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## Faculty senate proposal could change GPA policy

by Karen Splawn

If a proposal on grade point average policy makes it through the Faculty Senate, students may find it harder to make up for sins of the past.

Management professor and senator Alan Miller recently proposed to the senate's Academic Standards Committee that current grade point average policy be changed to where, if a student takes a course over, the previous "bad grade" they earned will be permanently reflected in their GPA.

Current policy allows students to repeat courses and not have the low grade affect GPA, said music professor Ken Hanlon, who also serves as chair of

the Academic Standards Committee.

Miller's idea is, Hanlon said, "Let's have higher academic standards."

If passed, the proposal would take effect next fall.

There's a perception that some students may have a false sense of security when it comes to GPA, Hanlon said.

"We're one of the few universities that throw grades away," Hanlon said. "A lot of junior colleges do that, however."

Throwing away grades could be harming the UNLV's academic reputation, Hanlon said.

"We're expunging part of students' performance," he said.

"Are we being honest?"

Those students who feel that a grade was unfair and don't want their GPAs harmed can always appeal, he said.

Hanlon said the committee's equally divided on Miller's suggestion. "It's not going to be easy," he added.

What will probably happen in the senate, Hanlon explained, is that some compromise will be reached.

"It would be one between being hard-nosed and recognizing that sometimes a student had genuine problems (with a class)," Hanlon said.

Faculty Senate Chair Lori Temple said some students may

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Joel Kostman was elected president with 71 percent of the vote.

## Kostman wins by a landslide

by Tricia Ciaravino

Joel Kostman won the Student Government presidential election by a whopping 71 percent. He received 670 votes. Paul Stuhff, who received 181 votes came in second. Only 945 students voted in the primary election.

"This hasn't set in with me yet," Kostman said, in response to winning.

He said his administration will fight against tuition increases before it becomes an issue by developing an immediate repore with the Board of Regents.

Kostman plans to keep student representation in Carson City, like we have now through Senate President Mike Kennedy, to lobby for more money. Last year student monies were cut only \$200,000 compared to University of Nevada-Reno's \$2 million because of representation.

He also wants student government to take over more Moyer Student Union programs, such as the new ID and validation process, "so students don't have to pay."

All Student Government employees will be checked by CSUN Business Manager Lori Snyder to make sure they are enrolled and in good standing.

"We'll let students know every single thing that goes on that affects them," Kostman said.

General elections are scheduled for April 1-2. Students will then be able to vote for vice president and senate president candidates.

Vice-president candidates are Jay Jay Held and Sean Klimek. Senate-president candidates are Bud Benneman and Jennifer Cole.



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The new MSU eating area has become crowded as more students eat there instead of the commons.

## Dining commons cutting customers options

by Tricia Ciaravino

Students who live in the residential halls are now only able to purchase meals in the Moyer Student Union after 3 p.m. instead of all day.

Michelle Dudan, assistant director of Residential Life, said this was always the rule, but because ARA Campus Dining Services was not monitoring the program, students were eating there all the time. She said the program was established so students who had classes until after the dining commons closed could still eat somewhere.

She said the rule was put back into effect because students were taking advantage of the program by buying meals for their friends. Also, MSU has become overcrowded and, the dining commons is losing \$5,000 per week because students prefer to eat breakfast at MSU.

Don Bell, director of ARA, said he wasn't sure if the dining commons was losing money or not. He did say, however, if it was, ARA would also be losing money.

ARA also operates the MSU dining area, where dorm students are eating when not being

served at the dining commons.

According to Christoph Micklom, a resident assistant, this policy is not written in the contract. He also said students were allowed to purchase meals in any combination they wanted—one meal at a time or all their meals at once. (Students must purchase a meal plan if they live in the dorms. Their options are a 12-, 15- or 19-meal per week plan.)

"They told us one thing at the start," he said, "and now they're taking it away from us."

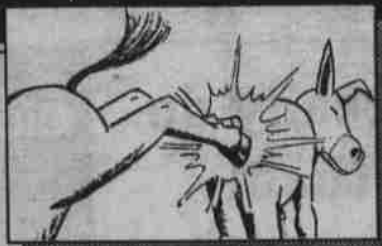
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