

# Moyer Student Union plans renovation

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UNLV's Barnes and Noble Book Store is going to be moved to where the dining commons is now to make room for more books demanded by the growing university.

"The Book Store is much too small for a campus this size. We are getting more degree programs here and more colleges on campus.

The Book Store needs to expand just like a library needs to expand to include all the books that will be demanded by the faculty and staff and the students," said Theresa Y. Chiang, director of the Student Union and Activities.

"The main book store will be a

lot larger and at a new location just to accommodate the students better, especially at rush time and at buy back times," said Nadine Purdon, books store manager. (see side bar 1)

"It will include a buy back window area making it more convenient for students to sell back their books," Chiang said.

In addition to the new larger book store, Barnes and Noble will have a separate accessory store where the game room is now.

For students convenience, the book store annex will be open earlier than the large book store to sell items like pencils, scantrons, notebooks, and such to students who need them for class. "We can ad-

just the times to meet the students needs," said Chiang.

"The book store will never close," she said. "The construction will go from one phase to the other. We will renovate the dining commons first. Once that's finished, the book store will be moved into it and the front of the student union will be renovated for Student Activities offices.

"If everything goes OK, the new book store will be open spring of 1991, that's our target," said Chiang.

"There will be a new food commons behind (west of) the Moyer Student Union. It will be upon completion of that before we can go into the new space," said

Purdon.

"The dining commons will not be interrupted for any reason", said Chiang. "Summer students will be fed in the present dining commons until the new dining commons is finished, then the students will use

it," Chiang said. "Everything should be completed at this time next year.

"It's going to cost over 1 million dollars, although you don't know the exact cost until you have the contract, Chiang said.

## Nadine Purdon new manager

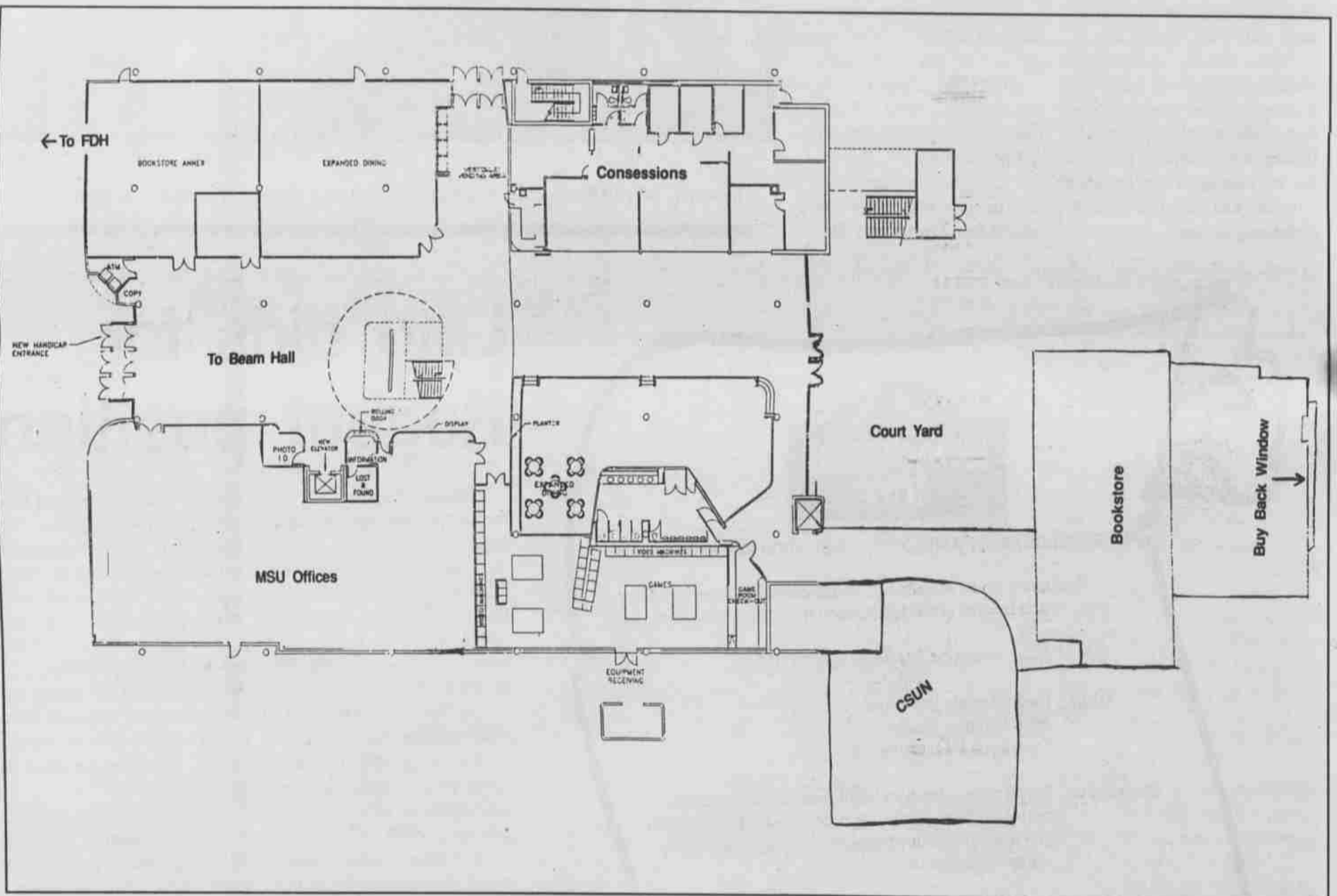
Nadine Purdon transferred from the book store at the University of Oklahoma to work at UNLV.

She replaced Richard Field as Barnes and Noble Book Store manager.

"The actual switch is something that I am not familiar with,

other than there was an opening and Dr. Ackerman, Vice-president of Student Services, wanted to interview a couple people from our company, and Dr. Ackerman decided to hire me," said Purdon.

Purdon said she likes the weather here and is happy with the staff she will be working with.



# Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program looking for choices

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Rex Purkins, the director of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program, has completed his first semester at the helm and is pleased with the developments of the program.

"The main goal this semester was primarily to get the program exposed to the campus," Purkins said. "This was done through newspaper articles, faculty/staff letters, public services announcements and referrals from other agencies on

campus."

The program also participated in the Health Fair sponsored by the Student Health Center in April.

According to Purkins, drug and alcohol programs outside the campus environment strive for complete abstinence. Yet, the campus program is designated to create a positive attitude within the campus community toward preventing abuse of drugs and alcohol through education and awareness, information and effective intervention.

"The expectations of a campus community are different in that

drinking and partying is part of the setting," he explained. "So the orientation has to be something other than abstinence. We are looking for choices and responsibilities."

Purkins has been successful in establishing a community network referral system with private and nonprofit treatment facilities within Las Vegas, allowing his trained staff to make referrals if necessary.

Because the program is relatively new, Purkins is uncertain of the extent at which drugs and alcohol are misused on campus. To help pinpoint this figure, the pro-

gram will conduct a thorough and complete needs assessment program when classes resume this fall.

Purkins counseled 12 students on a one-on-one basis this semester.

The majority of these students were referred to the program by dorm residential assistants who have been trained, by Purkins and his staff, to detect signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse.

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program's activities for the fall semester include participating in National Drug and Alcohol Aware-

ness Week, conducting effective training for Residential Life and the Student Health Center, and sponsoring alternative behavior activities.

According to Purkins, he will be very concerned with the incoming students.

"We don't want them to get lost," he said. "We want to offer them some structured and unstructured activities to let them know that the program is very supportive of other types of activities and that we are not out on a witch hunt."