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Tunnels of the future

UNLV would benefit from people movers like those at McCarran

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Walking the incredible distance from where I had to park my car today, I began to think about the stretches I walk between my classes. I must truly walk an entire mile over the period of a whole day. And, all this walking is by my own physical strength, with no assistance from any form of automatic people movers. But that is what I wanted to write about.

I feel that UNLV should install people movers between all the buildings, or at least the ones where my classes

are. These devices would be flat escalators, like at McCarran Airport, proven to be absolutely essential to the efficient workings of the terminals. If the airport needs them, then I think we need them, too.

Since these are electrical devices and should be

preserved from the elements, covers should be installed. The best possibilities are covered glass arched halls, for two essential reasons. Glass is nice and clear to look out and see the natural environment. Since Las Vegas has such large amounts of rain and snow each year due to its tropical climate, the water needs to roll off of roofs easily, so

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arches are the best shape. If the walkways are covered, they should also be lit. Student security should be stationed at the junctions to prevent injuries from people falling off the ends of the movers, to help people find their way to the different buildings and, basically,

stand around while getting paid.

Since they are lit, we should have air conditioning for the hot summers and heating for the cold winters. The student body should not be made to feel uncomfortable going from class to class by being forced into hallways where the temperature is simply unbearable.

Now that everyone will be riding on the Great People Mover System of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, or as it will be commonly referred to, the GPM SUNLV, there will be no need for the golf carts that scoot around all day running over tuition paying students.

Actually, after thoroughly considering the proposal, I think I will walk on the grass, if there is any left.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Keith Dupré's memory will last forever

Dear Editor:

It was November 1986. I remember the Comparative Physiology brady-cardia lab as if it were yesterday, where I was positioned with my head immersed in a trough of water. I could hear Keith Dupré's Southern drawl over my shoulder: "Last one in is a green banana."

I recall his encouragement and support of a student stricken with stage-fright during a seminar presentation; his intensely serious professionalism which was diluted only by a wonderfully droll humor; his ability to marvel at the complexities of life and to pass its secrets on to his students; and the consideration and respect he extended to every student with whom he made contact at the University of California in graduate school.

He always responded as if it would be an honor. I recall the last day I ever saw him in 1987 when he told me, "It's very good to know you, you might win the Nobel

Prize one day and I'd like to shake your hand."

And I remember the final memory, that of a midnight phone call which left me reeling in shocked disbelief.

I think I speak for all of Keith's students and colleagues in now having to deal with a bitter mixture of emotions: "I hurt badly for him for the pain which he didn't share and which drove him to take his own life. I reproach myself with the thought that perhaps there was something I could have said or done long ago to let him realize what he meant to me as a teacher."

I find myself laughing at comical memories, and yet the laughter becomes blunted with the dull edge of anger as my mind raises a persistent question to him: "Didn't any of us, who cared so much for you, mean anything to you?" And I wonder if I will ever regain my perspective on my own life and the fragile nature of my dreams and goals.

I am currently a doctoral student at the University of

California, Davis. The word "doctor" comes from the Latin "docere" which means "to teach." My own tribute to Dr. Dupré will be to model myself after him in the treatment of my own students, every day of my life.

Students and teachers alike, we must forget Keith Dupré's death and remember his life, and try to imitate it. Treat each other with respect; realize that each individual is worthy and important regardless of his or her goals. If you are motivated in a positive direction by someone who has touched your life, let that person know, and then go out and do as they've done.

Since Sept. 23, I have been haunted by a passage from a book by Farley Mowat: "The pact of timelessness between the two of us was ended, and I went from him into the darkening tunnel of the years."

Let us go from him, carrying the light of his life and his example with us.

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Parking lots need a lot of work

Dear Editor:

I strongly disagree with the opinion piece you printed about parking not being so bad at UNLV. The parking here may not be as bad as some universities have it, but it certainly is not as good as it could be.

For a university to even consider owning up to the title of "up and coming," shouldn't there be lights in

all the parking lots? (That is not the case with the lot off of Brussels). And if we must park 100 miles from our classes in the Thomas and Mac lot, shouldn't the campus police be providing and enforcing speed limits?

The way it is set up now, a student could be killed just walking to and from class by the cars which are allowed to drive any speed they wish, in any area they wish. A

woman certainly isn't safe walking to her car at night (especially in a lot with no lights).

If UNLV wants to be a shining star in higher education, then it should be willing to meet the requirements to keep its students safe.

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