

Thirty percent of students at UNLV are over 25

According to a recent study, nearly one in three UNLV students are over 25 years old.

"This fact raises some serious concerns as to whether the university is fully serving the needs of nearly one third of its student population," said Dick Benoit, who conducted the study for a communication studies course.

According to Benoit, the non-traditional (adults over the age of 25) population has been growing on campuses nationwide over the past two decades and on some campuses the fig-

ure approaches 50 percent of the student population. The non-traditional student population has stabilized at around 30 percent at UNLV since 1987. However, Benoit expects the downturn in the economy will result in an additional influx of adult students on college campuses across the country and at UNLV.

"When peoples' jobs start disappearing, higher education is one place they turn to retrain and upgrade or diversify their employment options," he said. According to Benoit, UNLV has

done an excellent job of communicating educational opportunities at the school and "smoothing initial counseling and registration procedures."

The "ENCORE" program is a good example. It is a very visible orientation program held twice each year. Adults from the community are invited to campus for an orientation on the programs available and how to return to college. University representatives from the Registrar's office, Student Services, as well as representatives

from every academic department and other support agencies are available to answer questions.

Last July, many offices on campus began offering extended evening hours to accommodate adult students who work or care for children during the day. Recently, the campus child care center extended its hours until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday to accommodate parent-students with classes during those hours.

These efforts, however, are

not meeting the full needs of adult students, according to Benoit.

"Very few, if any, undergraduate degree programs can be completed by attending night or weekend classes, and some required courses for degree programs are not offered each semester. This situation was acceptable when working or parenting adults represented a small minority of the student population and the primary occupation of most students was to be a student," he said.

MSU fights with physical plant over responsibilities

Possible poisonous gas leak is bickered over.

by Georgia West

A powerful rotten-egg smell overwhelmed students in the Moyer Student Union March 23. The smell became progressively stronger and by noon was unbearable for many. It may have been hydrogen sulfide, which is poisonous in large, concentrated doses.

"It won't hurt you and we are taking care of it now," said Theresa Chiang, director of MSU.

She reported that she almost fainted from it herself. She first noticed the smell upon

arriving at work Monday morning.

"Last year UNLV spent a lot of money on chemicals which were to be added to prevent this from happening again," Chiang said. "Wet weather really compounds the problem."

According to Chiang, the Physical Plant should have "been taking care to add chemicals on a regular basis to prevent this from happening, but there has been a break-down in communication somewhere."

Tom Pickerell, manager of Operations and Maintenance, said the problem originated in the kitchen of MSU and blamed the kitchen employees for continually dumping grease and other materials down the

drains.

"It's not as if we are down there creating the problem," he said. "Go back to the cause and the problem will be alleviated."

Pickerell also emphasized that his department has had to comply with the sanitation district which has mandated that environmentally safe products must be used. He added, in the search for these products, "There will be a few inconveniences." Until the right chemicals are found, however, Pickerell said his department would continue to pump down the drains on a regular basis.

"We are looking into a system that automatically releases the necessary chemicals into the drainage system," he said.

'University News' from students' point of view

by Stephanie Penner

This semester marks the first time UNLV has had its own on-campus newscast specially geared toward campus events. "University News" is a student-run newscast that is aired every Thursday on Channel 31 at 6:45 p.m.

The 15-minute show is written, produced, anchored and filmed by students in communication studies class 439, Broadcast Practicum. The class contains 20 students, each of which take turns in the different areas of producing a newscast.

The only two positions to remain constant throughout the semester are director Robert Wilner, and audio director Boddy Scallion.

Mary Ruth Carleton, KTNV-TV 13 anchor, instructs the class and acts as executive producer for "University News." Carleton said the class offers students hands-on experience in producing a newscast.

Ross Kurzer, a member of

the "University News" staff, said, "I appreciate the course because it allows us (the students) to obtain hands-on experience that will benefit us no matter what aspect of the communications industry we enter."

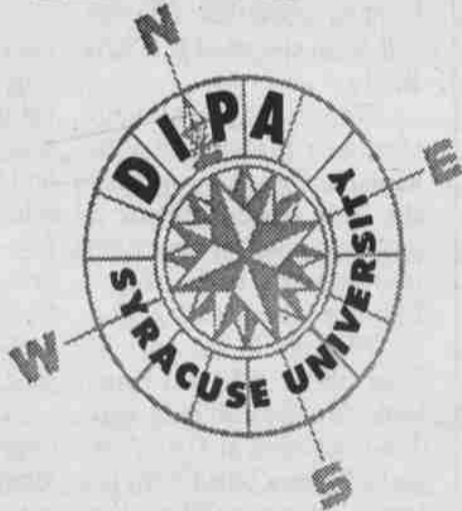
"University News" has covered a wide variety of issues such as the Tarkanian/Maxson feud, the basketball controversy, student elections, a date rape seminar, a feature of country singer Mel Tillis and a variety of athletic events.

Telemedia Services provides the set for students to use when filming the newscast. The class meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. to record the show which is broadcast 45 minutes later.

The shows are pre-recorded but the class will go live before the end of the semester. Carleton said she would also like to see the show turn into a 30 minute newscast.

"University News" is a production of UNLV-TV.

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DJ Joel Habbeshaw encourages listeners to donate money during KUNV's week-long marathon. The marathon raised over \$30,000.

Marathon '92 sets record

Campus radio KUNV set a new record for its annual on-air fund raiser. A grand total of \$33,303 was raised during the 10-day event, well over the station's goal of \$25,000. Slightly more than \$22,000 was raised last year.

In addition, a record number of telephone pledges were registered. More than 1,300 calls were answered, a 65 percent increase from 1991.

"We're doing fantastic. 1992 has been a splendid year for us so far," said Rob Rosenthal,

general manager. "If it weren't enough to get the number one college station of the year award, our pledge donations were up 49 percent from last year. This was our third year for a fundraiser. Our staff is more comfortable with the process. I think we did a better job of pitching on the air."

Pledges came from a number of locations, including Alaska, California, Connecticut, Nebraska, Oregon and the Las Vegas area.