

Computer labs open on campus

by Donald Rilea

A new computer laboratory for students opened at the beginning of the semester in the System Computing Services building just north of the desert landscape garden. The facility has 20 Macintosh computers and 5 DEC workstations, which are all connected to the Rebelnet computer network.

Among the programs offered at the laboratory are Hypercard, NCSA Telnet, QuickBasic (a computer language program) and Claris Works (a painting and drawing program). However, according to William

Robinson, director of Computing and Information Services, only some of the lab's Macintosh computers have QuickBasic software.

Robinson said the majority of the Macintoshes would be equipped with QuickBasic sometime in the near future. The same situation also applies to the lab's Claris Works software, whose release to System Computing Services was delayed because of technical problems experienced by the company, according to Bob Thorson, laboratory coordinator for System Computing Services.

Planning for the System Computing Services laboratory began in 1988, when the Board of Regents approved the construction of the System Computing Services building. The state legislature authorized funding for the center in 1989, with System Computing Services and UNLV collaborating on its design that same year.

According to Sally Phares, manager of System Computing Services' User Liaison Department, the laboratory was created because of increasing computer use on campus. This growing demand for computer

access surpassed the computer capacity then available at UNLV.

Phares' statement was confirmed by Robinson, who described the capacity as having been "real tight" before the lab's installation. Phares also said the new building provided an opportunity for System Computer Services and UNLV to expand campus computer facilities by installing a lab inside it.

Robinson added that with the laboratory's installation, the number of Macintoshes avail-

able on campus for student use has almost doubled.

Phares said she felt the facility would also help to improve the overall quality of computer services on campus. She added that she hoped that any future expansion of UNLV computer facilities would come from a classroom building projected for 1994, which would create even more computer capacity on campus. Laboratory hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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asked of her.

She emphasized that she simply "misunderstood" that what Fisher was telling her was not his own words. Apparently he was relaying a message from Quick, she said.

"He wasn't condoning what Mike was doing," Nalder said. "He was giving me a message of what he was hearing from Mike."

She apologized to Fisher in front of the Senate. "I feel like some friendships have been dragged through the mud," Nalder said.

Quick had left the meeting after giving his report on Career Days and did not hear any of Nalder's new revelations.

"I said before that I did not make any threats," Quick said in a later interview. "I have not spoken to Miss Nalder since (early) December. This whole thing is stemming from some personal issue."

Quick also said he never told Nalder to lie.

Nalder said she may file charges against Quick with the Student Conduct Code, citing harassment.

Fisher said the charge against Nalder, for not informing Student Government about her knowledge that Quick had dropped his courses while holding an unpaid director's position, has not been dropped.

In other news, the Senate:

—Voted 6-2, with 8 abstentions, to appoint Mike Bunin as director of the Elections Board

—Voted to pay \$2,470 to the Donald C. Moyer Student Union for rental of Tonopah Hall space

—Approved 16-1 to spend \$2,000 on a voter registration drive

—Approved 17-0 to spend \$2,000 on a Valentine's Day dance

Overheard:

Mike Quick, former director of Student Services for Student Government, stopped in at *The Rebel Yell* offices Friday. He had come in to talk to reporter Karen Splawn, who was not present at the time.

"What am I (being accused) of this time?" Quick asked.

"You drink too much," said reporter Rick Nielsen.

"Seeing as I don't drink, that's the one thing I can't be accused of," Quick said.

He then left the office.

"He's telling me he doesn't drink?" Nielsen said in bewilderment. "I was a bartender at Career Day and he sat at the bar for about an hour. I served him all kinds of alcoholic drinks."



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