Dickinson Library staffers celebrate anniversary

by Barbara E. Minden

"Someone is building a land Parkway," Juanita thing off the desk." White remarked to her husband in 1955.

remodeled Maude Frazier has a vivid memory of one, one vantage point." Hall, part of Nevada Southern University (now known and a rattlesnake was un- space became a problem. as UNLV). In that first dermy desk. The scorpions The compact storage building on campus, the li- would come in, too, under bookstacks were moved in brary shared space with everyone.

Today the library houses 600,000 books and is the hub of the campus. Juanita White went on to serve two terms on

the University Nevada Sys- the doors at night." tem Board of Regents; a building is named after her.

earned a second home, it UNLV had a fall semester Southern Library was respent a short time in Archie enrollment of 1,517 stu- named the James R. C. Grant Hall. Space was dents. Muriel M. Parks, Dickinson cramped, and part of the coldeputy registrar at Nevada Dickinson was the first fulllection, which totaled 1,800 books, was moved from a had "passed all expecta- the director of the Nevada closet at Las Vegas High.

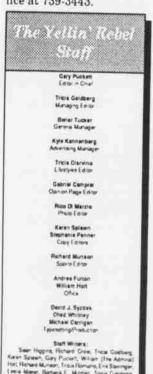
Billie M. Polson, head of cataloging, has been em- round building was archi- then served as an associate ployed by the library since tecturally unique. The Rebel professor of English and those early days. "The space Yell called it a "spaceship", chairman of the Division of we were given was so small,"

UNLV admission deadline moved

UNLV is extending its deadline for formal admission to the university to Friday, Aug. 30, said Larry Mason, director of admis-

"Although fall semester classes began Monday, we ing on NASA's Hubble Space passes through it." will allow people to apply for admission until Friday, the end of late registration," Mason said. "It isn't too late pating in research and in- trograph on board will proto become admitted and enroll for classes this fall."

tion, call the admissions of- mos from Earth's orbit. The fessor said. fice at 739-3443.



to remove the crinolines be- the spokes and the librarlittle ranch house on Mary- cause they knocked every- ian would sit in the middle.

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"One day I came to work and a rattlesnake was under my desk."

- Billie M. Polson

ground floor of the round stacks like spokes." Before the library building was completed,

wore poodle skirts and signed to resemble a wheel. crinolines to work and had The bookstacks would form

"This arrangement The library also had made sense," she continued, some unwanted patrons "because manpower was so What White mistook for when the campus was sur- limited. One librarian could a "ranch house" is the newly rounded by desert. Polson see the whole collection from

As the collection grew,

and the current maze system was adopted.

"This is the reason the lighting on the bottom floor of the round building is so

poor," Polson said. "It was In 1963, when the designed to run down the

In 1966, the Nevada Library. Southern, said enrollment time staff member. He was Southern University divi-According to Polson, the sion from 1955 to 1957. He Polson said that origi- Humanities and Fine Arts she recalled, "that the girls nally, "the layout was de- until his death in 1965.

Astronomer works on Hubble Telescope

Telescope.

Hubble Telescope uses cam-

sity of Arizona, Weistrop is particles in their centers. studying the centers of active galaxies. Pictures of galaxy nuclei, taken with the faint a team developing the Space object camera on the Hubble Telescope Imaging Spectrotelescope, show detailed graph (STIS). The STIS is structure never previously one of two instruments that observed, she said.

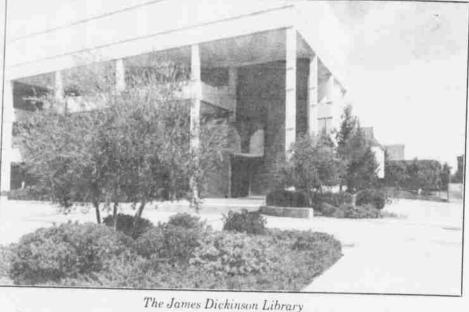
have small, bright central performance. The other incores, while others seem to strument is a camera that is have sheets of dust that ob- sensitive to infrared light. serve our view of the very The STIS is capable of recenters," Weistrop ex- placing the two spectroplained. "Observations of the graphs now on the Hubble galactic structures could Telescope and performing only be obtained from a their functions more quickly telescope above the earth's and efficiently.

