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Parking lot may be built near airport

by Karen Splawn

If parking congestion problems continue, students could find themselves parking at a lot near the airport, said university President Robert C. Maxson Aug. 26.

A recent agreement with the Clark County Commission allows the university to lease 11.2 acres of land on the northeast corner of Tropicana and Paradise for \$1 per year. This land will be used as a parking lot, said Maxson.

However, he said he was cautious about setting any date for construction. "How quickly we develop (the land) will depend on student enrollment," Maxson said, adding he doesn't think the lot will be built this semester.

Students who park in the completed lot would ride a shuttle bus to campus, Maxson said, and would not have to pay a fee, because the "airport lot" would be

considered overflow parking.

Any fee, he said, "would be an unfair burden to students."

Another solution to parking would be a multi-level garage, but Maxson said the money isn't there to pay for one unless the state Legislature votes for funding in its next session.

Some 10,000 parking permits have been issued so far, said David Hollenbeck, director of the Department of Public Safety.

By the time the semester is over, Hollenbeck said, "a little over" 18,000 permits will be given out.

There are 10,500 parking spaces on campus, including those in the Thomas and Mack parking lot, Hollenbeck said.

Eleven hundred of those 10,500 spaces are reserved for faculty or staff members.

Plenty of tickets for illegal parking have been given out, he said.

Students who lack a parking sticker and park in a student space have until Sept. 9 to get one. After that, unregistered cars parked in student spaces will be ticketed Hollenbeck said.

Students could park at the T & M and save themselves time and frustration, he added. "I've been driving hunting for 20 to 30 minutes looking for a spot in the (original Donald C. Moyer Student Union parking lot)," Hollenbeck said. "There is not a problem in terms of parking spaces. There's a conceived problem of convenience."

Hollenbeck pointed out that parking problems here are minimal compared to those at larger universities.

"If you were at Ohio State, and you parked at the T & M, and you walked to the Artemus Ham Hall, then that was your lucky day," he said.



Students at UCSB enjoy a muddy game of oozeball

Mud volleyball comes to UNLV

by Bonar Tucker

What is the end product of a six-inch depth of wet, sloppy mud combined with a volleyball and net and mixed with several teams of spirited college students eager to win a first-ever tournament at UNLV?

Oozeball! The big event hits the campus on Saturday, Sept. 21, and it promises to be memorable. The sponsors—KLUC, the Student Alumni Association, the Sports Authority and Campus Recreation/Intramurals, said students can participate for a \$30-per-team entry fee, and each player will be given an official first annual Oozeball Tournament T-shirt.

"Regulation volleyball will be played in a pit that has been filled with water prior to the game," said Carl Cook, adviser for the Student Alumni Association. "This creates about six to 10

inches of mud. Other schools have done this with astounding results."

Cook said this can be an annual or semi-annual event.

Hard Rock Cafe of Las Vegas has donated flyers and Intramurals will be providing the referees.

"All a student needs is a pair of shoes (shoes must be worn), a

willingness to follow the volleyball rules (outside the pit is out), and to not be afraid to get muddy," Cook said, before pausing. "Very muddy," he concluded.

Food and drinks will be available during the tournament. The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. with 16 teams participating.

Cook encourages students to come out and have a good time either by rooting for a favorite team or by being a

member of the team slinging the mud. Sign-ups must be complete by Tuesday, Sept. 17.

For more information, call Cook at the Alumni Association offices in the Tam Alumni Center at 739-3621.



Student fills pit with water for mud volleyball tournament



The Desert Research Institute building under construction

Desert Research Institute building nears completion

by Tricia Goldberg

The Desert Research Institute (DRI), an environmental research branch of the University of Nevada System, will finally enjoy its new home when the first phase of the Southern Nevada Science Center is completed next January.

A mid-project tour was recently conducted by Carson Construction Co.,

the contractor. Members of the DRI Research Foundation Board of Trustees toured the \$5.9 million facility which will house more than 100 faculty, students and staff.

The new center will be at Flamingo and Swenson.

"The new facility will attract a significant scientific community to Southern Nevada," said Dr. James Taranik, president of DRI.

"It will also expand DRI's research and services to focus on the rapidly growing needs for air quality, water availability and environmental engineering."

The entire complex, planned to total 300,000 square feet on an 11-acre site, will accommodate 300 people by the year 2000.

The architect for the project is JMA Architects & Engineers, Inc.