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## **Education at center of talk**

Nevada Senate Democrats are hosting “Nevada Speaks,” a community discussion centered on education this Saturday.

The meeting is part of ongoing discussions between the Nevada Senate Democrats and their constituents.

State Sen. Joyce Woodhouse will attend the discussion.

“Today we are facing tough times,” she said. “Jobs are disappearing as well as many of the tourist-based tax dollars on which we depend. We are at a crossroads. But I believe we must face the future with courage and competence because it is our moral responsibility to leave our children a state in better shape than we found it.”

“Even though we are in an economic crisis, we must have the courage to protect and strengthen our schools. We can not balance the budget on the backs of our children as has been suggested. We must protect our education system from severe cuts that will cripple our children’s opportunity to succeed,” she said.

“Nevada Speaks” will be hosted at the Silver Springs Recreation Center, 1951 Silver Springs Parkway, Henderson.

## **Green challenge**

America’s Greenest Campus launched a nationwide contest today, challenging colleges and universities to compete against each other to reduce their carbon footprints.

The campaign has some star power behind it already, as hip-hop pioneer Russel Simmons announced Tuesday that he joined to support it.

“I’m pleased to join America’s Greenest Campus today in announcing a nationwide effort to empower young people to reduce their carbon footprint and fight climate change on college campuses across America,” he said.

“I believe youth all around the world are the key to creative solutions for many of the big issues facing our planet,” Simmons added. “The new technology used by this effort is relevant and cutting-edge.”

Participants have until Oct. 5 to get as many people as possible that are affiliated with their school to reduce their carbon footprints as much as they can. The progress is tracked on the America’s Greenest Campus Web site.

Participants can also enter the SmartPower Energy Smart Online Ad Challenge, which offers a \$10,000 prize to the winning video, in addition to the

opportunity of being used in SmartPower's national advertising.

Partners of America's Greenest Campus include leading youth environmental groups such as the Sierra Student Coalition and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies.

### **Music course previewed**

As part of a preview of MUS 181, The Business of Music, the UNLV music department is offering a one-night workshop on Tuesday, April 14.

"Breaking the Band: Independent Music in the 21st Century" is open to all students and UNLV staff and is free of charge.

The workshop is designed for bands, solo artists, songwriters and composers and offers a look at the quickly changing landscape of the music industry.

Topics of discussion include:

Top 10 features for a music Web site

Getting your music on iTunes, Rhapsody, etc.

Getting music featured in film and television

Drawbacks to getting a record deal

The workshop will also include a list of helpful Web resources to help further participants' musical aspirations.

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