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## CWI expects more growth

TREASURE VALLEY — After exceeding enrollment expectations since opening in 2009, an official with the College of Western Idaho thinks the school could potentially see 6,000 students enrolled in fall 2010 credit courses.

The school ended up with about 4,800 students enrolled in credit programs for the spring across its seven main campus locations. In all, communication and marketing director Jennifer Couch told the Idaho Press-Tribune that the school offers classes at about 11 locations.

Couch said the Nampa campus near the Idaho Center is the busiest site. To accommodate more space for classes, the college has moved some administrative space across the street from the Nampa campus. A number of online classes have also been added to increase flexibility.

Even with the expected continued growth, Couch said the college should be fine based on class projections. “It’s a different dynamic. We have classes that are at different times at different places,” she said.

She said people have approached officials with options for new sites, but much of that discussion regarded professional-technical programs, which must move from their Boise State University site by July 2011.

“With the growth, our biggest concern and what we’ll continue to maintain is the quality of the education,” Couch said.