

# '1,001 Black Inventions' honors Black History month

UNLV shoeless star basketball players Larry Johnson, Greg Anthony and Stacey Augmon might not have had sneakers if it had not been for Black Inventor Jan Ernst Matzelinger's shoe lasting machine. All three players were astonished to know that a black man had invented the shoe lasting machine which created a world wide shoe industry.

Basketball players will be attending the play "1,001 Black Inventions" and will be even more surprised to learn about other Black's inventions.

The production in honor of Black History month will be performed 8 p.m., Feb. 28 at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall. The production is sponsored by the Greater Las Vegas McDonald's Operator Association and Food 4

Less stores in Las Vegas. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students seniors and two free tickets with an active military I.D. For Box Office Information phone 739-3801.



George Kunz, Larry Johnson, Jim Beasley, Mark Beasley, Greg Anthony, Nancy Williams, Stacey Augmon, and Wayne Nunnely.

## Changes made in parking lots

by Thomas Moore

The parking situation is different in many ways this semester; newly paved lots, less dirt lots, new parking meters and less reserved spaces. Sgt. Don Drake, campus police, mentioned safety and security as the main reasons for the changes.

The most notable change is the loss of dirt parking along Brussels Rd. and free dirt parking be-

hind the businesses on the west side of Maryland Parkway. The dirt lot has been paved and lined to prevent people from being blocked in by other cars, and to restore Brussels to full two-way driving.

With the addition of new spaces, there are now fewer old ones, most notably fewer reserve spaces. Only the positions of deans and above will have their own spaces, the sole exceptions being

the doctor who volunteers at the Student Health Center and Student Government officers. Student Government had been given only one space but appealed the decision of the Parking and Traffic Committee and were then given five spaces. Four are for Student Government itself, and one for Moyer Student Union.

The replacement of the parking meters with new digital ones is another major change. Drake said that the increase in rates — now fifty cents an hour — would help pay for the installation of the new meters. The meters will be safer for the students who collect the change from them. The money is kept in a sealed container and can only be released into the collection box they take from meter to meter. Having no direct access to the coins and having the containers made of cast iron will prevent suspicion of the collector and will discourage robbery.

The list of changes also includes a self-sufficient lot in front of the new alumni building for visitors, new metered parking by the bookstore and a shuttle that will carry students from the Thomas & Mack parking lot to the library for night classes. The shuttle service will be expanded if the demand increased.



Photo by Rich Mealey

Four spaces are now reserved for Student Government officers.

## Keeping up with new programs

by Rick Neilson

In step with UNLV's improving academia and expanding educational opportunities, a new Water Resources Management Program is now offered.

It is a master's level program headed by David K. Kreamer. Faculty from Colleges of Science and Mathematics, Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Business and Economics are involved. Personnel from the Desert Research Institute, the Lake Mead Limnological Research Center and the Environmental Research Center are also participating.

The program is open to any student with a bachelor's degree in engineering or any science who wishes to obtain graduate training in this rapidly growing field. Incoming students can choose from a wide range of areas including biology, chemistry, economics, engineering, ethics and policy studies and environmental law. Students specialize in one subject area

but more than half the credits required may be in other related areas, allowing flexibility for individual needs.

Kreamer said he is excited to be here heading the program.

"Water resources are crucial to the continuance of life on our planet," Kreamer said.

He said he expects the program to grow as "issues of water quality and quantity have become increasingly important."

Kreamer, a former member of the Arizona Society of Professional Engineers Water Resources Committee, said that "proper protection and management of this precious resource is deemed by many to be the final criterion on which survival will be decided."

According to Kreamer, in the vast field of water resource management, "interdisciplinary education with specialty in selected areas of concentration is vital. UNLV provides this education."

## Possible waterscapes cause concern

by Rick Neilson

Rumors of a possible fountain on the UNLV campus have surfaced amid concern from students and staff. They want to know why this is being considered when water conservation is quickly becoming a dominant issue in Southern Nevada.

During an interview with President Robert Maxson conducted on Feb. 8, others voiced opinions of concern.

"I'm very concerned about water usage, as every Las Vegas should be," Maxson said. "The key is to find a proper balance between the wise use of water and providing a pleasant environment to live in."

Regarding a pleasant environment, a proposed second phase of improvements for the front of the Moyer Student Union is currently being researched. A set of steps leading down from the newly enhanced brick patio and two conservative waterscapes are possible. A small amphitheater for performers will be centered at the base of it all.

"Any fountain that might be

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## WATER

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erage-sized golf course," Swartzell said. Due to the immensity of the system, watering is 24 hours a day during the summer. This is because of low water pressure and because the water makes a loop from point to point to cover the entire campus.

"The key to conservation is if something is broken, don't wait a week to fix it," Swartzell said. Based on that, he welcomes calls to his office with regard to sprinkler problems. The number is 739-3392 during business hours, or after hours call the campus police at 739-3668. Swartzell's people are on call 24 hours a day. Swartzell also said he is "fully aware of the deficiencies of the system and is doing everything in his control to alleviate the problems."

Right now a feasibility study is being done by an independent consulting firm to verify expectations that we can conserve water and cut labor costs with a central computerized controller. One button control would replace what

now takes two people four hours to shut down. The same is true to bring the system back up. Initial indications seem to predict that the outlay for the purchase of such a computer system would be repaid in labor and water savings in a six- to seven-year period.

Water conservation cannot be confined to UNLV. A recent study of water supply and consumption in the Las Vegas Valley, done by Dave Weide, department head for the Geo-Science Dept., concluded that by December, 1996, the Las Vegas valley will be at its maximum sustainable population, given no new sources of water or changes in consumption habits. This means that in about six years Las Vegas will become just another "tumbliin' tumbleweed."

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built would be low-scale, with minimal evaporation and restricted water usage. The water would be recycled," Maxson said.

The planners and designers of the possible second phase have assured Maxson that the waterscapes would actually use less water than the grass they would be replacing. The waterscapes are

being weighed against some type of art work.

At this time there is a lack of funding and no final decisions have been made. Many students make this campus their home, and according to Maxson there is "a responsibility to provide them with a pleasant environment in which to live."



Photo by Rick Neilson

More water often ends up on the sidewalk than in the grass at UNLV.