## Faculty focus: David Weiller

by Shawn Black

day weekend? If it wasn't in re- David Weiller, assistant professor hearsal, performance, and literary of music and director or choral position for the last seven years, debate, then you are obviously not studies. a member of one of UNLV's choral

How did you spend the holi- Club, are all under the direction of expression."

The three ensemble groups, "We all work together and although members to three with a total of

Chorale and Varsity Men's Glee and a great outlet for personal participate in festivals, and pro-

Weiller, who has been in this said that it is through student This is more than an en- commitment that the group has semble; it's a family," Weiller said. grown from one ensemble of 30

mote UNLV.

What they receive, he explained, is a chance to express and poetry; physically, in the challenge of blending their voices with Ham Concert Hall. dozens of others to sound as one; and mathematically, in counting work, but the students enjoy it

"It's a developed talent in mances. which most people who can carry a

tune and who are willing to work as hard as my students do now excel,"

students and performers are not no losers-only winners. music majors but simply people who are interested in music and the University of Illinois where he its enjoyment."

taken as many semesters as a education. student desires. The hours involved, however, are slightly more campus in promoting music. Althan most one-credit courses, though he's credited with the de-Weiller said. A typical week re- velopment and expansion of the quires 7 to 10 hours of rehearsal choral studies program he said it's plus performances in and out of the students' dedication and hard

Mexico City to perform with the Ensembles.

University Chorus, Chamber it's a lot of hard work, it's also fun over 100. They travel, perform, Mexico National Symphony. In March they'll host the third annual Invitational Choral Festival. attended by choirs from four states.

At the end of the month they'll themselves emotionally, through begin a seven-day, 11-concert tour personal interpretation of lyrics in Northern California ending with a concert on April 9 at the Artemus

Weiller said traveling is hard beats, measures, stops and starts. and it improves their perfor-

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many honors and have been judged in numerous festivals but the great thing about

Weiller said. "The majority of these art, he explained, is that there are

Weiller comes to UNLV from got his music degree, and Califor-The Choral Ensembles are nia State University, Fullerton one-credit courses and can be re- with graduate studies in music

He is involved both on and off work that are responsible for what In 1989 the group went to UNLV is proud to call its Choral

David Weiller, Director of Choral Ensemble at UNLV

## Students For Choice and

by Rebecca Bostick

in September 1989 by volunteers group's aims include raising funds up for another battle in the abortion debate

paign to change parental notifica- pus after dark. tion and/or consent laws in 35 states across the United States.

Students for Choice, created concern conditions at UNLV. The tion.

for women both young and old, one They are working with a national are changed. member said that they don't want group, the Feminist Majority, in a people thinking they're "just an campaign to repeal Indiana's pa- ters and a petition to the Indiana The full name is, in fact, Stu- affected 17-year-old Becky Bell, peal the parental consent law,

dents for Choice and So Much who died from a massive infection which requires minors to have pro-life and pro-choice groups last More, and some of their choices after seeking a "back alley" abor- consent from both parents for an fall, she reports only one incident

They're also seeking to overof Pro-Choice Advocacy, is gearing for the Women's Resource Center, turn the Hyde Amendment, passed working with Pro-Choice Advocacy in 1977, which ended federal fund- fact that worldwide, one woman Conference in Ohio in January, to install a pregnancy hotline at ing for abortion services to most dies every three minutes from an said she wants to avoid the stigma At their first official meeting UNLV, and bringing attention to Medicaid-eligible women. In the illegal abortion. of Spring '91, Students for Choice the need for better lighting on same year, Rosie Jiminez, a scholsought new members, refocused campus, and the escort system arship student from Mexico who Students for Choice, became in- the students at the first meeting their goals, and introduced a cam- which treks students across cam- was six months away from receiv- volved in the pro-choice movement were males. ing her teaching credentials, died in 1989. Students for Choice's main after Medicaid refused to pay for a concern is reproductive freedom of women seeking safe abortions. women, to be worn until the laws she said.

> They're also circulating letrental consent law, which recently legislature, adding pressure to re-

abortion. The group is tentatively of harassment here on campus. planning a demonstration for

concern, however, is the protec- legal abortion. The group is sell- the first thing anyone knows about 2:30 p.m. on the second floor in the Although the group's main tion of Roevs. Wade and the safety ing memorial bracelets for both me is how I stand on the issue," Moyer Student Union. For more

Despite the clashes between 366-9141.

Slayton, who attended the spring to bring attention to the First National Young Feminists of Students for Choice becoming a Angela Slayton, president of strict feminists' group. Nearly half

Their next meeting is sched-"It's so much a part of my life, uled for Wednesday, March 6 at information, contact Slayton at

by Ilana Lisette Fiorenza

Sat there a watchin' the TV

## Today in black American history

Feb. 26

In 1898, Pierre L. Carmouche U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

Feb. 27

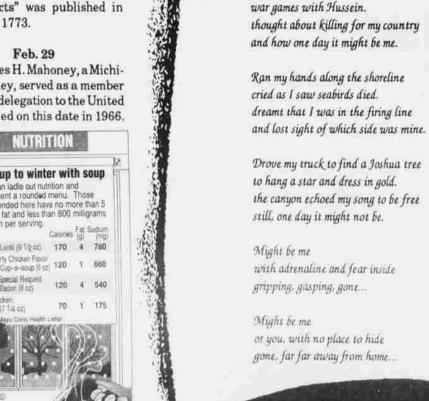
The first black YMCA was 250 men to join him, and went to black female lawyer, graduated Cuba as a 1st lieutenant in the 9th from Howard University Law School in 1872.

Feb. 28

On this date in 1776, Phillis volunteered to serve in the Span- organized in Washington, D.C. in Wheallley was invited to visit ish American War. He recruited 1853. Charloue E. Ray, the first General George Washington so that he could express his appreciation for her poem written in his honor. Her work "Poerns on Various Subjects" was published in London in 1773.

> Charles H. Mahoney, a Michigan attorney, served as a member of the US. delegation to the United Nations died on this date in 1966.





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Next Blood Drive February 27 MSU 201 10-3 pm.