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Water conservation needed on campus



photo by Dustin Bermingham

A two story geyser near Tonopah Hall is an example of the water frequently wasted at UNLV.

by Rick Neilson

Recently, a growing number of students and staff have expressed concern for the blatant amounts of water being splattered all over campus. Campus watering practices have some students wondering why water meant for grass ends up all over sidewalks, running out into the streets and parking areas, and generally puddling up all over.

Joan Davis, junior marketing major, was so inflamed by water usage here that she had her husband contact Shelley Berkley, a member of the Board of Regents.

"Being a public institution, we have a responsibility to conserve our natural resources. UNLV should take the lead, not only in teaching conservation, but in practicing it as well," Berkley said.

Dr. Jim Deacon of the biology department said that to expand the desert gardens presently on campus to other areas would be an excellent way to conserve water.

This would minimize the large grass expanses that require so much water. He is also in favor of UNLV "leading the charge for the community in conservation."

Another campus authority on the subject of water is Dr. David Kreamer, director of the newly formed Water Resources Management Program. Before coming to UNLV this past year, Kreamer served on the central chapter of Arizona's Society of Professional Engineers' Water Resources Committee. Not surprisingly, both Deacon and Kreamer said that the fastest and most cost effective way to increase water resource availability is to conserve.

They also agree that sprinklers are not the only culprits when it comes to conserving.

"Leaking faucets and showers waste water too," Kreamer said.

Deacon would like to see old, water-hungry devices such as toilets, shower heads and out-dated or damaged sprinkler heads re-

placed with low-flow, water technologies that have recently become available.

"They now have landscape water sensing devices that actually sense the amount of water needed and dispense it accordingly," Deacon said.

"There are approximately 70 acres of cultivated landscape on the campus, said Dennis Swartzell, grounds superintendent for the past eight years. Until July of 1990 he had only two people designated to attend the irrigation system. Now five full-time people are available. The increase in manpower combined with an updated, highly detailed drawing of the entire system helps Swartzell and his team pinpoint problems and address them efficiently.

During peak summer months the university consumes about a million gallons a day.

"This sounds like a lot, but it's normal and comparable to an av-

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IFC refuses to recognize new fraternity

by Tricia Ciaravino

The Interfraternity Council has refused to recognize the Phi Kappa Sigma national colony.

"Right now, we're not prepared to expand," said Mark Henness, IFC president. "We have ten fraternities, three of which aren't up to the numbers we want."

Expansion will be possible in about a year. It usually takes that long for a colony to become a fraternity.

"A national colony doesn't have to be recognized by IFC to come on campus. We realize that," Henness said. "But it's better to be invited than to storm."

However, the IFC, as well as

the national chapter, have given the colony guidelines.

"We're eagerly awaiting IFC recognition," said A.J. Goodman, Phi Kappa Sigma president. "We're well on the first steps of completing those guidelines."

The Phi Kappa Sigma colony was started by 15 friends living in Dorm F.

"The group mostly consists of freshmen and first-year students," said Shaun Murray, treasurer.

"We're at a ground-floor level and it's a great opportunity to join us," Goodman said.

For more information on the Phi Kappa Sigma colony, call Murray at 891-5501 or Shawn Paquette at 891-5568

New UNLV Health Science building becoming a reality

by Andrea Fulton

After asking for it for almost 15 years and negotiating with legislature on it for about three years, the UNLV College of Health Sciences is finally getting their wish, their own building.

The new Health Sciences building held its groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday January 30 between the Juanita Greer White Life Sciences Building and the Paul C. McDermott Physical Education Building.

The new project, which will cost an estimated 8.7 million dollars, will contain the five departments of Clinical Laboratory Sci-

ence, Health Care Administration, Nursing, Radiological Sciences, and Physical Therapy. With this building, comes the opportunity for the college to hire a chairperson for the Physical Therapy program, a step that will increase the progress of that program.

The College of Health Sciences has been mainly located in the Carlson Education Building.

As Dr. Vicky Carwein, interim dean, explained, "In some programs, we cannot increase enrollment until we have space."

With this building however, the college will have the space to meet the needs for health professions.

Carwein said, "It will be wonderful to have all of the departments reside in one building and to have laboratories that have the latest in technological equipment and enough space to accommodate the students."

Carwein also added, "All of the programs in the college that have a National Accreditable agency and are eligible for accreditation are."

For the university, this building means more students as well as faculty. We should be on the look-out for this promising new building in April of 1992.

Bookstore settles into new location

by Tricia Goldberg

The UNLV bookstore has moved to a new location at the south end of the Moyer Student Union building in the space that formerly occupied the Dining Commons.

According to Nadine Purdon of the bookstore, the new location will provide an additional 5,000 square feet compared to the old location, 90 percent of which will be used for the sales floor. There will now be more room dedicated to textbooks and school supplies, but there will be no increase in room dedicated to sales of clothing or school memorabilia. Bookstore hours and prices will remain unchanged.

The bookstore move was a joint project of Barnes & Noble and the Moyer Student Union. Eric Walters of the Student Union said the project cost approximately \$450,000, "much of which was reimbursed by the bookstore."

Barnes & Noble operates under a contract with the university. It is an arrangement that is mutually beneficial, according to Purdon. She stressed that she

would like the students to know that the bookstore contributes to the income of the Student Union.

The former bookstore area will become the new Moyer Student Union administrative offices. This area will provide the administrative offices with more room, and will also include several 6' x 6' cubicles for use by student organizations.

Other changes planned to the

Student Union, Walters said, include moving the game room from its current location to the area now occupied by the administrative offices. The former game room area will then become a convenience/novelty store which will sell UNLV clothing, greeting cards, and nicknacks. The small room now used as an ID booth will become a post office if a contractor can be found.



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