

# Gym road to remain closed indefinitely

by Channing Perkaquanard  
Reporter

Sections of Gym and University Roads remain closed in spite of the six month time limit proposed at the time of their closing.

According to Dr. Ronald A. Milne, the UNLV Parking and Traffic Control Committee chairperson, the closing of Gym and University Roads took place on April 13, 1990.

Student Body President Joe Bunin, who is a member of the Parking and Traffic Control Committee, said "I was informed by campus police that there had been several instances of tickets being given out to people for speeding and drunk driving through this area."

This university access road was a popular detour for taxi-cabs and many of the Las Vegas residents.

"Out of 104 traffic tickets given out, only two of these were cited toward UNLV students," said Director of Public Safety David Hollenbeck.

Hollenbeck stated that the main reason for blocking off this access was for the students overall safety, especially that of the students living in the residence halls. Students must cross the roads several times throughout the day, and there was no way of halting the high usage of these roads

by non-university attendants. Therefore, according to Hollenbeck, closing the road was the only way of assuring the students safety.

Hollenbeck said, "We did try a number of alternatives before shutting down this access, such as various stop signs and speed bumps, but people would simply ignore the stop signs." As for the speed bumps, Hollenbeck said he witnessed people driving over them so fast that their automobiles would literally become airborne.

No prior accidents had been reported involving students crossing the road. Yet, Hollenbeck said, "I did not want a tragic event to be the reason for the closing of the road, such as someone being hit or perhaps even killed; rather, lets anticipate that there is a problem and do something about it now before it is too late."

At the present time, there is a petition being circulated by the Nevada Student Affairs Director Mike Kennedy to have the road reopened. Chief Hollenbeck said that he realizes that it is somewhat inconvenient, but students' safety is his main concern.

The Parking and Traffic Control Committee met on Dec. 6 to discuss this issue.

Philip DaQuino, a member of the committee said, "The commit-



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Still closed - Gym road remains closed after the proposed six month time limit.

tee came up with no new proposals for reopening the road." Therefore, it looks as though upon your return from the Christmas Break, you can expect the signs to read, "road closed."

Bunin and Hollenbeck both expressed concern about traffic problems and safety.

While Bunin said that this is perhaps another "accident-waiting-to-happen" road, Hollenbeck plans to take action toward making Brussels Road safer by putting up barriers to prevent students from parking by the road. He also plans to use speed bumps.

precautions, it will leave the road open to vehicle traffic while at the same time, the barriers will create a walkway for students," said Hollenbeck.

Hollenbeck said he hopes to have the alterations completed before students return for the Spring semester.

## GSA is a voice for grad students

by Kara Kelley  
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Brian Graf, a political science graduate student and president of UNLV's Graduate Student Association (GSA), was recently elected for a one-year term as Western Regional Coordinator for the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGS). NAGS was founded in the early 1980's in response to a lack of unity and organization among graduate students.

"Our purpose is to organize graduate students to be a potent and viable group," Graf said. "We act as a liaison between the students and the administration."

As Western Regional Coordinator, Graf sits on the board of directors for NAGS, and is responsible for representing other graduate student associations in 13 western states. There are approximately 70 schools involved in the organization.

"My biggest goal is to get more schools involved. If there are



Brian Graf  
Graduate Student President

schools that don't have graduate student associations then we contact the students. We help (graduate students) if they need assistance in forming," Graf said.

The importance of a national graduate student organization can be found at UNLV. According to Graf, UNLV is like many schools that emphasize undergraduate services.

"I want people to take us more seriously. People don't realize that the recognition of a university is

not dependent on the number of undergraduate students it has, but on the research the graduate students generate," he said.

There are nearly 2,600 graduate students at UNLV, with a budget of \$20,000 for the GSA. This budget is disproportionately low, Graf contends, to the University of Nevada, Reno's estimated graduate student budget of \$63,000.

"We're entitled to our fair share," Graf said. "It's discouraging. How can we attract graduate students into our program when we can't even compete with research and travel grants?"

