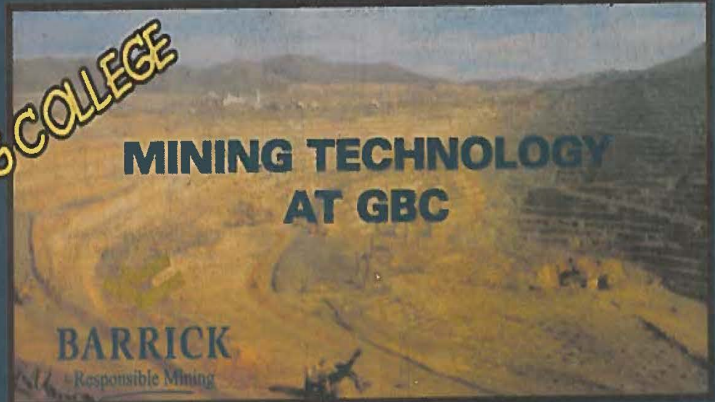


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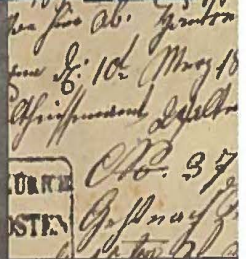
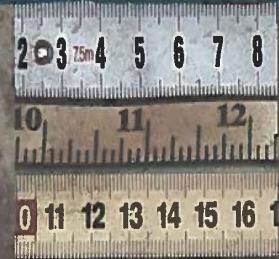
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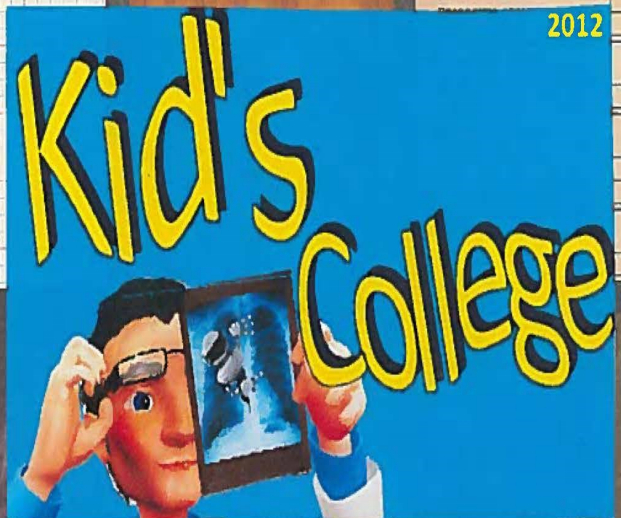


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