



Don't limit singing to the shower

by Andre Lagomarsino

"I took her to the hotel. She said you're the king, so be my queen if you know what I mean and let's do the wild thing."

Was this the famous songartist Tone-Loc rapping his hit song "Wild Thing?" No, it was Clarence Milton, a junior majoring in computer science, who was recently caught at Fuddy Duddy's performing his version of the act.

After reading this, one may ask, "How could this bundle of nerves get up in front of a packed bar, jump around like a grasshopper and rap like no one has ever rapped before?" The answer is Karaoke.

Karaoke is one of the latest forms of entertainment that has swept across this nation's bars and taverns. This kind of entertainment, first introduced a couple of years ago, is finally popping up in hotels and bars all over Las Vegas. A few favorites places mentioned by UNLV students include Ellis Island, San Remo and Fuddy Duddy's.

Karaoke involves laser

discs that play popular songs without the vocals. Participants actually sing the lead vocals to their favorite songs with the assistance of lyrics that appear on video screen in front of them. In essence, singing hopefuls are now permitted to rise from their barstools and live out their dreams of performing in front of an audience, instead of their shower curtain.

Usually, a main catalyst in drawing participation

is alcohol. However, intoxication does not need to be an excuse to justify antics on stage. "I was drunk" could be a polite way of saying, "I shed my inhibition and did exactly what I wanted to do."

Whether sober or slightly "overwhelmed," Karaoke will always be an interesting experience. Karaoke veterans insist, "If you haven't tried it yet, you don't know what you're missing."



Illustration by Robert Sundin III

Major changes are a major part of college

by Kellie J. Adan

Most people would agree that goals are subject to change, especially goals one tries to attain at a university. Sandra Williams of the Student Development Center said that most students' aspirations change with growth and maturity, making major changes a usual occurrence for most college students.

"Most research shows that most students change their majors twice between admission and graduation," Williams said.

Some change many more times. Some end up going to school for seven

years or more trying to meet all the requirements for all their different majors. Why would a student want to change his major if doing so can be so frustrating?

"Very few students come in and end up with the very same goal in mind," Williams said. "In fact, the majority of students change. Very few actually graduate in the major they started in."

"Some change because of grade problems. Some do a sort of 'self-inventory,' evaluating new directions they might want to go in the future depending on new experiences, internships or the influence of activities or clubs.

"Attending a university is a developmental process, which can be frustrating and enlightening," she added.

Avoid the frustration involved in changing majors by notifying your department head and then following up with whatever action they advise. Just because a student decides to change their major doesn't mean that everyone else knows. Find out what new courses are required for a new major and take them. If the requirements aren't met, forget about a diploma. Major changes don't have to be frustrating; they should help prepare for a future career.

Life after college doesn't always meet graduate's expectations

by Dana Olliges

College seniors find it is not as easy as they thought to find jobs in the "real world" after graduation.

"Senioritis" afflicts students who are in their fourth or fifth year of college and are getting ready to walk down the aisle in their cap and gown.

They are writing resumes and looking for a place to start their careers that they have worked long and hard for by studying in college. This is their big moment to prove that they can put to use what they have learned.

But, it may not be as easy as they assume.

Mickela Reeves, 22, a UNLV graduate of the business college, found out

just how difficult it was to get a job once she graduated. She applied at numerous places and finally had to call a friend for help in getting a job. She is working at the Nevada Federal Credit Union. Her first choice for her career opportunity was to work at a reputable insurance company.

"It was really upsetting to find there was no

work out there for me," Reeves said. "I had my diploma, but it seemed to me it didn't matter whether or not I had a masters degree, there were just no job openings."

Yvonne Rodda, 21 who is an accounting major, is concerned about finding a job once she graduates.

"I really want to be an accountant and I believe that I will be qualified for the job when I graduate, but many of the job opportunities just are not available unless you have connections," she said.

Nina Highsmith, a 21 year-old senior majoring in hotel administration believes that many hotel ma-

jors will have a hard time finding the jobs that are suitable for them because many of the hotels are currently holding off on job open-

ings. "There are just not enough jobs in the hotel business for all the hotel and business graduates," she said.

Highsmith went to the job placement office at UNLV and had no luck in finding a job that suited her.

"I've had many friends who, upon graduation, get

into careers that are totally different than what they have studied for," she said.

"This happens because they need to make a living and cannot wait for a job opening in their field of study."

Sylvia CaraMonica, a teacher in the Speech

and English departments, helps many anxious students write their resumes.

"I have seen many bright and qualified students with the ability to do

excellent in their careers be

shot down after time

when applying for jobs," she said.

CaraMonica also believes that connections, in many cases, help students get the job of their choice.

"But how many students know the right people?" she said.

Students need to know that degrees do not promise job opportunities and security.

Degrees certainly help students get jobs and

add credibility, but unfortunately they do not always lead to the great careers students may have long desired.

Rapid blinking indicates anxiety, Boston study says

BOSTON (CPS)—Remember the videotaped interview with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War?

If you watched the coverage on CNN, you probably remember the countless experts interviewed about Saddam's state

of mind and well being. How did most of these experts finally determine his state of mind, his levels of stress?

Blinking. Researchers at Boston College studied the Gulf War videotapes of Saddam Hussein and concluded that blinking

is linked to a person's emotional and psychological state.

They found that frequent blinking is related to anxiety and pain and that infrequent blinking is associated with happy feelings.

Saddam Hussein blinked a lot during that interview.

