

Minority Student Affairs Program achieving goals

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Reporter

The Minority Student Affairs Program (MSAP) at UNLV was instated during August of 1990. The program was mandated by the University of Nevada System Chancellor's office and President Robert Maxson, to assist in the needs of the 2,000 minority students at UNLV. Mainly, the underrepresented Black, Hispanic, Asian, and American-Indian students.

Currently the program is run by former Rebel Football Coach Wayne Nunnely.

"The objectives of the MSAP are to educate, assist, and inform all minority students," Nunnely

said.

In the short time that the office has functioned, various programs have been established that have had a positive effect on the minority student population.

The Faculty-Student Mentoring Program pairs minority students with a faculty or staff member who meets with the student once every two weeks and provides advisement and guidance.

"The goal of this program is to establish a higher retention rate among first and second year students," Nunnely said.

The Self-Esteem and Career Development Workshops help students with improving self-esteem, discussing career opportu-

nities and developing job interview skills.

Nunnely also assists students by offering personal counseling with everyday problems.

"I am here for every minority student on campus," Nunnely said.

The MSAP office assists minority student organizations in co-sponsoring events that will educate all students. But Nunnely said that he is not there to run, direct or fund any of these student organizations. For the most part, these organizations must seek funding through their individual efforts.

Nunnely said that he is working on informing and educating all students of the diverse population on campus, therefore, promoting speakers and activities that will address this issue.

"I do not sponsor Minority Student Organization dances or supply money for such activities, but I do help in educating their members because they are minority students," he said.

The sole purpose of the MSAP is to educate all minority students regardless of whether they belong to one of these organizations.

When asked about the \$15,000 that the MSAP received from Student Government, Nunnely said, "the funding received thus far has gone into the mentoring program, study groups and mail-outs, but more funding is needed for recruiting and retention."



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Wayne Nunnely - The director of the Minority Student Affairs Program works to help educate minority students.

So far, Nunnely has contacted slightly more than 5 percent of the minority student population, because of his various responsibilities.

"I need to find more ways to reach the minority student population both on and off campus, which means that I have to leave this office," he said.

Nunnely said he is confident that in time UNLV administration will fund the office and provide the MSAP with the help they need.

"In the future the MSAP plans to expand career counseling, minority scholarship information, personal guidance and job placement, as well as additional staff members," he said.

The MSAP is located on the third floor of the Flora Dungan Humanities Building. All minority students are encouraged to attend.

SLIGHTLY OFF-CAMPUS

From the folks who figured out tuition rates

The Univ. of Minnesota's Board of Regents agreed to spend \$23,000, or \$1,095 each, for 21 new "regents chairs" for its meeting room Oct. 4. The same chairs are for sale in a campus bookstore for just \$180 each.

Door hunters

Pranksters managed to disrupt an unnamed administrator's effort to impress new Massachusetts Institute of Technology President Charles M. Vest on his first day on the job Oct. 15.

The administrator bolted ahead of Vest, newly arrived from the University of Michigan, to open the door of Vest's new office, only to be unable to find the door.

Perplexed, the administrator initially explained the party must be on the wrong floor before realizing pranksters had hidden the door behind a large bulletin board.

One more time: This is a gathering. This is a gathering on drugs

Part I On Sept. 23, Metropolitan State College in Denver released a survey noting that 30 percent of the students at its counseling center regularly consumed more than five drinks at a time.

On Sept. 25, no one showed up at a Controlled Drinking Seminar on the campus.

Part II In mid-September, Marquette University in Milwaukee announced a series of non-alcoholic PARTY (Prioritize Alcohol Responsibility Toward Yourself) Week events, culminating in an Oct. 31 Club Coca-Cola, campus-wide gala.

On Oct. 8, sponsors canceled Club Coca-Cola, citing a lack of funds and interest.

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Wanted

"The Silver Stars"

Any female student who is interested in assisting the UNLV Football Program during recruiting weekends. You will be asked to be a hostess and tour guide for incoming football recruits. You will be needed on weekends beginning November 30, 1990 thru February 3, 1991. This group of young ladies will be known as the "Silver Stars" and will assist with recruiting annually. This is your chance to become more involved with your Runnin' Rebel Football Program. Anyone interested should contact coach Larry Tomich at the football office at ext. 3456.



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