

NEWS

# Enrollment jumps at two-year campuses; four-year figures stagnant

(CPS) - Enrollment at two-year colleges went way up during the 1989-90 school year, while the average numbers at four-year institutions held steady, Peterson's Guides reports.

The student population at public two-year colleges jumped 6.01 percent, while freshman enrollment increased 4.73 percent, the company's annual guide found.

Enrollment at private and public four-year colleges, meanwhile, remained about the same as in 1988-89, with a slight decrease in the number of entering freshmen.

"I think this is a trend," said Donald Dickason, vice president for the New Jersey-based Peterson's, which publishes a wide variety of guidebooks.

Dickason thinks more students are attending two-year colleges to avoid the skyrocketing costs of a four-year education.

"People are thinking more about attending two-year colleges and then moving on" to a four-year campus, said Dickason.

He speculated that the two-year schools' ability to attract freshmen has drawn some students from four-year campuses.

Four-year schools are in fact signing up fewer entering freshmen this fall.

In May, the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) found that 670 of 800 four-year colleges it

surveyed still had openings for first-year students.

NACAC officials said the numbers suggest the great college enrollment drop, predicted since 1981, may have finally arrived.

Oberlin College, the Universities of Dayton, North Dakota-Grand Forks, Nebraska-Lincoln and Delaware as well as Central Michigan, Ohio State and Marquette Universities, among others, all reported dwindling freshmen classes this fall.

Still others pointedly issued press releases claiming they had "bucked the trend" of dropping enrollments.

Mount Union and Franklin colleges, Southwest Missouri State, Nebraska Wesleyan, Yale, Ball State, Penn State at Edinboro, Middle Tennessee State, Indiana and West Texas State

Universities and the Universities of Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut and New Mexico all boasted of bigger student populations this term.

"Those who are bucking the trend talk about it. Those who aren't bucking the trend don't," explained Dickason. "It's human nature."

He noted that schools this year seem to be quickly dividing into student haves and have-nots. "We have found that the variability (between college populations) is wider and wider this year," Dickason said.

Two- and four-year colleges that increased their enrollments enjoyed big increases, while other schools seemed to suffer steep declines, Dickason explained. "Most times, colleges move in the same general direction."

## Final Fall enrollment figure takes big jump at UNLV

UNLV's final official Fall Semester 1990 enrollment figure took a big jump over previously reported figures, rising to 18,216, an increase of 11.3 percent over last fall's enrollment.

"This is just astounding," said President Robert C. Maxson. "This increase outstrips all of our projections. We

have been expecting enrollment to reach 20,000 students by two years from now, but at this rate we'll be at 20,000 next year."

A preliminary, unofficial count put the number of students attending UNLV this fall at 17,536. But the final count by the Registrar's Office resulted in a raised figure.

## Alternative fraternity enters second year

Delta Lambda Phi, UNLV's first alternative social fraternity, is entering its second year on campus and is currently beginning its fall rush. Created to provide social alternatives for progressive men who do not feel comfortable with what is currently available on campus, Delta Lambda Phi represents a new era in Greek letter societies.

The UNLV chapter is the twelfth Delta Lambda Phi out of twenty across the country, a number expected to double over the next year as colonies are initiated into new chapters. The UNLV chapter also hopes to double its ranks over the next year.

"Our current goal for UNLV

is to initiate at least ten new brothers by the end of the fall semester," said Will Kollinz, president of the chapter.

"We try to get to know people in smaller numbers rather than in large groups. The decision to pledge the fraternity is a statement about oneself. For many it is a way of saying 'I accept myself for the way I am, and I am not going to change for the benefit of others. This kind of realization is not easy to come to,'" said Donald Reed, vice-president of the fraternity.

Some traditional events are planned. "We're holding a BBQ on Oct. 6 to allow anyone interested in the fraternity to come out and meet us, and get to know

more about what we're like," said Reed. "We will also be hosting a talent showcase in November, to allow members of UNLV's Music and Fine Arts departments to present themselves to the University in an informal nightclub setting."

