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## UNLV registration problems persist

### Record number of students enroll



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Will it ever end? - Students finally come to the end of a long wait to pay for classes.

By Angela Desmoni  
Reporter

Of all the tiresome and aggravating matters that go along with being a college student-writing papers, taking tests, constantly studying, etc.-many students find registration the most annoying.

But relief is in sight.

"Touch-tone registration will be up by next Spring, and we hope it will eliminate some of the problems," Registrar Jeff Halverson told the Yellin' Rebel, but he also defended this year's Computer Advanced Registration System registration.

"Over 12,000 students did participate in CARS this fall alone," he said, adding "I feel it went very well. We were busy and enrollments are up."

Not all students shared Halverson's assessment of CARS, however.

CARS is programmed to be a simpler faster way to register for classes than the alternative Walk-Thru.

Geared to save the hassle of

lines, the problems of signing up for an already filled class, and time, the process allowed students to write down the courses they wanted/needed and drop them in a box along with their fears of not getting them. However, things do not always work out as planned.

Michelle Abbott, a freshman from California majoring in hotel administration, was in one of the first orientation groups held for students attending UNLV in the Fall of 1990. She registered in June.

"The orientation staff told me that there would be no problem getting the classes/credits I needed," Abbott said, "so I thought everything would be great. Then about one month later, I received my schedule and there were only nine credits listed, when I had originally signed up for 18. I wasn't even enrolled as a full-time student according to the University."

Abbott had to go through Walk-Thru to fix everything, she said.

"A complete and accurate

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## Customized texts to appear this Fall

### The age of on-demand, custom textbooks is about to arrive

WASHINGTON (CPS) - Like most collegians, American University junior Barbara Langdon spent about \$300 for textbooks last term. And like most, she hardly remembers the books, using only a chapter or two from each.

"It's a waste because you are not using all of what you are paying for," Langdon says.

"But if the speakers at a recent conference about the future of college bookstores are right, relief may be in sight for Langdon and the nation's other 12 million collegians.

The age of on-demand, custom textbooks is about to arrive,

speakers at the Collegiate Retailing Symposium here predicted.

Publishers, they said, will soon allow professors - and maybe even students - to pick and choose chapters and sections from different authors, and then, by using a computer compile them into one textbook assembled specifically for one class section.

Students will thus have to buy a third fewer books than they do now, the speakers said.

But they may not be saving any money, the speakers added, because the "custom textbooks" will probably prove more expensive to produce than the mass models students currently lug around campus.

McGraw-Hill, the second-biggest college text publisher, unveiled the idea last November. McGraw-Hill Chairman Joseph Dionne declared that "textbooks will never be the same."

At the time, bookstore managers weren't too thrilled about the logistics of trying to stock a special textbook for every course offered at a school.

Apparently, they have now warmed to the idea.

"As I see it, there is a lot of promise in this in terms of products being more focused on classes or individuals," said William Simpson of the University of Connecticut Co-op at the symposium.

"The other plus is the hope of low costs, or at least the diminishing of the upper spiral of costs."

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## Student Body President Bunin gives State of the Campus address

By Karen Splawn  
Staff Reporter

Student Government is researching the idea of "pre-pay" tuition, where students would pay for their entire college education in advance at the present tuition and credit fee rate Student Body President Joe Bunin said during his State of the Campus address August 30.

He said that the upcoming school year gives him and other Student Government members a chance to follow up on important

programs, such as a new way to pay for tuition.

He gave his speech during the first senate meeting of the UNLV Student Government.

Bunin said he wasn't sure Student Government could accomplish all of its goals, but is now sure it can.

Bunin said he was very happy with the progress made by other student government boards, such as Entertainment and Programming.

He said the pre-pay tuition plan would be an alternative to

having to pay higher fees from school year to school year, he said.

"We think it would benefit potential students," he said. A "pre-pay" plan would also benefit university enrollment, Bunin said during a later interview with the Yellin' Rebel.

Bunin said that he and others aren't sure of how students who may not be able to pay for college four years in advance would be incorporated into the plan.

There could be a monthly payment plan for students who couldn't afford the entire amount at one time, he added.

"The details have not remotely been worked out," he said, adding it has not been discussed with university administration as of yet.

Much more research must be done before anything can be approved by the Nevada Legislature, he said.

Bunin said the NSA will be a very strong force in the upcoming session of the state legislature, especially when it comes to grant-in-aid funding.

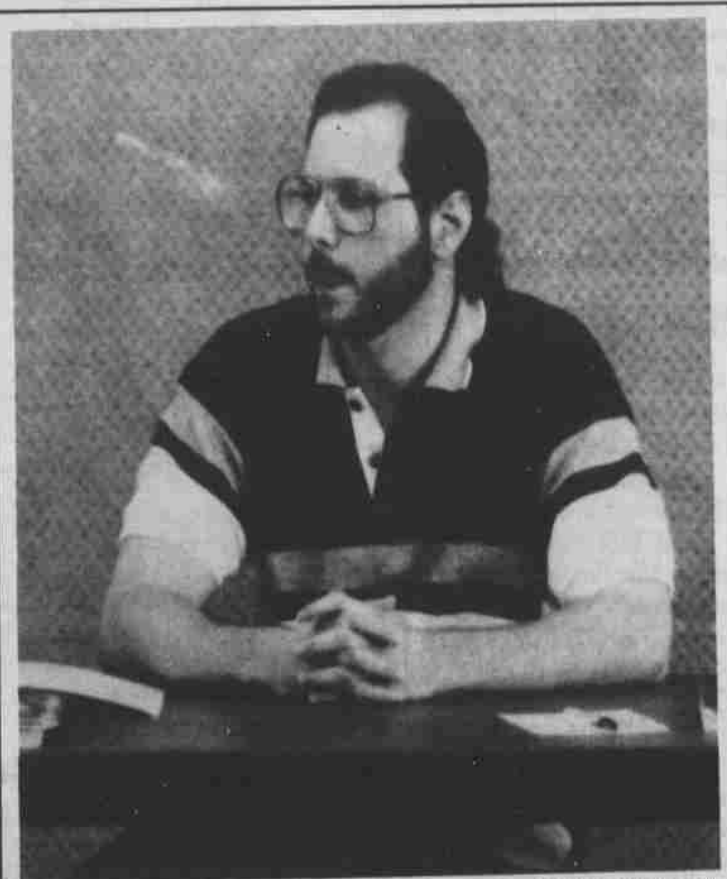
"Obviously, higher education isn't a high priority with the legislature, or not as high as it should be," Bunin said.

Nevada, he added, is one of the few states with a huge budget surplus and a tuition hike at the same time.

Bunin said the NSA must also lobby heavily for the Student Health Center, because basic health care for students is essential and cannot be ignored.

The president said he would also like to see more promotion of student government, through

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Joe Bunin - Student Body President discusses the state of the campus in the years' first Senate meeting.

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