

Greeks pull together to help handicapped children

by Carl Cook

guest writer

Last weekend something very special happened to a group of UNLV students at Sunset Park. Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Sigma Phi along with the Delta Zeta and Alpha Delta Pi sponsored a picnic for hearing impaired children.

Scott Lowden of TKE said "This is a great opportunity for the people of Las Vegas to see how UNLV's greek system can benefit the community."

More than one hundred UNLV students showed up to cook hamburgers, play kickball and have a great time with children who don't get to reap the benefits of a more normal

life. "The fraternities and sororities are getting along wonderfully. It's good to see that we can all pull together when it really counts," said one Delta Zeta.

"The biggest problem was scheduling a time when everyone could meet," said Lowden. "There wasn't any animosity at all, the

representatives realized what needed to be done and did it. It was a learning experience for all of us." Fortunately, most of the children brought their parents with them to act as interpreters. Some of the UNLV students learned portions of sign language, others just did the best they could to communicate.

Frisbee-throwing seemed to very well with the kids. Nothing, however, matched the attention to the many cameras filming and snapping the events (even the Video Yearbook was there). Everyone was enjoying themselves.

The cost of the picnic was estimated at \$600. The money came through fundraisers and donations

from each fraternity and sorority house. To them, it was all worth it and most involved here would gladly do it again.

It makes me feel good to do something worth while like this. It's obvious the kids appreciate it and so do their parents. I'm just glad I could brighten their day," said TKE Little Sister Kim Merrill.

Night

alternatives would be a likely limitation on any such evening program. Some departments might be unable to do one.

Wright emphasized that, in terms of lower-division prerequisites, UNLV is meeting student requirements very nicely. But, he admits, out of about 22 possible majors on campus, a majority cannot be presently pursued at night.

"As a practical matter, we would be doing a service by inventorying curriculum to see which departments can offer students degrees at night."

Frustrated students see a lack of opportunity in the dearth of nighttime upper-division offerings.

Jackie Diaz, a senior majoring in Communication Studies, has heard friends describe the futi-

ty of trying to complete an education at night. She would like to see a fuller program in her own department for those who need the flexibility.

"I don't think they offer as many classes as should be offered," she said.

Jan Nicosia, of the same major, agrees. "What happens if you have a job?" she asked. "Do you say 'Bye, I have

a class at two in the afternoon'?"

For Associate Registrar Nick Paul, the issue turns on ways and means.

"The state really funds the university to run from eight to five," he said. "It's mainly designed to operate during those hours, though the flexibility is there to offer evening classes. Thus the crucial variable continues to be the level at which UNLV

seeks to fulfill its mandate as an urban campus in a 24-hour town. Few universities attempt to offer mirrored curriculum at night; the strain on resources would be too severe.

Dean Jerry Vallen of the Hotel Administration College put the matter in the context of such a spare economy.

"The resources of the campus are finite," he said. "One cannot satisfy

everyone, and with limited resources, you have to decide who is the best to satisfy. So, if the faculty and administration decide who is the best one to satisfy. So, if the faculty and administration decide that 10 a.m. is the time to give a chemistry course, and somebody complains they can't take it except at night, that's tough. We can't suddenly discom-

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Admissions

asked rhetorically, "Is the message we are sending in 1988 that everyone who attends high school has the right and need to attend a university? This is just not true."

Galloway emphasized that the boosted entrance requirements are not intended to eliminate substandard applicants per se, but rather to indicate to those affected what will be necessary to

remediate before they are fully prepared to undertake university-level studies. She said Regent Klaich had remarked at the meeting that many careers do not require a university education anyway.

"A lot of students belong in Community College," Klaich reportedly said.

Galloway pointed out that the views of minority students, a continuing

concern, will be heard by a special committee soon to be formed, comprised of UNR minority faculty and student representatives. Whether this will be replicated at UNLV depends on actions yet to be determined here.

For his part, Dr. Maxson promises all due sensitivity. "Without question, if we went to increased admissions standards, we would absolutely do that

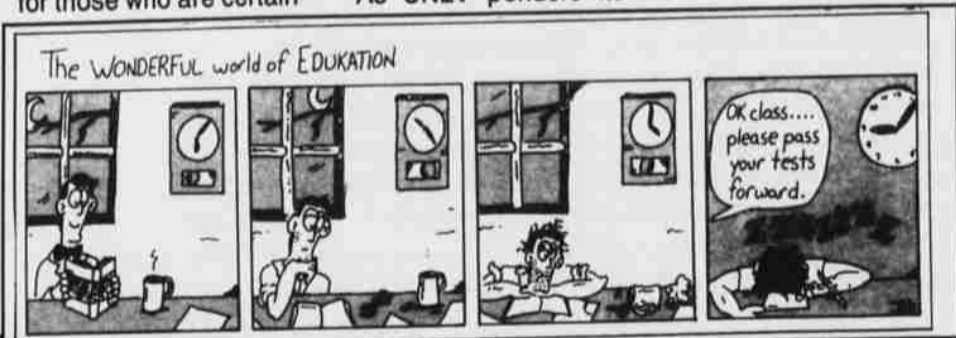
with all sensitivity to minority youngsters or any disadvantaged students," he said. "I think you would see some sort of provision for those who are certain-

ly capable of doing college work, but who were for some reason denied opportunities earlier."

As UNLV ponders its

own proposal, the Board of Regents will take up the UNR plan at the next couple of sessions.

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