

Have patience with the person behind the desk

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Remember going through registration? Remember those long seemingly endless lines with one solitary person behind a desk? How did you feel? Grumpy? Annoyed? Impatient? Most likely, unless you have the patience of a saint, which most of us do not. But what about the person behind the desk? Surely we feel some pity. After all, the students could leave after awhile. That ever-so-helpful

person could not. Assistant Coordinator for Registration Carla Henson said that registration went a little smoother this year. With the help of CARS, walk-through registration was just a little better. "Every semester, CARS becomes more understandable. The main problem is that students will schedule a class, never mind the computer number, and then become angry when their class is not scheduled," Henson said. There is a lot of controver-

sy over CARS. It is most confusing, Registrar Jeff Halverson said, to the freshmen and sophomores who aren't really used to college yet. Halverson and his staff have quite a lot to do for registration. Pre-registration starts months in advance, when they collect information from all the departments on classes, instructors, and times. They also must make reservations for the use of Thomas and Mack. Many of the people who work registration do just

that, they are hired specifically to help out with registration, Halverson said. All the departments are responsible for having a representative at registration, Halverson said. These people are instructors or aides, and they answer questions, though they do not always have smiles on their faces, they are, as a group, very helpful and considerate, he said. And how do they keep those smiles on? It must be very taxing to deal with hundreds of students, most of

them bewildered and confused. Students also make frequent mistakes during registration. These mistakes are mostly writing incorrect class numbers, or blocking out times, Halverson said. This can become very hectic for that person at the desk. Thankfully, there are computers to take away some of the hassle, but the cashier work and personal attention are human. To all those students who found registration the absolute worst experience of

their life, just remember what the staff had to go through. After all, it can't be easy having to answer the same questions over and over. Just imagine how many times a staff member was asked, "Is this class filled yet?" with the student never bothering to notice that the sign says that, yes, the class is filled. As Carla Henson put it, "The students are the most important thing we have here at UNLV. Without them, where would we be?"

Greeks raise funds for MDA

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The Greek system has always had a tarnished image among community members, but UNLV Greek Members, especially the Sigma Chi Fraternity, are working hard to polish that image by holding their fifth annual car wash for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sigma Chi brothers and their Little Sisters helped raise \$1,075 this Labor Day weekend by holding a 24-hour car wash. The car wash, which was held at the Chevron on the

corner of Maryland and Tropicana, started at noon Sunday and ended at noon on Labor Day. Last year Sigma Chi raised \$963. Fund-raising Chairman Frank Cuglietta chairman said he expected this year's total to be around \$1,000. With an average of 20 people washing cars and collecting money at street corners, \$500 was raised by midnight, according to Sigma Chi President Robin Winters. The Sigma Chi, along with community members helped make this a worthwhile event. "The Chevron station was

very helpful, they helped us and MDA by donating the water and their property," said Cuglietta. Dominos pizza also lent a helping hand. "They were driving by and giving us free pizza and their tips," said Sigma Chi member Donnie Cipriano. Local radio stations also helped by publicizing the event. The Greek system and the community pooled their resources together to benefit MDA and proved that Greeks do other things besides drink and cause trouble.



Rush hits UNLV - Greeks recruit this week in front of the MSU photo by steve spatatore

Picnic celebrates Constitution

Five hours of free entertainment and a picnic will highlight the second annual "Blessings of Liberty" celebration of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, 3:00-8:00pm Sunday on the UNLV campus. Music, comedy, magic, dance and children's activities make this an event for all the family. Admission is free and parking is plentiful. Picnic foods and beverages will be available for purchase, with proceeds earmarked for educational and service projects. Cosponsors of the "Blessings of Liberty" are the Entertainment and Programming Board of UNLV's student government (CSUN) and the Southern Nevada chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. The stage performances will be non-stop from 3:00-8:30pm.

The UNLV Jazz Combo will provide a dazzling one-hour performance to close the show, with fireworks as a Grand Finale. Other entertainment includes the "Rising South" bluegrass band, Marliza's belly-dancers, and a smashing (literally) demonstration of medieval jousting by the group "Creative Anachronism." Also, the Silver State Voices with a program of favorite pops; Wally Leslie, a comedian who commits outrageous magic and wondrous feats with balloons; and the award-winning Zephyros Greek Dancers. A professional ensemble from the American Repertory Theatre will do Broadway Show excerpts; the "Kitchen Cut-Ups" will demonstrate new, musical uses for kitchen utensils, and the Zion Methodist Youth Choir will do a program.

Activities for children include face-painting by Lillian Franky, CSUN Entertainment and Programming Director, and Karen Hirschfield, Assistant Programming Director. Also for the kids, a petting zoo from Southern Nevada Zoological Park; City of Las Vegas recreation leaders to organize games and contests; and the hilarious mimes from the Rainbow Company. Picnic foods available for purchase will be hot dogs, hamburgers, Nachos, popcorn, and a variety of cold drinks. Alcoholic beverages will not be served, nor are they permitted on campus during this event.



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