

# Pioneer women honor Pida

by Georgia West Babb

A flowering plum tree was planted on Feb. 27 at Lorenzi Park to honor Valerie Pida.

Pida is a former UNLV cheerleader stricken with cancer. The tree was planted in the Garden of the Pioneer Women and Pida was chosen because of her "pioneer spirit" according to Mary Anne Smith, Arbor Day chair of the Nevada Garden Clubs.

Pida, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease as a teenager, is "a special person with a strong spirit, who captured many hearts at UNLV," according to Tina Kunzer-Murphy, senior assistant athletic director.

After her plight became known during the 1987 NCAA Final Four, Pida attracted local as well as national attention. Many people in the community helped raise money for a bone marrow transplant.

As Kunzer-Murphy explained, "People said, 'Let's take care of Valerie' and donations poured in."

Pida still makes her presence known. She helps with the UNLV cheerleaders and can be seen at different sporting



Tree planted by Nevada Garden Clubs in Honor of former UNLV Cheerleader Valerie Pida.

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events.

She recently underwent a hip replacement, but that didn't stop her from attending a Lady

Rebels game two weeks ago.

Kunzer-Murphy emphasized, "She's always smiling, no matter what she's facing."

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appreciate a policy that allows their GPA to mean more, but for others, it could be a disaster.

"Some students are punished a little bit," she said, because it could take longer for them to repair GPA damage from a bad grade. Students who receive a low grade in a course and who need high GPAs to attend another school may not be thrilled, either, she added.

"Maybe students will be more careful," Temple said, when it comes to taking courses.

Hanlon said students shouldn't worry much about a lower GPA hindering their chances in the job market.

"If a student does badly in a course, takes it over and an employer looks at a transcript, (they) might say, 'This person had the tenacity to improve themselves,'" Hanlon said.

The committee votes to reject or accept the proposal at the March 24 meeting, but the senate won't vote on it until April 7.

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Micklom said students he spoke with were not happy with this arrangement.

"Almost all of them were totally outraged," he said. "For me, personally, it was an outrage."

Dudan said the Residence Hall Association made the decision. "It was not an administrative move," she added.

Karen Strong, who is in charge of the RHA, was unavailable for comment.

Jason Weber, chair of the RHA food service committee, said the policies were either written in the contract or students were told at the beginning of the year.

"We're losing money," he said. "People are going to MSU (instead). People like the food better at MSU. It's in a better location."

Weber's job as chair is to come up with ideas for better

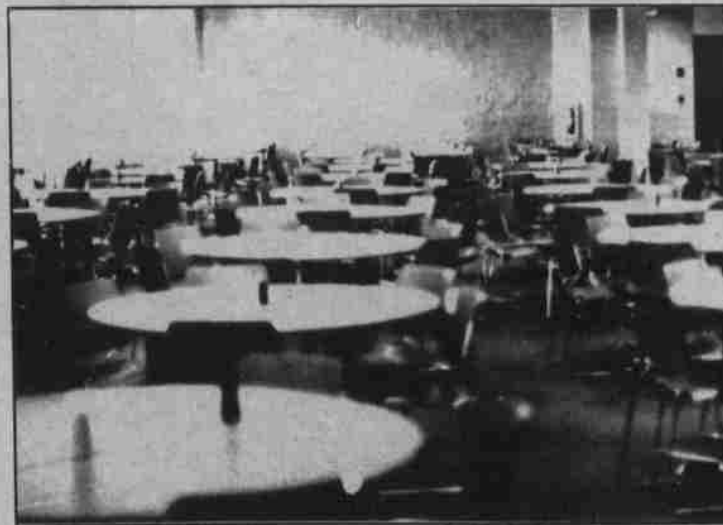


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Nobody's home: Dorm residents are dining more now at the MSU than the dining commons.

food and service in the dining commons. Several students have compared breakfast to death in the dining commons.

He said the dining commons plans to expand on its meal take-out program by add-

ing take-out coffee, bagels, muffins, etc. to compete with MSU and make the students happy.

"That's one of the things we feel students want early in the morning," he said.

# Scholarships still available

by Kelly Hansen

Although the priority deadline has passed for the UNLV general scholarship application, it's not too late to apply.

The deadline was Feb. 1, but late applicants will be considered. Many departments at UNLV have a later priority deadline date, near the middle or end of March. This includes the departments of communication, engineering, education, business economics and CSUN.

Winners of general scholarships are chosen by the faculty senate scholarship committee and should be notified by mail by April 14. Winners of department scholarships will be chosen by that department and will also be notified by mail.

The UNLV Scholarship Office, FDH-344, has received information on several new scholarship programs:

— The Hebrew University Scholarship & Financial Aid Programs for American students interested in studying at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

— Mohave Rose Chapter-American Business Women's Association for male or female sophomores with a good academic standing. It is a \$500 minimum award.

— Desert Diamond Chapter-American Business Women's Association for sophomores and above with good academic standing.

— The Al Qoyawayma Award for excellence in science, engineering and the

arts. A \$2,000 annual award for a Native American undergraduate majoring in science or engineering and has also demonstrated outstanding interest and skill in any one of the arts.

— Churchill County Education Association Scholarship. Applicants must have completed one year in a teacher preparation program and must have resided in Churchill County for one year. Minimum grade-point average of 3.0. This is a \$600 scholarship. The deadline is March 15, 1992.

— The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Student Assistance Loan for Fall, 1992. GPA of 2.2 or above for undergraduate students or 3.2 or above for graduate students is required. Must be a full-time student enrolled in a recognized mechanical engineering or mechanical engineering technology program. Must be an ASME student member and a U.S. citizen.

— Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program. It is a \$1,000 scholarship. Applicant must be 30 years old or over at the time of application. Full or part-time students. Application deadline is May 1.

UNLV offers over \$1.5 million a year in scholarships and grant-in-aid funds.

"How the budget cuts will affect this is unknown at this time, but should be announced by April," said Del-Rae Dillard, scholarship coordinator.

For more information contact Dillard at 739-3695.

## MICHELANGELO

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Campus computing centers are urging all personal computer users to check for the virus.

Many campuses allow access to public domain versions of anti-virus software that can be obtained by bringing a floppy disk to the campus' computing center. Students without access to this software can purchase anti-virus programs through software businesses.

Good virus protector programs start at 65 cents, said Dan Larson of Comp U.S.A., although he said the company has sold out of the software due to the outbreak of the Michelangelo virus.

Symantec corporation, a computer software company, is now offering a free upgrade to their existing Norton AntiVirus 2.0 program. While the existing program protects for more than 1,000 viruses, the supplement specifically protects the computer from Michelangelo.

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