

News In Brief

State assistance to students

Every state has programs which provide assistance for students. Minnesota provides child care money for women who want to attend college and Michigan provides tuition and expenses for pregnant students. Contact your state office of higher education for a listing of programs available.

Upcoming Theatre attractions

September 20-22, 23, 26-29, 30: "Great Expectations" - University Theatre
 Original adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel.
 Sept. 20-22 and 26-29, 8 p.m., Judy Bayley Theatre.
 Sept. 23 and 30, 2 p.m., Judy Bayley Theatre.
 Admission: \$7.
 September 13: Barrick Lecture Series
 Ed Bradley
 7:30 p.m. Admission: Free
 For box office information phone: (702) 597-4039.

National cholesterol education month September

- 10 United Blood Services Blood Drive - MSU Fireside Lounge 9am-2pm
- 12 CPR Plus CPR Class - MSU Oasis Room 5pm-8pm
 RSVP to CPR Plus 459-8989, \$10.00 fee payable at door.
- 18 Viewing of Common Threads
 Depicts the lives of 5 individuals who have lived & died of AIDS. Sponsored by the Lesbian & Gay Academic Union and the Campus Committee on AIDS. MSU Ballroom 7pm Free
- 26 Clark County Health District Anonymous HIV Antibody Testing Student Health Center 10am-2pm Free

Computer labs open to students

UNLV has three public computer labs available for general use by faculty, staff and students. Each of the labs offers a wide variety of software. The labs are located in the James Dickenson Library, 2nd floor; the Flora Dungan Humanities building, Room 309A.

Take note of the new lab hours which began Monday, August 27, 1990.

Humanities Lab, FDH 245	Monday-Thursday 1 pm-11 pm	Friday 1 pm-7 pm	Saturday 9 am-6 pm	Sunday 12-10 pm
Education Lab, CEB 309A	Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm	Friday 9 am-7 pm	Saturday 10 am-5 pm	Sunday
Library Lab, 2nd Floor	Monday-Thursday 8 am-12 pm	Friday 8 am-7 pm	Saturday 9 am-6 pm	Sunday 12-9 pm

Governor's conference on women 1990 Caesar's Palace-Las Vegas September 14, 15, 16

The objective of the Conference is to provide Nevada's women of all ages, incomes, and racial backgrounds an opportunity to acquire new skills and enhance the status of women. To faster this goal, attendees will participate in an open forum of information education and communication of common experience.

58 workshop-Sat, Sept.15 in the areas of: Business/Career, Personal Development and Taking Charge
 Issues for Action-Sun; Sept.16 will cover: Issues of the 90's Facing Women, Gender Bias and Upcoming Legislation- Concerning Women.
 For more information call 739-9800

Theatre to present "Pip's Trip"

The University Theatre will present "Pip's Trip", a theatrical journey into great expectations and more. Presented in the Judy Bayley Theatre beginning September 20, this is the story of a young orphan named Pip whose "Great Expectations" take him through a series of adventures as he learn about love and humility. Call 739-3801 for further details.

Local business woman supports UNLV residence halls

One of University of Nevada, Las Vegas's new residence halls will be named for local businesswoman Kitty Rodman, partner and secretary-treasurer of Sierra Construction Corp., following the Aug. 30 approval by the University of Nevada System Board of Regents, according to UNLV President Robert C. Maxson.

Rodman recently made a substantial donation to UNLV's residential life program.

"Kitty Rodman is one of Las Vegas' leading business people and a great supporter of UNLV," Maxson said. "We have been expanding our residential life programs—building new dormitories, a dining commons, and support facilities—with the help of people like Kitty, who understand the value of investing in their public university."

"I am very pleased that I have been able to help build the resi-

dential life program at UNLV," said Rodman, a member of the UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees.

The three new dormitories under construction near the residence halls, will provide dining areas for dormitory residents.



Strong supporter - President Maxson and local woman Kitty Rodman.

Voice mail computer tests becoming reality

(CPS) - Students may soon be taking their test by "voice mail" computer systems, if Donald Fricker, a professor at Governors State University in Illinois has his way.

Two new computer programs, moreover, may provide professors with a way to nab cheaters, two Canadian professors argued in a separate presentation in late August.