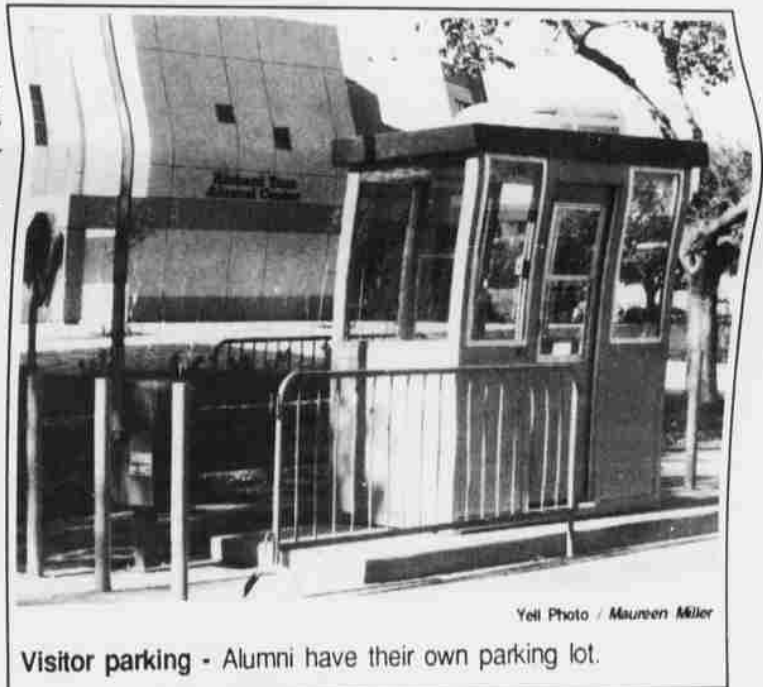
NAGS is a multi-purpose organization committed to making a graduate education a better experience. In addition to acting as a social network, the group lobbies for education and better benefits such as health care.

"A lot of schools don't provide support networks for graduate students. At many schools, they're treated poorly," Graf said.

He stressed that the lack of respect and recognition for graduate students is a driving force behind NAGS.

"We're becoming a very powerful group. People are realizing that as graduate students we are going to be the future educators," he said.

They will be future educators and future rising stars.



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Visitor parking - Alumni have their own parking lot.

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Just after the alumni building was completed, construction was started on a new parking lot in front of the building. This project was financed by the Alumni Association with Fred Albrecht as director.

The new parking lot will serve as a place where visitors to the campus can park. Students will not be allowed to make use of the lot.

"Any visitor can park in the new lot, either student, faculty or alumni visitors," said David Hollenbeck, chief of public safety on campus.

The estimated cost of the lot was about \$40,000 according to Hollenbeck. All things being equal, the lot should be completed by the first day of next year.

The booth at the entrance to the lot is for collecting money from visitors. The parking fee is going to be about 50 cents per hour. The booth will operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The cost of parking in the lot may seem a little outrageous, but it is cheaper for the university to have the booth. This is due to the fact that other alternatives like parking meters are estimated to cost more.

After the booth closes at 7 p.m., parking will be free to all visitors.

## University proposes three options for students called to military

The proposed three options that faculty members and their students may explore to resolve any dilemmas that may result from a student being called to military service prior to finals week. We do ask your understanding and assistance in finding equitable solutions to individual cases.

1. Faculty members, at their option, may choose to grade the student's performance in the class without figuring in a final exam or final project score. This option should be exercised only if the faculty member and student are comfortable with evaluating the student's

performance to this point in the semester.

2. The faculty member may elect to give the student an I grade, and the University will consider exceptions to the completion rule should a student be unable to return to campus to finish the Incomplete within the specified time.

3. The faculty member and student may negotiate a withdrawal from the course if the student does not wish to pursue the other two options. Under this option, the University would retroactively drop the student to the 100 percent refund period.

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