

# Airfest fundraiser benefits Angel Plane

by David Tegtmeyer

On April 6 and 7 at the Boulder City Airport, Operation Angel Plane becomes Angel Plane Airfest. The Airfest is an annual fundraiser event for the non-profit organization known as Angel Plane.

Some of the pilots who will be involved are: Jeana Yeager, who flew non-stop around the world in nine days in 1986; Pete Anderson, who received the fame of being the 1990 Aerobatic champion; Eddie Andreini; the Holiday Inn Aerobatic team, and other quality performers.

A reasonable price of \$20 per car is all it takes to witness this spectacular event. All proceeds from this event will go to Angel Plane.

Angel Plane is an organization that was founded by Ann Mishoulam in 1985. It is a volun-

teer pilot association that provides free air transportation to America's health care agencies, donor organ banks, blood banks, and people with health problems. Flights are available and are being made for cancer, muscular dystrophy, blindness, and other illnesses of victims who can not afford the high cost of commercial flights to facilities such as the John Wayne Cancer Clinic or the UCLA medical institution.

In order to acquire the services of Operation Angel Plane, a person must get a written release from a doctor verifying the situation and the patient's stability. There is no fee charged for the services rendered by Angel Plane, which has flown 27 flights of mercy already this year. Money is only generated through private donations and public fundraising events.

## Secretary of Education sworn in above questionable investments

(CPS) - University of Tennessee President Lamar Alexander was sworn in as the nation's Secretary of Education March 18.

The confirmation was slowed by a Senate probe of a string of extraordinary investments that made Alexander, a public servant for the past 12 years, into a wealthy man.

Documents submitted during the confirmation process showed that Alexander and his wife, Leslee, have a net worth of between \$1.8 million and \$3 million.

In one case, they made almost \$600,000 on a deal in which they did not risk any of their own money.

Senate investigators, however, found no improprieties in the Alexanders' terrific run of financial successes, and some of the people who will be lobbying Alexander professed to accept the Senate's judgment.

"The committee looked into

that, and was virtually unanimous in endorsing him," said Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education, a trade group for college presidents.

Shortly after President Bush nominated Alexander for the post, Atwell released a statement lauding Alexander as a candidate who "brings the strongest of credentials to the position."

"There was definitely some questionable ethics," admitted Selena Dong of the United States Student Association, which represents student governments in Washington, D.C. "But generally speaking, he had the right credentials."

Alexander himself was unavailable for comment. In the past he has denied any impropriety, and has said that his ability to make money at least shows he's able to contribute.



Spring Break brought an unusual dusting of snow to the Las Vegas mountains. photo by Rick Nielsen

### CORRECTION

In the March 12 issue of the Yellin' Rebel, entertainment writer Bret Skiba incorrectly stated that Carlos Murphy's had half-price appetizers from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The correct time is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Senators criticize column

by Karen Splawn

An opinion piece in the Thursday edition of the Yell riled senators during the March 21 Student Government meeting.

The piece, by staff writer William Holt, stated that Student Government should be called the "Do-nothing Club."

"If you've ever watched how student officials behave (at Senate meetings), it reminds you of haughty children with rich parents who are 'playing house,'" Holt wrote. "Its members have fun feeling important, looking pretty, and enjoying the success of being themselves, as they take money through fee waivers and stipends."

Only board directors and the Executive Board are paid.

Sen. Crystal Ortega (fine and performing arts) said Holt's opinion did nothing except hurt his credibility. "How much do you get paid to go up there and write this garbage?" she asked Holt, who was sitting in the gallery.

Sen. Tracy Barkhuff (education) said Holt was out of line. "I do my job," she said. "So whatever (Holt) has to do to publicly apologize...I would appreciate."

Sen. Wendy Finmark (student development) corrected Holt on exactly who could get paid.

"We're not allowed to get paid," Finmark said. "(Office of Student Information Director) Kim Reid had to step down from the Senate because she's getting paid for OSI. I think the only people getting paid here are the (editors) of *The Yellin' Rebel*, *The Yellin' Rebel* are enjoying their raises...and they're raises for all of the slams against Student Government."

"Everyone tells me *The Yellin' Rebel* is a piece of garbage and I

say, 'Yes it is.' The exception to that, Finmark added, is the Lifestyles section.

"If that's his opinion, it's his right to it, let him print it every time," said Sen. Mike Bunin (business and economics). "When I'm up here, and I see something I disagree with, or I see something that I believe is wrong, let me speak and not be shot down for saying something 'bad.'"

"Students deserve to know the good things Student Government accomplishes, said Sen. Monica Ricci (liberal arts). Ricci cited the ad hoc Yellin' Rebel independence committee, formed by Sen. Bud Benneman (business and economics).

After the meeting, Holt said his column was out of line. "If feel my piece was definitely an attack on (Student Government)," he said. "I would have preferred to solve any problems that we have by merely communicating. But I haven't seen any success in communicating with them. Therefore, I feel an attack was long overdue."

In other business, the Senate:

—Approved 15-0 \$3,500 for a comedy show to be held April 26

—Voted 15-0 for \$2,200 to be spent on Handicapped Awareness Day, which will feature new devices for the handicapped, as well as educational material.

—Voted 14-1 for *The Yellin' Rebel* to spend \$1,655 to send two sports reporters to the Final Four tournament

—Allowed 15-0 \$770 for four recognized organizations. They are the Hawaii Club (\$120), the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (\$250), Delta Sigma Theta (\$200) and Phi Alpha Delta (\$200).

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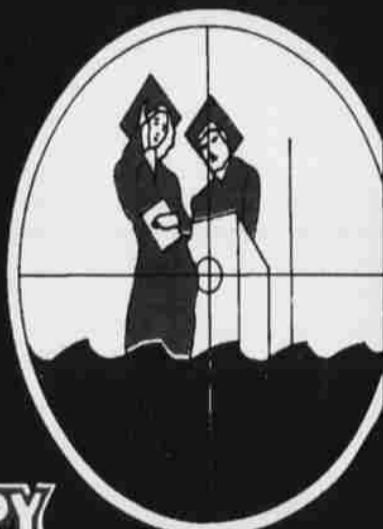
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## College Enrollment is highest ever

Washington, D.C. (CPS) - Summarizing months of unofficial reports, the U.S. Dept. of Education's official headcount of American students found that a record 13.9 million students enrolled for college classes for the fall 1990 term.

The number represents a

college population increase of 3.4 percent over the fall 1989 census.

In a written release, department officials attributed the rise to increases in the numbers of people over the age of 24 going to college and to better recruiting of 18-to-24 year-old students.