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The Main Street Station hotel, hard hit by the recession, has been forced to cut jobs.

Student jobs cut at Main Street Station

by Rick Nielsen

The faltering financial situation of one of downtown Las Vegas' newest and most promising casinos has cost some UNLV students their jobs, at least temporarily. On Jan. 16, however, a Las Vegas bankruptcy judge approved a loan to keep the staggering Main Street Station afloat.

In April, prior to its opening, Main Street Station had a recruiting team on campus take applications to compile a pool of prospective employees to draw from.

Heather Horwood, cast

relations manager at Main Street Station said that of the original 1000 or so employees hired, approximately 15 to 20 percent were students.

But due to general lack of business, on Jan. 7, Main Street Station instituted the second of two layoffs in three months. In October, Main Street Station carried out what was termed a staff reduction to adjust to business patterns. It affected about 100 employees.

Kent Emeson, a senior hotel major, became the student liaison for their human resources department. He was also awarded a bartender posi-

tion and played the Uncle Sam character on stilts in the Rosie O'Grady's stage show.

Emeson was laid off indefinitely due to what was deemed an inflexible school schedule. According to Horwood, 125 employees lost jobs and she estimates 10 percent of those were students. Because employees are not categorized as students or non-students, there were no solid numbers available.

"In general terms, the company's inexperience in Vegas-style operations and

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Rebel Rider suspended

by Richard Munson

At a 10 p.m. press conference Monday, UNLV Athletic Director Jim Weaver suspended Runnin' Rebel forward J.R. Rider. The suspension came after an afternoon meeting that lasted late into the night discussing the matter.

"The situation stands at this, I'm declaring J.R. Rider ineligible," Weaver said. "His ineligibility will be appealed to the NCAA for the restoration of his eligibility."

Rider's suspension stems from an argument that occurred at the Jack in the Box located at Maryland Parkway and Tropicana Avenue on the morning of Jan. 24. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and University Police responded to the employees call to find an unruly Rider at the drive up window. The police arrested Rider at a nearby 7-Eleven for obstructing of a police officer.

Weaver said that during the course of the last few days the persons looking into the matter had come to the end of the line until they had done more research that produced additional information.

In the appeal to the NCAA Weaver stated that he would ask that Rider pay restitution for the \$200 bail money and the successful resolution of the car issue.

Weaver said that he felt if Rider paid the bail money and for the impoundment, he would be eligible to play in the Rebels' game Thursday at Long Beach State.

The university can declare an individual ineligible due to circumstances of NCAA infractions then appeal to have his eligibility reinstated.

"We're trying to gather further pertinent information, and we feel very confident and comfortable that we will have a successful (resolution) tomorrow (Tuesday)," Weaver said.

The second part of the restitution will require the university to find out how Rider got the unlicensed 1991 Ford Explorer that had an expired 10-day operating permit in Rider's name.



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Landan agrees to new trial date

by Morgan Fisher

Charles Landan appeared before Judge Nancy Oesterle in Clark County District Court Department 6, Monday. Landan and his lawyer, James Smith, agreed to a new trial date on April 30 to answer the charges against him.

Landan was charged on Jan. 11, by University Police for failure to provide drivers licence and resisting arrest. Landan was originally pulled over for speeding but wasn't stopped until he reached the cor-

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Yeah, but do they teach punctuation?



photo by Bonar Tucker

This billboard on Main Street touting higher education seems to be missing something.

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