

# MSU Food Court brings varied comments

by Sherri Thomas  
Reporter

The new Moyer Student Union (MSU) Food Court brings a lot of variety for the students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Students surveyed said aside from being slightly crowded, the food quality is excellent.

From the feedback of some of the students who use their meal cards however, there are still complaints about the scanner system not operating correctly and at times holding up the lines.

One student who wished to remain anonymous stated, "Sometimes there's a wait, but the people who work there keep it going as best they can."

A group of other students were asked if it's a good change from the dining commons. All agreed that it was, but the equivalency status from the meal card into money allows you only to "get something to munch, like a ham-

burger, and something to drink, and all your credit is gone."

Students who don't have meal cards like the convenience of not having to go off campus, or having to go to the dining commons for lunch, or for just a small snack. Every individual asked agreed that the service was somewhat better than what they could acquire off campus in both the personnel and edible areas.

There have been various thefts, however, from the food court. A problem, according to one employee, could be the exit area being so wide while the clerks are so busy which makes it almost impossible for the clerks to discern who has paid and who hasn't.

Students were asked for their opinions about having a "receipt receptionist" check to see if all had paid. A student, who claimed to be a frequent patron commented, "It would protect the paying customers and keep the prices down."



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New MSU Food Court - Dishes out a great new variety of food.

## MSU Hours:

Monday - Thursday ..... 7-8:30 p.m.  
Friday ..... 7-3 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 9-1 p.m.  
Sunday ..... Closed

## Hours for Meal Equivalency Use:

Monday - Friday ..... 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
..... 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
..... 7 p.m.-Close

## Student Government Senate scuffles over funding

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The Student Government Senate gave \$15,000 to the newly-formed Office of Minority Student Affairs during their Sept. 13 meeting, but not without a lengthy discussion.

They approved funding by a roll call vote, with nine voting in favor and three abstaining.

Some members of Student Government voiced concern with giving the money to the office, headed by former Rebel Football coach Wayne Nunnely, because they would have little control.

They also spoke of concern about some ethnic and minority groups, who aligned with the Organizations Board, getting more money from the program. Another complaint was the lack of administrative support.

"I'm not asking you to fund Wayne Nunnely or the Office of Minority Student Affairs," Nunnely said. "Those minority students who pay tuitions and fees are specifically entitled to a service that will help their needs."

During the meeting, Student body President Joe Bunin said he

owed an apology to Nunnely because he felt the program was so "obvious" for student life that he wouldn't have to lobby for it.

"I'm extremely embarrassed that this discussion is going on," Bunin said. "When (Nunnely) walked out of this room, he was disgusted."

Senator Kara Kelley said she resented Bunin's "condescending" attitude toward the senators who had reservations about funding.

"I know what's it's like to be a minority in a male-dominated world," she said. "I'm not against the program."

Bunin responded that he didn't care what some of the other students thought.

"You didn't question Wayne Nunnely," he said. "You berated him."

Senator Ken Tomory (Business and Economics) agreed with Kelley.

"No senator should be belittled by the Executive Board because they question organizations," he said.

Tomory said he abstained from voting because he felt the administration should "wholeheartedly" support Nunnely.

Student body Vice President B.J. Willard said that the senators are group leaders and those who have a problem with the administration should go to them and complain, rather than not supporting minority needs on campus.

Paul Pratt, Chairman of the Elections Board, spoke out against Student Government funding because they wouldn't really be in control. "I think we're setting a very dangerous precedent," Pratt said.

Pratt proposed a signed contract to make sure Student Government funds are spent accordingly. Otherwise, Nunnely could not be held accountable.

Melanie Rosenberg, Appropriations Board director, said if senators aren't happy, they don't have to help Minority Student Affairs next year.

Maxson, who had earlier addressed the Senate about the university's progress, was not at the meeting while Minority Student Affairs funding was being discussed.

Although the administration gave only \$5,500 for Minority

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## UNLV student files lawsuit

by Joseph J. Wheeler  
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University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) student Jose Garcia Jr. has filed a lawsuit asking for \$300,800 from three firms that he claimed damaged his credit rating and harassed him over a loan he never obtained.

"It was about eight months ago when they started calling me saying, 'you owe us money,'" Garcia said. "I told them they had the wrong person. But they didn't care. They sent me letters and called me every day."

Garcia, a sophomore majoring in hotel management, is prepared to fight Union Bank, a California financial institution, First Wachovia Inc, a North Carolina firm that handles student loans, and the California Higher Education Loan Association in court to prove that he is not the same person who applied for and received the student loan.

Months after being contacted by Union Bank that he was behind in payments on a loan he said he never got, Garcia hired a lawyer who obtained a copy of the loan application. What they found was a familiar name.

Jose Garcia Jr. of Carlsbad, California signed the application for a student loan in 1987. But Jose Garcia Jr. of Las Vegas knows it was a different man.

"We proved it wasn't me," Garcia said of the Carlsbad Garcia. "He was 44 years old. He has a different social security number

and everything."

Garcia also claims never to have lived in California, and that he was actually living in Spain at the time the loan application was filed.

Garcia's lawyer tried to make the financial institutions understand all this, but with little success.

"I tried over and over again in telephone communications, telegrams, and letters," Garcia's lawyer said. After four months of no success, they found out that Garcia's credit rating now reflected the defaulted loans.

Both lawyer and client understand that "Garcia" is a common name among Hispanics. Jose's lawyer is Ronald Garcia, special counsel with the Clark County Relations Board and no relation to either Jose Garcia Jr. of Las Vegas or Jose Garcia Jr. of Carlsbad, California.

Garcia hired his attorney only to handle the out-of-court filing process and whatever negotiations First Wachovia, Union Bank, and the California Higher Education Loan Association would care to conduct. His lawyer noted that Garcia drafted the complaint himself and would go to court on his own behalf if the matter goes that far.

Garcia is asking for \$100,000 each from the three defendants plus \$800 in court costs and filing fees. He would also demand that they contact credit rating institu-

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