

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dorm residents entertain kids from Nellis AFB

by Eileen Brady

Some residents at UNLV decided that a good way to support the troops in the Persian Gulf was to support their children.

Students living in the residence halls played host to about 25 five-eight year olds from Nellis Air Force Base Saturday, April 6. The kids played games and participated in different contests while

being supervised by volunteer residents of the dorms.

Becky Cain, resident assistant at Gym Road South, coordinated the event called Operation Kids Count, at the beginning of the semester when the war was still going on. After the cease-fire, the students decided to go ahead with the event because some parents were still coming home and some were still in the gulf.

Cain said the purpose of Operation Kids Count was to give residents something they could "actually do to show support for the troops and help out the families on this end." She also said they wanted to "let the parents have some time alone."

Dorm residents donated meals during Spring Break so the kids could be served lunch. The rest of the meals were donated to St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter.

T-shirts with the "Kids Count" logo were bought with complex funds from Tonopah, Gym Road and Gym Road South complexes. The Thomas & Mack Center donated UNLV hats and Rebel towels.

Donna Currie, youth activities director at Nellis, said Resi-

dential Life—and especially Cain—made the event "spectacular."

"Residential Life's support for the military is shown by donating something for kids," Currie said.

When the kids are on the Air Force base, surrounded by people in uniform with planes flying overhead, they are constantly reminded of the war.

"On campus, where it's green with beautiful trees, it's a different world," she said. "The kids need to be removed entirely to be able to forget about it."

The children, who played games such as Red Light, Green Light and Duck, Duck, Goose with the residents, didn't seem to have a care in the world. The outdoor games were interrupted once when the water sprinklers came on in

the courtyard in front of the Moyer Student Union. Some kids in the middle of a race were doused with water as they tried to get out of the sprinklers' streams.

Eight-year-old Tara Figueroa said she would like to come back again in the future for a similar event. She also enjoyed the races.

"My team won the birdseed race," she said.

Eight-year-old LaMar McCurdy said he had a really good time, but his team lost the birdseed race. He already knew two of the other children and he met some new friends.

"My favorite part was the drawing," he said.

The kids got to draw on yellow flags. He drew a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle face, Ninja balloons and made a Ninja button.

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KUNV celebrates its 10th anniversary

UNLV's radio station, KUNV 91.5 FM, will mark its tenth anniversary on April 21. Beginning in April and continuing throughout the year, the station will celebrate a decade on the air with concerts, live broadcasts, lectures, poetry readings, film series and more.

For 10 years the station has provided the Las Vegas Community with a diverse array of alternative music and information programs.

The station currently broadcasts with 15,000 watts from a transmitter located on Black Mountain in Henderson and professional studios on the third floor of the Moyer Student Union, but it began very humbly.

The station's first studio, located in a bathroom on the second floor of the student union, was dubbed KJON by the staff. At that time, KUNV could only be heard in the MSU building.

With a great deal of time and energy provided by volunteer UNLV students, faculty, staff and community members, the station signed on April 21, 1981. On the first day, the station was off to a running start with a live broadcast of the UNLV Jazz Ensemble, a dedication of the station with local dignitaries, and later in the day, play-by-play coverage of UNLV baseball.

Since then the station has strived to provide alternative, culturally diverse music and information programming that addresses the needs of listeners who are not currently served by other radio stations in Las Vegas. The format consists of underground rock, mainstream and progressive jazz, folk, blues, reggae, world music, musical theater, contemporary classical, and Spanish and French language programs, in addition to shows covering ecology, economics, the humanities, sports, peace and human rights, the arts, health, women's issues, parenting and more.

Nearly 70 volunteers provide this non-commercial, non-profit service to the community. KUNV prides itself on an excellent training program, which it offers to interested members of the UNLV and Las Vegas community.

In celebration of this valuable community resource, KUNV is co-sponsoring a number of public events. For more information, call KUNV at 739-3877.

The following is a partial list of the events:

April 14

Blues picnic, noon, featuring local and national acts at Sunset Park in conjunction with the Las Vegas Blues Society. It will be broadcast

live on KUNV.

April 23

Stephan Grappelli, 8 p.m. at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall in conjunction with the UNLV Performing Arts Center.

May 1

James Newton, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at Allied Arts Council Gallery in conjunction with the UNLV Performing Arts Center.

May 2

UNLV Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., in Black Box Theatre in conjunction with the UNLV Department of Music.

May 3

Ramsey Lewis and Billy Taylor, 8 p.m., at Ham Hall in conjunction with the Performing Arts Center.

May 4

Walt Richardson and Morning Star, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., at Winchester Community Center in conjunction with the Performing Arts Center.

May 5

Jazz Picnic, 1 p.m., at Winchester Community Center in conjunction with Allied Arts Council.

May 8

Bob Badgley Quartet, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at Allied Arts Gallery in conjunction with Allied Arts Council. To be broadcast live on KUNV.

May 15

Composers Night, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at Allied Arts Gallery in conjunction with Allied Arts Council. To be broadcast live on KUNV.

May 22

Charles Owens Sax Quartet, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at Allied Arts Gallery in conjunction with Allied Arts Council. To be broadcast live on KUNV.

May 29

Tribute to Garvin Bushnell, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., at Allied Arts Gallery in conjunction with Allied Arts Council. To be broadcast live on KUNV.

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