An astronomer in the atmosphere, since the mophysics department is part tion of the atmosphere disof a team of scientists work- torts and blurs the light that

Analyses of the images Donna Weistrop, an as- and follow-up observations sociate professor, is partici- with the faint object specstrument design activities vide new insights into conrelated to the space tele- ditions at the centers of large For admission informa- scope, which views the cos- elliptical galaxies, the pro-

The investigators also eras and spectrographs to hope the data will contribute analyze light from planets, to understanding of a parstars, distant galaxies and ticular class of galaxies known as BL Lacertae ob-In collaboration with jects, which are thought to astronomers at the Univer- have beams of very energetic gets new coordinator

Weistrop is also part of will be installed on the space "Some of the galaxies telescope to enhance its



librarian heaven. "Believe me, we were in clover then,' plenty of space and the top floor was used for the gradu- too long for students. In school these days. ation ceremony."

legislators and college ad- ceived to allow passage ministrators, the book buy- through the library," she ing budget increased each explained. year. More books took up more space and by 1981, the library had sprouted a new building has been discussed, wing, complete with "ham- but the asbestos insulation ster run" access.

build the rectangular build- Mary Dale Deacon, dean of ing alongside the round libraries, said one is "at least building. According to eight years away."

Two years later, in 1967, Polson, a non-attributed ruthe top two stories of the mor circulated that someround building were com- one called the design a "gipleted. Only the second floor ant toilet bowl" from an was used by the library. aerial view, but that isn't According to Polson, it was the reason it was changed.

> "It was decided that the order to allow a pathway,

Refurbishing the round complicates things. There is The original idea was to hope for a new building.

raffle tickets available for

larger prizes such as a sil-

Cheerleader flips over weight limit

A University of Conshe said. "The shelves had long walk around the ad- necticut cheerleader isn't joining buildings would be doing cartwheels for her

Instead, she threw the Through the support of the tunnel idea was con- university a loop by filing a sexual discrimination complaint after officials dismissed her from the squad for weighing too much.

> The Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities is looking into Michele Budnik's complaint filed in July.

"We feel it is inappropriate to comment on the case right now because it is still pending," said university spokesman Mark Roy.

Budnik, 21, who is 5 foot 6, weighs 130 pounds - five pounds over the squad's limit, which doesn't vary with different heights.

Budnik, unavailable for comment, told the Associated Press earlier that, "It's absolutely ridiculous. You should be judged on your ability and not how much you weigh."

After her initial suspension, Budnik said she starved herself to try to lose the weight, but decided instead to take action.

Library festivities will be held Sept. 7 There also will be

The University Library Society (ULS) is sponsoring a birthday celebration for the James R. Dickinson Library.

Celebration activities will begin on Sept. 2 and end with a birthday party on the evening of Sept. 7. Birthday cake will be distributed to patrons leaving the library. Raffle tickets present. Cost for the birthwill be sold for daily prizes day party is \$30 per persuch as free lunches, a son, which includes a bufcordless phone and a shop- fet and wine. Music will be ping spree in the ULS provided by the music bookstore on the bottom department's faculty and floor of the library, round building.

ver tea set, a portable color television and a \$500 travel voucher. The drawing for these prizes will be held at the birthday party on the evening of Sept. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library. Prize winners do not have to be students. For more infor-

mation, call 739-3286.

Extended Education

Ramona Finocchiaro has joined the Extended Education staff as coordinator of senior programs.

Finocchiaro's duties include counseling senior citizens who are registering for credit programs, serving as coordinator of Extended Education's Center for Lifelong Learning, and coordinating the university's participation in the national Elderhostel program.

Finocchiaro's earned her master's degree in counseling and educational psychology from UNLV in 1986.

Attention Gays and Lesbians

Come join the fun in UNLV's Lesbian and Gay Academic Union. LGAU is a social group offering anonymity, support, and friendship to both students and persons in the community. Meetings and workshops are scheduled on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 pm.

For more information call 594-GAYS.