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Higher education at UNLV doesn't include a language lab

by La Rae Bringhurst be elaborate. and Gary Puckett

language lab.

Language department, this a lab. is because of the lack of space, money and the neces- nologies have such exciting sary supervision a lab would possibilities for a language need. A new teacher or su- lab. Most students today pervisor would need to be are primarily interested in hired to staff such a lab.

there really isn't anything lab will help them to realdefinite in the works yet," ize that goal," Bellver said. said Ralph Buechler. assistant professor of have a language lab for 15 German. Plans for a new lab years from the 1960s to the are only in the formative early 1980s. It consisted stages, however, they will primarily of audio tapes

A new lab would not only need audio tapes, but Students taking lan- would also need video tapes guage courses at UNLV may and state-of-the art comfind facilities lacking. This puter programs to help university does not have a students learn languages. Bellver is forming a sub-According to Catherine committee to study the Bellver, chair of the Foreign feasibility of starting such

"I think the new techbeing able to speak a new "As I understand it, language and a language

The university did

students could run through greatly assisted by a lanto get the feel of the spoken guage lab facility," Buechler language.

When the lab room was given to the English de- available to all students are partment for office space, a not as convenient or as efnewsystem was put into use. fective as a lab would be. That new system allowed The current system does students to tape the audio cover all the necessary basic tapes via a high speed re- materials that are needed. corder onto their own tapes to take home and listen to. However, it should be noted asked about the need for a that this system is deficient foreign language lab, those in any attempt to allow the planning to make foreign student to hear himself languages their main field speak the language imme- of study feel the need for a diately following the in- language lab most acutely. structional tapes, and Some said that they felt they make immediate corrections are being left behind and do in pronunciation.

and listening to a foreign that those students who are language, and to its pronun- at a university with a lanciation, students would be guage lab enjoy.

said.

The facilities now

Of students who were not have the advantages in "In regard to speaking foreign language studies

UNLV attracts a variety of students

by Gina Atkinson

with a 2.3 GPA and the and educational opportuni- to come to UNLV completion of certain high ties offered at UNLV. school courses are the ad-UNLV

or 890 on the SAT. These be in college." figures are comparatively applicants graduate in the degree students." top 25 percent of their high

mission requirements for trar, describes UNLV as transferred to UNLV from curricular activities," said having a "cross-section of such universities as Brown Stuhff, a senator in her Students without a high students. UNLV is a typical University, Georgetown academic college, assistant school diploma can still come state funded institution with University and Occidental in the Student Alumni, and to UNLV by scoring a com- some excellent students and College, and find very little also a student in the Honors posite score of 20 on the ACT some students who shouldn't difference in the education. Program.

universities whose require- versities, "UNLV has stu- Mischa Stuhff, the newly ments for admission range dents from age 18 to 80. elected senator for the Colfrom ACT scores of 28, or Some are part time, some lege of Engineering, turned SAT scores of 1,100, in addi- are full time, some are degree down admission offers from tion to the requirement that students and some are non- Boston University, Univer-

A high school diploma versity of UNLV students gious university, yet chose other universities.

Jeff Halverson, regis- Honors Program have becoming involved in extra-For some students the

sity of California, Santa "The variety of students Barbara and UCLA to come to UNLV. Lack of funds to

administrators and students students who might seem cost undergraduate educaalike is that there is a di- happier at a more presti- tion equaling that of most

"Students can get out of Several students in the UNLV what they want by

Wesley Allan attended Halverson also said that decision to choose UNLV is Occidental College his lower than some other state in comparison to other uni- based on economic factors. freshman year, before transferring to UNLV.

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Paul Stuhff and Cathy Antonello.

Undergraduate Students teach class at UNLV

An course for the Honors course on campus Program, aptly named Honors Introductory class has experienced sur-Seminar, just completed prisingly little fluctuation. its second successful year. Approximately 30 students This is seemingly un- have registered for it each eventful, unlessone knows fall. that this course is instructed by Paul Stuhff clusion to everything and Cathy Antonello, both freshmen should experi-UNLV undergraduate ence on a college campus," students. The course is said Stuhff, a two-year inworth one credit and is structor. "We bring in repgraded on a pass/fail basis. resentatives from different

the brain-child of a small We give an accounting of group of honors students honors vs. standard course last year. Stuhff, Julie equivalents and then talk Wolf, Tammy Bruns and about study skills and time Michael Logue developed the concept and ran with what may be the first un-

introductory dergraduate instructed

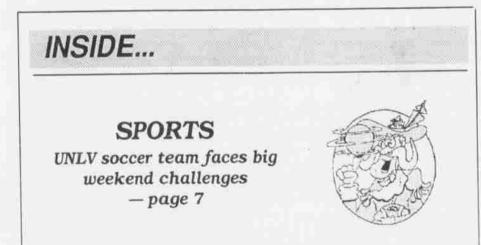
The enrollment in the

"The course is a pre-The course began as organizations and services.

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school class. One wonders makes college interesting," what caliber of students said Len Zane, director of pay high priced tuition UNLV attracts and what the Honors Program. quality of education they can receive.

brought her to UNLV, but As director of the Hon- what Stuhff found may keep ors Program, Zane has daily her here. Stuhff said that The consensus among contact with high caliber she feels UNLV offers a low





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