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Southwestern conclave to be held at UNLV

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More than 300 ATO fraternity brothers from 10 nearby universities are expected to visit UNLV for a weekend of work and fun, starting this evening.

The conclave of southwestern Greeks meets first for a light party at the ATO house just north of the Thomas and Mack Center and ends Sunday morning at the Holiday Casino buffet. Ac-

tivities for Saturday include educational programs on alcohol and initiation abuse, talks from prominent ATO alumni, athletic contests, a barbeque, and an evening party.

The annual ATO conclave, held last year at Arizona State University, will attract ATOs from nearby schools, including UCLA, USC, UCSD, U of Arizona, ASU, and Occidental.

Doug Rankin, in charge

of organizing the event, has been working with the other ATOs for the past two months to insure a safe and rewarding conclave. He said that at the Saturday night party the ATO Risk Avoidance program designed will be in force to reduce problems normally associated with drinking at parties. Preventative measures include designating nondrinking drivers, checking ID's of those who drink, taking all the brothers' car

keys, and providing plenty of munchies and nonalcoholic drinks.

Entertainment for the closed, invitation-only party will be provided by "Face First." The band is expected to play for over 500 students, including those sorority sisters who accept ATO's open invitation to UNLV's five sororities to be part of the fun.

The public is invited to attend all the other events planned for Saturday.

Three talks will feature the executive director of ATO, ATO national officer, Phil Bender, and a mystery speaker whom ATO's Bud Benneman said is a famous ATO alumni. An introduction to ATO's "Leadershape" program is also scheduled.

Before the evening's party, a 3-man basketball tournament and an outdoor barbecue will be held on the dorm field west of Tonopah hall.

ATO is the longest stan-

ding fraternity on campus. Re-established in 1975, it helped to initiate the resurgence of Greek life on the UNLV campus. Rankin said, "We pride ourselves on being a diverse group. Rich, poor, middle class. White and blue collar. Athletes and scholars. And all working together to learn how to better ourselves and lead other people."

Graduate Student Association offers new programs

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This spring, the Graduate Student Association is in full swing with several programs. The GSA's purpose is to enhance the reputation of the Graduate program as well as aid students in preparation for post graduation employment and doctoral pursuits.

As part of this goal, GSA offers several research grants to aid students in developing quality material for publication. Over 75 percent of GSA money is given directly back to students in the form of grants.

Grant funding ranges to $500. Spring research grants are still available and require a proposal submitted to the GSA of-

fice by March 18.

The GSA also encourages student participation in professional conferences and conventions. Attendance fee reimbursement is available to all graduate students who submit petitions.

Currently in the works is a new proposal for a brown bag lunch series. Guest speakers in various fields of study will be in-

vited to informally lecture over lunch. Student input on such proposals is invited. A spring fling social is also on the agenda for semester's end.

Graduate students in-

terested in grants, or other GSA activities are encouraged to pick up a copy of the GSA news letter and contact the Graduate Student Association office at

739-3993. Students are encouraged to voice their concerns through their college representatives. The next executive council meeting is March 4.

UNLV ROTC wins Challenge

The UNLV Army ROTC Rangers won the 1988 California and Nevada area Ranger Challenge championship this weekend to advance to the 4th ROTC Region's competition in April.

Ranger Challenge is the Army ROTC's Olympic Games. A gruelling 7 event test of physical and mental endurance, leadership, teamwork, and basic military skills the competition pits the 9 best cadets from each university against each other to determine the best overall team.

The Rebels began training in August and won state bragging rights by beating Reno in January. Coached by Captain Larry Lambert

and Master Sergeant Mike Jefferson the UNLV team competed against the much larger schools from California like USC, UCLA, Claremont and most of the PCAA schools, to pull a major upset of the established ROTC programs, some over 100 years old.

The events included the Army Physical Fitness Test (pushups, situps, 2 mile run), the one-rope bridge crossing, team orienteering, M16 rifle shooting, the grenade assault course, weapons assembly and a 10k run in combat boots carrying a 30 pound rucksack and rifle. All of the events were timed with the winning team in each event receiving 12 points for first

place, 11 points for 2nd etc. The Rebels finished first in the PT Test, Rope bridge and weapons assembly and amassed 76.5 total points to edge Cal State Fullerton.

The Rebels Rangers now travel to Fort Lewis, Washington in April to compete against the 8 winners from 83 universities and 20 western states to determine the Region Champion.

The 1988 Ranger Challenge Champs are Dennis Storey, Geodinno Bagaporo, Tom Tindall, Jim Orndorf, Tony Garza, Dean Scaletta, Chuch Hallman, Lee Salmon and Team Captain Cris Walach.