



Cheating called "unfair advantage" at UNLV *Cheating is the most common reason for suspension or dismissal*

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Reporter

It is finals week at UNLV and the pressure is on. Does desperation for a passing grade lead more students to cheat on exams during this time?

Dr. Ackerman, vice president of Student Services, said it does because, "more exams mean more opportunities." He also said he has even heard students talk about cheating, while walking through the Student Union.

The pressure to maintain good grades and the unwillingness to study are two of the reasons students cheat.

"It's an easy way out," said Dr. Laura Hammond, psychologist for the counseling and testing center.

"Academic dishonesty is a problem because the university is committed to the pursuit of truth and knowledge. It violates principle and reflects poorly (on the university)," Ackerman said. He also said it is the most common reason for suspension or dismissal.

The university takes strong action against cheaters, which is defined in the student behavioral code, found in both the graduate and undergraduate catalogs.

The code states, "If a stu-

dent in a particular course is deemed guilty by the instructor of academic dishonesty, the student may be assigned a failing grade for the corresponding segment of the course or for the entire course. The faculty member may also initiate disciplinary review under procedures described in the University of Nevada System document, 'Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Members of the University Community.' The disciplinary options include warning, probation, suspension and expulsion."

Expulsion is the strongest action that may be taken, and usually lasts a minimum of one se-

mester and a maximum of one year.

Any student, who has been deemed guilty of cheating by an instructor, may appeal to the dean of the college offering the course, the Academic Standards Committee and the vice president of academic affairs.

The professors usually deal with the problem and punishment depends on the severity of the crime. For example, looking at a neighbor's paper is not considered as serious as stealing an exam. Precautions taken to prevent cheating are handled by instructors.

"By and large, I like to see

cheating handled on a classroom basis," said Dr. Lorne Seideman, administrative officer of disciplinary procedures, "Repeat offenders are really quite rare."

Hammond counsels students considering cheating and offers advice. Hammond said, "I try to help them see there are other ways to pass. It seems to me there is always another option."

Ackerman said he feels it is best to report academic dishonesty to the instructor, but complaints can be taken directly to him. Other options include reporting it to Seideman and the Academic Standards Committee of the college offering the course.



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Ready for Christmas - MSU Program Council decorated the Student Union with festive holiday decor.

Planning gives head start in job market

by William Holt
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In the 34th edition of the College Placement Council (CPC) Annual, a career planning magazine, an estimated job demand field study indicated that there are more jobs than there are candidates in the fields of Business, engineering, health sciences, computer and information sciences, and physical sciences.

Fields where there are equal amounts of jobs to candidates are education, mathematics, protective services, architecture and environmental design, and communication technologies.

Fields where there are more candidates than jobs are: social sciences, communications, psychology, life sciences, letters, visual and performing arts, liberal/general studies, multi/interdisciplinary studies, agricultural and natural resources, home economics, public affairs, foreign languages, philosophy and religion, theology, parks and recreation, and area and ethnic studies.

In the Nov. 5, 1990 edition of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, a graph/article labeled "Unofficial Recession" shows the

nation and its states colored according to "positive household liquidity." Sindlinger and Co., INC. defines a U.S. state being in recession when "less than 50 percent of the total surveyed (in that state) report having 'positive household liquidity,' or cash on hand after bills are paid."

According to Sindlinger and Co., INC. and the Review-Journal's graph, over half of the states in this country are in recession. Most of the rest are very close. States such as California, Washington, and ourselves, Nevada, are not technically in recession.

Eileen McGarry, assistant director of Career Planning and Placement at UNLV, said, "Nevada is one of the stronger job markets right now." So far, she hasn't seen anything to worry about regarding students at UNLV getting jobs on their own fields. McGarry did say that she has heard rumors, or "talk and fear," that businesses might be cutting back. There is nothing official.

"In order for an employer to allow the student to come into

the company, they need structured training programs," said McGarry, "When there is a recession, companies will cut down their job training programs."

McGarry said that in this situation employers often eliminate college graduates from their perspective.

She has found that the most frequent majors requested from employers are business, engineering, and the health sciences.

She also said that students who end up with jobs in their own field are those students who have above average GPA's, related work experience, campus and community involvement, and leadership skills. In this case, McGarry said, "The key to success is to have a balance among the above qualities." She said that students need to grow.

"Students are going to have to be more resourceful in their job search process," McGarry encouraged, going on to say, "Very often, people get jobs by networking, by getting to know people. The more people you know, the more success you'll have with your job search."

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Students spread "The Spirit of Christmas"

by Bonar Tucker
Editor

Two UNLV students are doing their part to give a little happiness to the children of

Child Haven. Martin Daly and Chris Zaletel decided

back in September to change people's perception of the Christmas holiday. As they are both musically inclined, a song seemed the natural way to accomplish their goal.

After writing "The Spirit of Christmas," the two decided that to profit financially from their song would contradict the purpose of the project. So, they arranged for proceeds to be donated to the children of Child Haven.

"I think we have created a very positive message in a contemporary format," Zaletel said, "I did the rapping and Martin played the keyboard and we both co-wrote the

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Christmas Spirit - Martin Daly and Chris Zaletel are the authors, composers and musicians of the Christmas Spirit cassette which benefits Child Haven