

# Professor speaks at "Support the Troops" rally

Phillip Lowry, Ph. D., retired U.S. Army Colonel and associate professor of public administration and management, spoke at a rally on campus last Wednesday in support of the troops in the Persian Gulf. The following was taken from his speech.

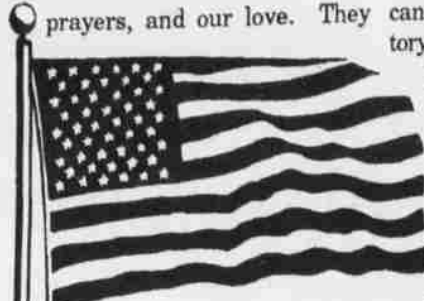
I am proud of you. I am proud to be one of your teachers. Your presence here tonight means that you support our military personnel in the Persian Gulf. I commend you for your maturity, your compassion, and your concern.

Our military personnel are sacrificing a great deal. Some will pay the ultimate price. All will endure loneliness, disruption of family life, and in some cases, careers.

They are not doing this out of choice. They are doing it because our nation calls. One soldier commented, as many others have commented before, I am here because I swore an oath to support the constitution of the United States.

At the very least, we owe these people our support, our

prayers, and our love. They need this support. I recall that during the Vietnam war, many of our soldiers were disappointed because they felt their efforts were not appreciated by many Ameri-



cans. We must learn from history. We cannot again send our young people into harm's way without expressing our support for them.

I suggest that what you are doing here tonight is in a small, but significant way, an affirmation of your belief in our young people. You are expressing your support in a tangible and important way. When they hear what you are doing, you will make them feel appreciated, something that is very important

to them.

Let us also not forget the families and loved ones of those who serve in the Persian Gulf. They are fearful, uncertain, and cry out for support. Many of our students fall in that category. We should all seek these people out and offer them the same support we are showing tonight for our fellow Americans in the Middle East.

May God bless our military forces, and our prisoners of war in the Persian Gulf.

## UNLV graduate wins WICHE Grant

Arlene T. Marinari, a graduate of UNLV and ten-year resident of Las Vegas, recently became a certified WICHE scholar and will receive financial support from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education as she continues her education in the field of veterinary medicine.

WICHE is a student exchange program that enables students in 13 western states to enroll in out-of-state professional programs when their chosen fields of study are not available at the public institutions in their home states. Students who receive this grant also receive preference for admission to professional schools throughout the country.

WICHE grants are highly competitive. Selection of recipients is based primarily on academic merit.

Marinari will receive a grant of \$10,476 to \$55,108, depending upon which veterinary school she enters this fall. The award is paid directly to that university on behalf of the recipient and continues throughout the duration of study in the professional program.

Marinari met the requirements for veterinary school while earning bachelor's and master's degrees in communication studies at UNLV. She has been an instructor in communication studies for the past two years, serving as a graduate assistant while continuing her pursuit of the hard sciences.

Well-known in the Vegas animal-care-volunteer community, she plans to return to Las Vegas after earning her doctorate in veterinary medicine to continue serving the Southern Nevada community.

Marinari hopes to attend either Colorado or Washington State University, but will be pleased to start at any school where the concentration of her studies can focus on animal medicine.

"I consider myself fortunate to have had continued support from both the biological sciences department and the Greenspun School of Communication at UNLV for the past six years in my diversified academic pursuits," she said.

## Phones of the future

People love to gripe about their telephone service, and at UNLV they've had cause to lately.

Anyone who has tried to call the campus in the last couple of months knows that it has been hard to get through. University faculty, staff and students have had their patience tested by telephones that cut off callers or turn their conversations into static.

There are three good reasons for this, according to Lauren Dean, the assistant director of management services at UNLV.

Probably the biggest cause is UNLV's phenomenal growth (student enrollment has been expanding at over 10 percent per year), which also results in significant increases in faculty and staff. The increases in the volume of calls has severely strained the campus phone systems.

A second problem came this fall with the addition of the TOUCH call-in registration system. The system could be a definite advantage to the Registrar's Office and the students who use it, but 24 telephone lines must be dedicated to it, which further burdens the campus phone system.

The third problem is caused by antiquated equipment which

can't keep up in this new age of telecommunications.

But help is on the way. "UNLV will be investing \$1 million in a telecommunications system that will address our needs for the next five years, as well as speed up the connections of today's calls," Dean said.

Apologizing for the inconvenience caused by current problems, Dean explained that the university is increasing the number of telephone company trunk lines to 100 and adding eight long-distance lines for a total of 24 in the next few weeks.

"Students, faculty and staff will have the option of using voice mail services," she said. "High-speed data rates, including the Integrated Services Data Network, will also be an available option with our new equipment." The new management software will make the delivery of phone services much more efficient.

UNLV is working to keep up with the high demand created by telefax machines, computer modems, dial-in registration and regular telephone calls.

With its new equipment, UNLV Management Services expect to overcome the campus' telephone problems soon.

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groups of draftees to the war in the Persian Gulf would be longer than the administration believes will be necessary to dislodge Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

Presently, reclassifications for those who could be drafted would be based on hardship or being a conscientious objector. However, these men would be

required to serve in a civilian job (at the nation's benefit) or in a non-combat position.

Illness or a death in the family would allow a delay. But student or job-related deferments have been eliminated. If a student was drafted, his deferment would only be until the end of his current semester.



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