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## Parking spaces becoming scarce at UNLV

### No plans to relieve problem in sight

By Bonar Tucker  
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Approximately 15,000 cars are being registered on campus this Fall and there are no plans to increase parking spaces. Yet, officials at University of Nevada, Las Vegas are not concerned, citing the Thomas & Mack lot as "always having parking available."

Department of Public Safety Chief Dave Hollenbeck said, "There are 6,000 spaces available in the Thomas & Mack lot. Many students think they have to pay the \$2 fee to park there but that is only paid for special events."

Hollenbeck noted that new students were not notified of the available parking during orientation. During school hours the parking there is free.

Because students do not have this information, many are finding their own alternatives to the overcrowded lots on campus. But this, according to Hollenbeck is not to their advantage.

"Some students have used parking off Brussels Road (near the architecture building). This

is an uncontrolled lot," he said. "Although it is university property, it hasn't been improved and it is just desert."

Students have complained about the lack of parking in virtually every area of campus.

Sonya Thomas, a sophomore at UNLV, said, "I parked on Brussels the first week of school. When I came out later, I was completely blocked in."

Ted Rush, also a sophomore, said, "One of my friends came and got me just before (one of the fast food chains across the street) was going to have my car towed. Then I started parking across University Road at AM/PM. But now they charge \$1 a day to park there."

Certain projects planned for the coming year will take more of the already scarce parking places at UNLV. However, Hollenbeck doesn't appear worried.

"If students would just walk that extra half a block from the T&M lot, they would have all the parking they need and still be quite close to their classes," he said.

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Brussels Road - One of the many parking area problems UNLV is plagued with.

## Senator Harry Reid visits UNLV Nation's universities start recycling programs

By Richard Crow  
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Senator Harry Reid (D-Nev.) visited the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Tuesday Sept. 4 to speak to a Political Science 101 class and discuss current university issues with UNLV President Robert Maxson.

During his visit on campus, Reid stopped by the Yellin' Rebel newspaper to talk with reporters.

He discussed his current bill dealing with the protection of senior citizens.

He said there were three areas that he feels are important in protecting seniors.

One involved mail fraud that deals with the solicitation of seniors to buy items they need but never receive, he said.

He said financial exploitation

through boiler-room operations is another form of senior abuse with 90 percent of the illegal scams being perpetrated on seniors.

Reid said the third and worst form of senior abuse was the physical abuse they receive from their family, friends, and the retirement homes they live in.

He said the United States is the only Western country that uses physical restraints on its seniors.

Retirement homes in the U.S. tie some of the elderly people down as if they were animals and use the excuse that the home is protecting the seniors from injuring themselves, he said.

Reid said he hopes the bill will pass soon and that the unbelievable use of restraints will stop.



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Senator - Harry Reid and UNLV President Robert C. Maxson watch rush activities in front of the MSU on Tuesday.

By Shawn Black Snider  
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Student government serves many purposes and has a number of functions on a university campus. Recently, at some universities, these functions have been widened even further due to increased student concern regarding environmental issues.

In universities across the nation, recycling programs are now being instituted. Some, such as the University of Illinois, (student population of 38,000) are under the direction of the administration who employs a full time recycling coordinator.

For other universities these issues have been taken up by their student governments.

The University of Nevada, Reno has an extensive recycling program which is totally funded by their student government. This, according to Kelly Bland, UNR student body vice-president, was a result of listening to the students and faculty.

"We listened and saw that there was a need, so we got involved," said Bland.

The program, which is less than a year old, encompasses the student union building and recycles all their paper and aluminum. Bland hopes to include the book store soon and the rest of the campus as well.

The University of Arizona has a similar program on their campus which was also conceived and is being run by the student government.

Student body Vice-President Peter McCarthy said, "We reacted to what we saw as an important issue to the students and the school."

The program was enacted over summer and is inclusive of all offices, dorms and fraternity houses. McCarthy said all funds generated through the program go back into the school.

Student government again took the initiative as our neighbors to the west, the University of California San Diego.

"A comprehensive and combined program involving recycling, water management and tree conservation have all been instituted and directed by our office," stated John Edson student body president.

"It is a very big issue with students here and with their help we will see this continue to grow and encompass many other aspects as well."

Edson, who was just elected this spring, said he has a master plan that will have all departments in the university using 100 percent recycled paper in the very near future. He is also instituting

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