Membership in Delta Lambda Phi is open to men of all races, colors, and creed, irrespective of sexual preference, upon the approval of the chapter and after fulfilling the requirements prescribed by the national fraternity. If you're interested in learning more about the fraternity or its upcoming events, please phone 798-6959, or write: Delta Lambda Phi, P.O. Box 70733, Las Vegas, NV 89170.

## Self Esteem and Career workshops offered

UNLV's Office of Minority Student Affairs announces the first of ten Self Esteem & Career Development workshops to be held in the Moyer Student Union Lounge 203 on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m., sponsored by American Bank of Commerce, featuring Deborah D. Wicker, motivational speaker. Her topic will be "Strategies for Developing a Positive Self Esteem."

Wicker has conducted workshops and seminars promoting Self Esteem and Career Development at the Afro-American Summit, the Clark County Community College Re-entry Women's Program and for individuals and families. She has also published two books entitled: "Career Development and Self Esteem Guide for Success" and "Career Development Self Esteem Workbook."

"As a graduate of UNLV, I feel I can be a valuable asset to the Minority Student Affairs office in sharing my experiences and successes in

being on the Dean's list for academic excellence in my graduate course work to the minority students enrolled at UNLV," Wicker said. "The purpose of the workshops is to develop skills for minority men and women to become competitive in the work force and in technology. We are currently entering the information processing era which requires men and women to excel in developing effective communication skills, goal setting skills, problem solving skills, assertive skills and a positive self esteem."

"I am very pleased that we were able to attract a former graduate of UNLV to come back and conduct these workshops and I hope all UNLV students will come out and participate in the workshops," said Wayne Nunnely, director of Minority Student Affairs.

There is no charge to UNLV students. For more information call 597-4165.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Postdoctoral fellowships available

The National Research Council plans to award approximately 25 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a program designed to provide opportunities for continued education and experience in research for Native American Indians, Alaskan Natives (Eskimo or Aleut), Black/African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, Native Pacific Islanders (Micronesians or Polynesians), and Puerto Ricans.

In this national competition sponsored by the Ford Foundation, citizens of the United

States who are members of one of the designated minority groups, who are preparing for or already engaged in college or university teaching, and who hold the Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree may apply for a fellowship award of one year's duration.

The deadline for submission of applications will be Jan. 11, 1991. All inquiries concerning application materials and program administration should be addressed to the Fellowship Office, GR420A, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418.

### Photo contest

On your mark, get set, shoot. The office of Summer Term at UNLV is accepting photo contest entries until Tuesday, Oct. 30. Winning photos will be featured in the 1991 Summer Term catalog. First prize award is \$275, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50. Contestants will receive \$25 for any photo that appears in the catalog.

The photos should be rep-

resentative of campus life. Each contestant may submit up to five black and white prints or color slides. You must be a registered student during Spring, Summer or Fall 1990 to enter. Submit your entry to "Attention Of: Carrol Steedman, Office of Summer Sessions, Frazier Hall, Room 109."

For more information call Carrol Steedman at 739-3394.

### Post-Khomeini leadership in Iran

"Post-Khomeini Leadership in Iran" will be the next topic of the University Forum Series on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in UNLV's Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 241.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Mehran Tamadonfar, a UNLV assistant professor of political science, will discuss the problems facing Iran's leaders in the wake of the late Ayatollah Khomeini's rule. Tamadonfar will discuss political analysts' doubts that the current political leaders in Iran possess the

charisma and leadership attributes to be as successful as Khomeini in maintaining the support of the Iranian people.

Tamadonfar specializes in Middle East affairs, and he is the author of several articles and book chapters on Third World politics.

The University Forum Series is sponsored each semester by UNLV's College of Liberal Arts. Tamadonfar's lecture is also sponsored by the UNLV Foundation. For more information, call the College of Liberal Arts at 739-3401.



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