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*I'd rather see newspapers with no government than government with no newspapers*

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## Students occupy new dorms

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No school year is complete until you can hear voices coming from the residence halls.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, dorm students began arriving to take their places on campus. With the addition of four residence halls, there were many new faces contending with the move. Their arrival and how it was handled met with mixed reviews.

Students living in Tonopah Hall seemed to get comfortable quickly. Although there were a few minor problems with the air conditioning and plumbing, most students expressed their pleasure at being settled.

Sophomore and returning Tonopah Hall resident Amy Wheeler commented that it was great coming back and seeing all the returning residents.

Jennifer Zajac, a freshman at UNLV, thought people were very helpful and that the whole affair was very well organized.

Residents in the new dorms had a wider range of responses.

"C" dorm freshman John Parsons expressed displeasure at not having all his furniture. He also felt that not having a closet to hang his clothes in was a problem.

Other students talked about not having window shades,



Moving in - Chicago native Howard Stillman unpacks his bags in complex C of the new dormitories. Photo by Steve Spatafore

locks on their doors, and bed frames. All the missing furniture was expected to arrive by Aug. 25.

On the brighter side, the

new residence halls bring more student life to UNLV and many people have commented on their unique look.

Junior Beth Griffith liked

the patios and the spacious bathrooms. "It's nicer, more like an apartment compared to Tonopah Hall," she said.

Students will still be arriv-

ing all week until all the rooms are filled. So, for better or for worse, the residents at UNLV are settled into their new homes.

## Innovative book service debuts at UNLV

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UNLV students Ben Weingarten and Yuval Katz recently collaborated to form the *Book Me Services* in an effort to beat the high price of textbooks.

Students were complaining about the high cost of books and the low trade-in value, Weingarten said. "Students' complaints prompted us to create this cooperative. We thought we could lower the cost of books and the students would benefit."

Weingarten said they talked to students who were outraged by the prices at the bookstore.

The project began during summer sessions, and Weingarten said he has heard positive reactions from both faculty and students.

After expenses are met, the cooperative will donate a part of the proceeds to CSUN.

"Instead of going into Barnes and Noble's pockets, the money will go to CSUN," Weingarten said.

The *Book Me Services* are located in the Moyer Student Union second-floor ballroom and will be open the first and last week of each semester.

If a student wants to sell a book, Weingarten said the book is given on a consignment basis, and the student is given a receipt for the book. When *Book Me Services* sell the book, they pass the money over to the seller Weingarten added.

To cover costs, there is a 99 cent fee per book. There is no fee for books costing eight dollars or less, such as supplements and study

guides.

To facilitate buying a book, the books are displayed according to college and department.

The books are bought and sold at the same price, Weingarten said.

The service takes the average between the price of a used book and the price of the trade-in value, Weingarten said.

If a used book costs \$29.95, and the return value is \$19.95, the average is \$24.95, he explained.

*Book Me* is a service and not a business, and that is why the profit margin is almost nonexistent, Weingarten said.

He added that a student can save about \$4 per book, which adds up to about \$30 or \$40 savings per semester.

Kevin P. Straub, Hotel Ad-

ministration, said he has saved \$25 on books this semester.

"I think it is an outstanding operation and I think they should open for a profit and complete against the bookstore's monopoly," he said.

Clark Cortez, Management Information System Major, is in full agreement.

"I've hoarded 15 books since I was a freshman because of the low trade-in value from the bookstore," Cortez said.

"So far the *Book Me Services* has sold about nine books and I have made \$15 over the bookstore return price."

Other students need to participate for the service to do well, Cortez said.

"The more people selling books means the more people can buy books for less

than at the bookstore."

Currently, the selection is limited and most of the books are from the 100 level.

There are some upper-division level books, but to get more they need the full cooperation of the students, Weingarten said.

The *Book Me Services* slogan is *For the student, by the student.*

Weingarten said they don't want any conflict with the bookstore. They want to be a service to the students.

General Manager of the UNLV Bookstore Richard Field said he is sympathetic and supports the service.

"I know the price's of books are hurting the kids' pocketbooks, but I'm not dictating the prices."

"The list price is made by the publishing companies, not Barnes and Noble or

me," Field added.

He said the price of books is the national average, and that he is not aware of a college bookstore that can sell for less.

The bookstore did a random survey of list prices of 10 titles at Clark County Community College last semester, and UNLV's prices were cheaper, Field said.

He added that it is beneficial to students to buy used books because they are 25 percent lower than the list price. The student will get back 50 percent of the list price when he trades the book in at the bookstore.

Field cautioned that not all books retain their trade-in value due to the changing of texts for courses.

The faculty is trying to control adopting new books, Field said.

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