Governors State's Fricker announced he has developed a computer voice mail program he calls "telequiz" that allows students to take tests over the telephone.

Fricker said his students are fascinated by the system, which will allow professors to record a maximum of 30 questions with true/false or multiple-choice answers.

Students answer questions by pressing buttons on touch-tone phones.

A professor can also set up a system to give an oral essay exam, Fricker said.

What about cheating?

"I believe there would be no more cheating with this system than with any other," Fricker said.

Students would use social security numbers or a secret code to identify themselves.

However, Fricker admitted, "I believe you can't stop people from cheating completely. It's part of human nature."

Yet at the same time Fricker was introducing his new test-taking software in Illinois, two chemistry professors from McGill University in Montreal prepared to announce at the American Chemical Society meeting in New York Aug. 28 that they have two computer programs that can spot classroom cheaters.

"The basis for the detection of cheating is the 'mental fingerprints' student leave when they copy from each other," said David Harpp, who worked on the program with James Hogan.

"The computer programs compare and consider the proba-

bility of pairs of students getting the same answers," Harpp said.

"Answer sheets of all pairs of students are checked, and those with a predefined number of differences in their papers are flagged."

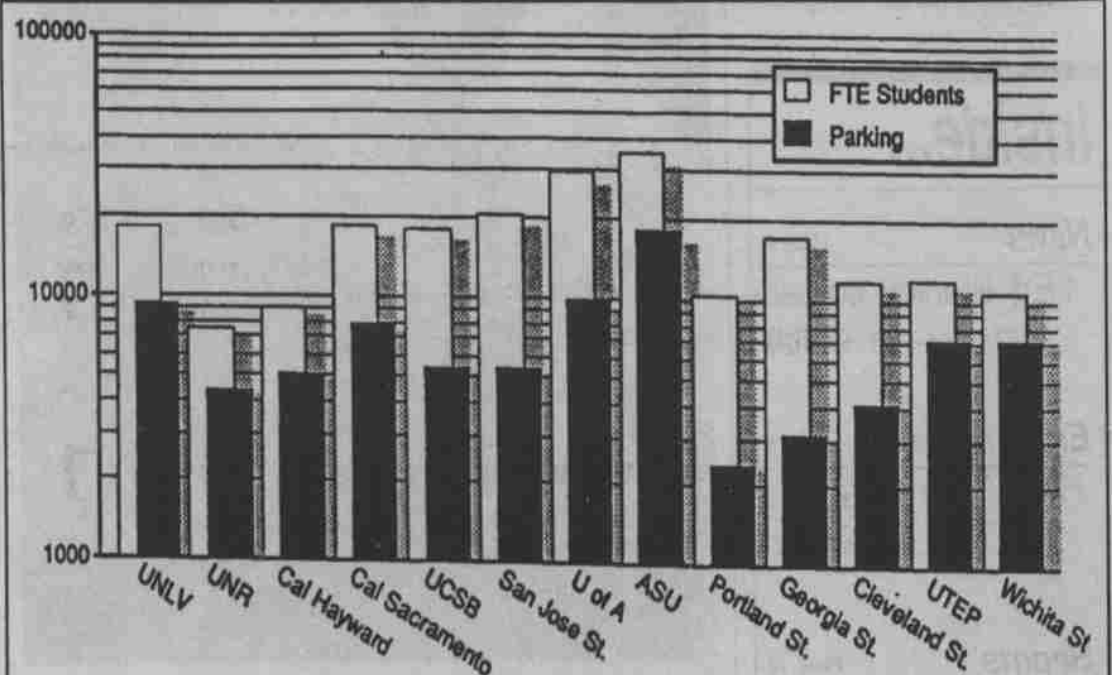
In every case he looked at, Harpp said, the suspected students sat close to each other in the exam room.

Cheating on multiple-choice exams was completely eliminated when students were seated randomly and/or different versions of the test were handed out, Harpp said.

If computers can give and grade tests, and then spot students who cheated on them, does anyone need human professors anymore?

"Your faithful professor must put questions in the program. If you (a professor) can be replaced by a computer program, you probably should," Fricker said.

Campus Parking Comparisons



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