



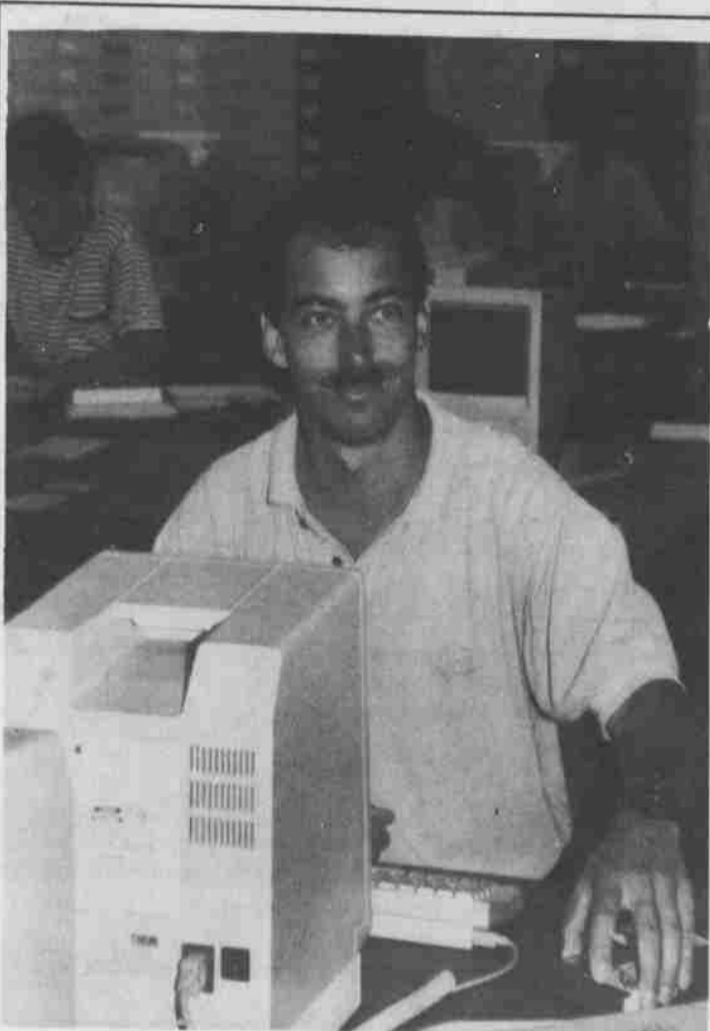
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UNLV computer labs: A privilege being abused



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David Hisaw - of UNLV's User Liaison demonstrates the proper way to use the computers in the Library computer lab.

by Jennifer Elledge
Reporter

As students become acquainted with the university's computer services, they may discover that it can be a great advantage to them. At the same time, they may encounter some obstacles or problems.

Just as photocopying a textbook from a classmate is a violation of the copyright law, so is duplication of a computer program. Computer software is expensive and copying it from a lab machine can be tempting, but it is also illegal.

When asked about copyright violations at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), James R. Dickenson Library's Liaison, David Hisaw replied, "Yes, there is a problem here, but it's not unique to UNLV only."

David Glasser, a tutor at the JDL computer lab, stated that, "We do have some security software already and we're going to get some more." He also commented, "It's a good way to keep people honest."

Commercial use of computer labs is another problem on campus. This is especially common in areas where it is possible to use a high quality laser printer. All labs permit students to use

the computers for academic projects and functions directly related to UNLV. Students cannot utilize the equipment for commercial purposes of any kind.

Students are not the only ones who may attempt to do business related work on the campus computers. According to Hisaw, there is also a problem with some local business people. UNLV is probably the only place in the city where anyone can get free laser prints and they know it.

"On some Saturdays, you can find three to four non-students up there doing business papers," Hisaw said. "We will stop the commercial use of the labs."

Hisaw made it clear that using public resources, such as the campus computers, for personal gain definitely goes against the university code and Nevada Revised Statutes. If a person is discovered doing this, they can be removed from the lab, suspended or even face civil or criminal action.

Other forms of abuse to the computer service exist at UNLV. Students need to be aware that excessive and improper treatment of laser printers, image writers, and other printing equipment can directly effect them.

