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UNLV food service contract up for bid soon

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YELLIN' REBEL

New bids for the university food service contract will start in late January, Terri Piper, head of Residential Life, said this week.

Piper said the process of taking bids from different food service corporations and then evaluating them is a long one. It involves deciding who will be able to provide the best selection and the best quality at the most economic price for the university.

He said that the new contract should be signed by May and that the new food service will start by July 1, 1990.

Piper said the timing is right for the new contract because of the planned building of the new dining commons and the new state-of-the-art equipment the new food service will have.

Students have been voicing their opinions recently concerning the quality of food they receive from the current food service, Marriott corporation.

UNLV student Steve Henri said, "I don't much care for the food except maybe the breakfast. I'd rather pay \$2.00 for a strip buffet than come here."

Dan Altbach agreed, "The food could be better...the food all tastes the same, they just have different

names for it."

Piper said, "It is important for the students to understand that Marriott provides food out of an old and small food service area...it is unfair to evaluate them because of what they have to work with."

That's not the only problem according to some students. The hours are not convenient and sometimes there's not enough room to sit.

Erin Mahar said that people in sports have a hard time getting to the dining room on time for dinner because it is open only from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and sometimes they don't get out of practice soon enough.

Eric Schimt agrees that the hours are inconvenient but his main concern is that "they try to make it gourmet food but all that does is make it taste worse."

Denny Slaman, student manager of the dining commons, said that when you deal with a mass group of people you can't spice the food like it would be at home because some people wouldn't like it. "We can't please everybody, unfortunately," he said.

He mentioned that some students want Marriott out but if anybody else comes in, things won't change that much. The dining commons will always be the same amount of money from the residential life

budget.

"No one should be blamed [for the problems]," he said. "We have been improving in the last year in all areas," he said.

He gives examples of the addition of the Sunday through Thursday carved roast and the Monday through Thursday elective bar which breaks away from the normal everyday line service. The hours of operation are part of the current contract and will probably change in the new contract.

Piper said that with the new contract they will try to get the maximum choice at the maximum value and do it in a way to coincide with the growth of the university.

University lacking grad money

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high rate of growth, there are just a host of other services that need to be increased before the number of assistantships will be raised significantly," Smith said.

UNLV Graduate Student Association President Don Wireman receives a stipend and works for the Department of Political Science.

"Competition is extreme for these assistantships," said Wireman.

"In 1988, 107 G.A.s were awarded at UNLV from a graduate student population of 2,007. Only five were given in the Political Science department."

Most graduate assistantships are given on a master's level with the average amount awarded being \$7,000. A slightly higher amount is given at a doctorate level and second year G.A.s are given more than first year. Requirements are based totally on academics with the posi-

tions given to the brightest and hardest working students.

"There just aren't many assistantships available in comparison with other schools of this size," said Wireman.

Flagg agrees and said, "UNLV is a developing school and it's caught in the dollars crunch. UNR is ahead of UNLV because they are an older school with numbers of positions awarded from the past that they can build on."

Instigator caught

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this week and a 15 page report was sent to the vice president of Student Services, Robert Ackerman, who will study the report and decide whether or not any action against students involved will be taken by the university.

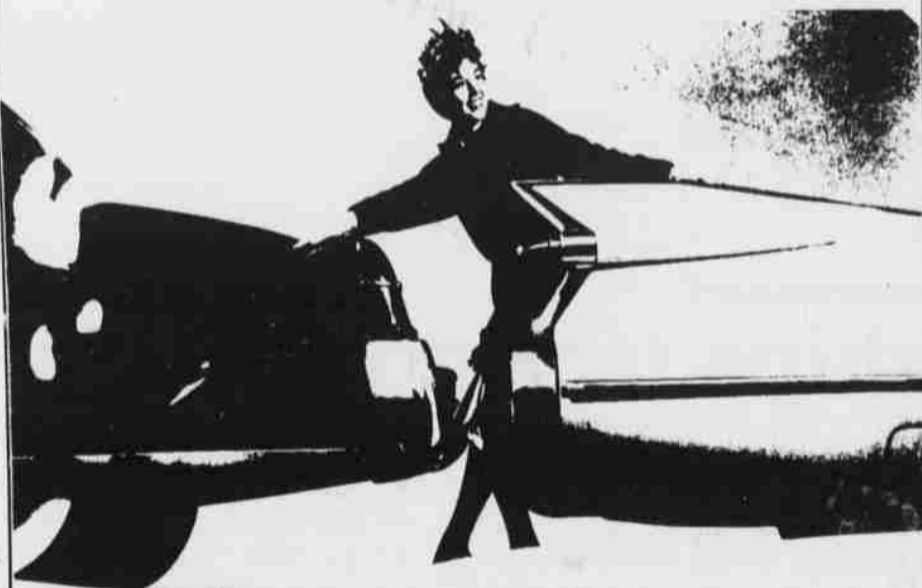
On Nov. 8 the Yellin' Rebel received an anonymous letter disclaiming two points in the article, printed in the Oct. 27 issue. It claimed that some of the football players were involved in the actual fight and that the paper was misled into believing that they were the peacemakers. The letter stated

that only one football player helped to stop the fight.

Barrett said that the information they had, which was corroborated by witnesses, was that the football players' involvement were as peacemakers and that there was no information to substantiate a criminal complaint.

The letter also said that the female team member who was injured and filed a complaint was white, not black, which was found to be true after further investigation.

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