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Course repeat policy threatened in committee

by William Holt

Faculty Senator Alan N. Miller submitted a memorandum to the Academic Standards Committee that listed 12 schools comparable to UNLV and their course-repeat policies Thursday. Miller did this to illustrate that UNLV's course-repeat policy is "way out there."

The course policy at UNLV dictates that a student may retake a course after failing it the first time, and replace the first grade received with the second. Miller pulled information from 12 universities that he said are comparable to UNLV according to population and programs offered. Some examples cited were Northern Arizona University, the University of Denver and the University of New Mexico. Of these, only one mentioned, Metropolitan State College of Denver, had the same policy as UNLV.

The other universities maintain policies which state when a course is repeated, the second grade is averaged with the first, not replaced. Because of this, Miller said that UNLV's academic standards are "way out there, or way down there." He said this is an easy way for a student to earn a grade.

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Senate member Margaret P. Howe-Vaetoe works with the Student Development Center. The center has an approved list of eight schools comparable to UNLV used in basing their choice of examples for campus evaluation. She questioned the validity of Miller's requirements in choosing his list of schools.

Senate member Jim Kitchen disagreed with the motion that was made by Miller and suggested by committee Chair Kenneth Hanlon.

"We shouldn't make our standards so high that we'll close out a bunch of people," Kitchen said. He added that freshmen are bound to make mistakes and should be given a second chance.

Becky Spray, Student Gov-

ernment representative to the committee, agreed that everyone makes mistakes and shouldn't be penalized by being forced to have an F appear on their permanent record without a chance to make up the grade.

Hanlon asked Spray, "Don't you think that this encourages students to make mistakes?"

"No, because a student will have to pay for the course again," Spray responded.

Hanlon said, "It seems that we keep taking people who fall flat on their faces and go out of our way to make it easier for them to succeed."

Faculty Senate member Stan Cloud offered a different opinion.

"I think the current policy should focus on learning and not the image of the school," he said.

A Student Government resolution, number 22-05 which was introduced and written by Bud Benneman, senate president pro-tempore, and co-written by Spray, was submitted to the committee as well.

It recommended to the committee that the proposal should be dismissed and the current policy on repeated courses be upheld.

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Jay Johnson, an Oregon State University junior, uses his in-line skates for hockey training.

UNLV police chief: Parking will only get worse



photo by Wray Halterman

The over-crowded dirt parking lot across from the residential halls will soon be replaced by buildings.

by Angela Ramsey

According to University Police Chief David Hollenbeck, UNLV's parking dilemma hasn't even begun. As the university grows, new buildings will replace student parking.

Near the beginning of January, construction of two buildings will begin on a lot currently designated for student parking. The new student services and classroom buildings are scheduled to reside on the lot behind the softball field on Gym Road.

At the same time, a new physics building will be constructed on the Environmental Protection Agency's current parking section, forcing the school, which by contract is required to furnish parking for EPA staff, to hand over the ad-

joining lot also located on Gym Road.

These projects alone will result in the loss of 1,000 student parking spaces.

There are other long-range projects that will cause further parking disturbances. In the next two years, a new architecture structure will replace the parking area on Brussels Street. In addition, the university is looking into building a new series of dorm structures which would take away from existing Thomas & Mack parking.

Hollenbeck cites lack of revenue as the cause for university parking problems.

"We don't get a single dollar for parking," he said. "No one is going to donate money to

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