Spending money on repairs and replacing parts can be done,

but the first step should be to prevent unnecessary wear and tear on the equipment. Those who work in the computer labs strongly advise people to use the computer prints for one final copy only. If multiple copies of a project are required, these should be made on a copy machine. Viewing the layout of a page is possible without actually printing it and will also cut down on usage of printing machinery. Tutors in the labs can show you how to do this.

Glasser stated that, "We get students up here who will waste say, three copies of the same report, because they print it every time they want to proofread it or check the set up. What they need to do is use the print preview command."

If misuse of computer hardware continues, financial repercussions could result. This has the possibility of surfacing in the form of higher tuition costs to fund the replacement of worn out materials. If the situation gets out of hand, it could also mean a fee would be charged for prints. Presently, students do not pay for prints or for the use of the computers.

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Governor's Conference on Women Focuses on finding a balance

by Karlene Edwards
Reporter

Finding a balance between family and career was the message at the third annual Governor's Conference on Women at Caesar's Palace.

The conference, which hosted about 1,000 attendees, urged women to seek support in facing their careers and families.

Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist, Ellen Goodman, told women to nourish both their needs for a family and for a career.

"We must balance work and family or be stuck on the 'mommy track,'" Goodman said.

Goodman said change has been lopsided because of a double illusion, and added women are faced with one set of jobs and

expectations on top of another.

"There are more equal responsibilities than equal rights," Goodman said.

Goodman, a syndicated columnist, said it is still a man's world in terms of standards, values, and pay.

"Women have more success in getting into a male field than in changing the field," Goodman said.

Goodman said while women are striving to find their balance between family and career, men are trying to balance strength and sensitivity.

"Men are going through a difficult inner conflict and unless we work together, change will remain lopsided," she said.

According to Goodman, it has taken a long time for women to be judged as workers and not as women workers.

"We must push hard to be treated as individuals," she said.

Goodman, the Saturday breakfast speaker, urged women to sample the choices from the opening of political, business, and social doors.

Goodman said it is not possible to have it all, "but with some help we can have a very rich sampling."

The three day conference hosted workshops on families, careers, health, and business. The sessions featured local, state, and national speakers.

President of Twentieth Century Fox Productions, Sherry Lansing told women during a Friday night lecture, to be proud of their efforts and not just the results.

"Just trying is what's worthy

of respect," Lansing said. "If you enjoy the process of what you've done, the results will come."

Lansing, who co-produced the movie "Fatal Attraction," said she became a feminist when she was told to pursue a career that would compliment her husband.

"I didn't feel it was right to adjust my life to suit my husband," Lansing said.

Lansing said the women's movement has begun to make break throughs in a predominantly male world.

"I'm really proud to be part of women at this time when they're breaking down barriers," she said.

Lansing said when the women's movement began, she started "paying attention to the Margaret Meads of the world," and added, "they told us we had options."

Lansing told her attendees her appointment to President of Twentieth Century Fox Productions was greeted with a wave of media attention. "If women were important in the film industry, then there wouldn't have been much media attention," she said.

Management Consultant Nancy Austin said women should strive towards an excellence in business and become more innovative.

"The world is yours like it never has been before, but it won't be quick or easy," Austin said.

During the luncheon address, Austin told women she anticipates opportunities for women in business during the next decade.

Austin said, "you've got to believe that what you're doing is simply the way to go."

UNLV offers reader for the blind

by Rebecca Deering
Reporter

A Reader for the visually impaired was recently purchased by the Student Government, and will enable the blind, dyslexic, and other disabled students to read easily and independently.

The 12,000 dollar Xerox/Kurzweil Personal Reader is a voice activated optical scanner that reads typeset and typewritten material and converts it immediately into high quality synthetic speech.

"It has a multiplicity of

uses," according to Edith Landau, head Librarian of the non-book section. "Its primary purpose is to aid the visually impaired and dyslexic, but it goes beyond that."

The new Personal Reader offers immediate access to textbooks and class handouts, allowing students to keep up with reading assignments. Material can be automatically tape recorded as the scanner translates the information to be heard by the student for future reference.

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Easy reading - Chris Morgan, Mitch Lefcourt and Amanda Oliphant demonstrate the new computerized reader for the blind from Kurzweil/Xerox.

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