

# Burns represents NCAA at UNLV

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staff writer

Almost wistfully, and with a touch of nostalgia in his voice, Dr. Paul E. Burns reflected on the dramatic transitions which have occurred at UNLV since his arrival in 1963. "It is difficult to imagine that our first basketball games were played at what is now the Natural History Museum, a tiny gym which seated only 1,200 fans," he said. "Compare that to Tark's Shark Tank which seats over 18,000 and you can see how sophisticated we have become.

"The first year I was at UNLV, I kept the time clock for the games. I would often forget to turn back the time clock after free throws because I was so absorbed in the action.

"I laugh when I think back and remember that the gym had bleachers which pulled out from the wall and came down to the floor. Needless to say,

conditions were rather immature."

Burns, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, is also the NCAA faculty representative for UNLV.

His primary responsibility as an NCAA faculty representative is to certify academic eligibility for student athletes in all sports. This is accomplished with help from the admissions and registrar's office and academic counselors as well.

Burns also represents President Robert Maxson at NCAA conference council meetings when Dr. Maxson is unable to attend.

Part of his function as an NCAA faculty rep includes serving on a number of committees within the conference which help evaluate officials.

Burns also said another responsibility is "to provide interpretations of NCAA regulations for

UNLV coaches. I either have that information on hand or contact the PCAA or NCAA officials to clarify interpretations.

"In case of any alleged violations, I am usually involved in the process of reviewing our procedures or whatever charges are being made. I then represent UNLV before the PCAA Finding Committee which reviews rules, violations and provides appropriate penalties."

Burns said that the NCAA rules are quite complex and have a justifiable rationale behind them.

Recruitment violations are a difficult area to police. A school might make some technical violations without breaking "the spirit of those rules."

When asked to comment on the serious recruitment allegations made about Lloyd Daniels which appeared in an article in News Day last Spring, Burns said, "I am involved in the internal

review of that situation and am not at liberty to comment about the substance of those allegations at this time."

He did, however, care to comment on the penalties which were meted out to SMU several years ago, calling them "predictably steep." A special NCAA convention which he attended in New Orleans during the summer of 1985 approved the legislation for the so called "death penalty" of SMU.

Burns said, "The penalties were in keeping with the legislation which was passed at that convention. I am not in a position to judge whether or not the penalties were appropriate to the particular violations which were alleged. If the violations were major, then the penalties were fairly predictable."

He then went on to describe the NCAA, explaining that they are

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## Calendar of Events

Oct. 27

**UNIVERSITY FORUM LECTURE:** "AIDS: The Continuing Crisis." Vicki Carwein. 7:30pm. Wright Hall 116. Free. 739-3401.

Oct. 28

**CONCERT:** Sierra Wind Quintet. 8pm. Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Call for prices. 739-3738.

Oct. 29

**FILM SERIES:** "Swann in Love." 7pm. Wright Hall Auditorium 103. Free. 739-3401. Oct. 29-Nov. 8 **PLAY:** "Stop the World — I Want to Get Off." Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2pm. Black Box Theatre. 739-3353 or 739-3801.

Oct. 30

**HOLIDAY:** Nevada Day. All university offices and the James R. Dickinson Library will be closed. Oct. 30-Nov. 1

**BACKPACKING TRIP:** "Havasupai Canyon, Grand Canyon." \$65. Reservations required. 739-3575. Oct. 31

**DANCE LECTURE/FILM:** "Modern Dance." L. Martina Young. 6pm. Alta Ham Fine Arts 110. Free. 739-3827.

**DANCE CONCERT:** University Dance Theatre. 2pm. Judy Bayley Theatre. \$6. 739-3827.

**CONCERT:** Virko Baley/Elissa Stutz. 7pm. Artemus Ham Concert Hall. 739-3420.

## Demonstration for Alcohol Awareness

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What better way to show the affects of alcohol on the human body than to have three students attempt to get drunk in a controlled drinking party.

That is what happened at Alcohol Awareness Day at UNLV.

Students Steve Lee, Kevin Kujawa and John Fazi were given seven to

nine "shots" of alcohol. A shot is one ounce of alcohol.

Lillian Frankey, Moyer Student Union Activities Board Chair, said the purpose of Alcohol Awareness Day was to "make students aware of the consequences of drinking and driving."

Showing how people act when they are intox-

icated was the best way for students to learn about the effects of alcohol, according to Frankey.

A lecture on the hazards of drinking and driving was given by Lt. Randy Oakes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Frankey said between 75 and 100 people attended Alcohol Awareness Day and proclaimed the event as a "success".

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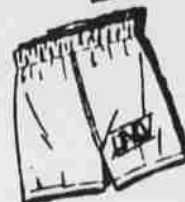
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