



# The Rebel Yell

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## On display

'Untitled' work in progress by M. Ronshaugen is on display at Cafe Espresso Roma. For more see Thursday's 'Tempest.'

## Donated money may not provide relief

Donations to university surpass \$20 million in last year. '99' percent are earmarked when received, however.

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Across the country colleges and universities are cutting costs, eliminating programs, restructuring, and facing deficits. UNLV is no exception.

Nationally, university tuitions have risen at twice the rate of inflation over the past decade and most students cannot graduate in four years due to the lack of classes being offered. Some students have complaints about the quality of the courses they have been forced to enroll in and the unavailability of courses they have to take.

The appearance at UNLV is that of a thriving university. There are sports complexes being erected, and administrative offices that are currently being renovated. Nonetheless, students continue to suffer because of a lack of funding from the legislature.

"When I was in high school my parents would tell me that college would open up my eyes and I would have the freedom to study everything and anything," said Tricia Fusman, a communication studies major. "What a joke! The availability of classes is ridiculous. I'll be lucky if I get out of here before I turn 27 and I'm 21."

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### Getting their cut

Over the past 12 months, UNLV has received \$20 million in donations from private individuals. Here is a partial breakdown of where that money went:

New music building	\$6 million
Student Services	4.5 million
Scholarships	2.9 million
Hotel doctorate program	2 million
Engineering program	1.5 million
College of Health Sciences	1.5 million
College of Science/Math	1 million
Dining Commons	\$350,000

Source: Development Department

individuals.

The problem, according to Lyle Rivera, vice president for Development and University Relations, is that 99 percent are designated donations.

The donated money has been divided up as follows:

- \$6 million went to the new music building.
- \$4.5 million will go toward student services such as counseling, financial aid and re-creating a student services building.
- \$2.9 million was applied toward scholarships.
- \$2 million went to the doctorate program for the College of Hotel Administration.
- \$1.5 million purchased a computer for the engineering program.

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## Electronic system validates IDs

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Student ID cards no longer need to be validated each semester because of an electronic process set up to connect a student's ID information with the campus system.

A one-time \$1 fee pays for a student to be placed in the system and IDs are validated each time a student registers for classes.

The new system allows all information about a student to be accessed by a machine that reads the magnetic strip on the back of the card.

Within the next year, this system, set up through the Moyer Student Union, will also allow students to set up a declining balance on their cards to purchase items in the student union. The card is good in the bookstore, the MSU food court and for the copy machines in the student union.

Richard Crow, account clerk supervisor, said the student union has been trying to establish the system for almost two years in part because of abuse of the old IDs.

"Some students would register for four classes, get their IDs validated as a full-time student and then drop two classes making them part-time but still having a full-time validation," Crow said. "The new system allows for better control."

The MSU is currently the only building equipped with the machines to read the card. Crow said there is a step-by-step process to branch the system out to other departments once the system is perfected.

The next department expected to use the machines will be the Thomas & Mack Center. According to Phil Reed, assistant ticket office manager, the T&M hopes to have the system set up by the fall 1993 semester.



With the new bar code, UNLV IDs are automatically validated each semester.

## Budget cuts may curtail construction of new library

Hope of a new \$40 million library may fade if Gov. Miller's proposed budget passes.

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This university has outgrown its library, and the price tag for a new building is estimated at \$40 million, according to Matthew Simon, dean of libraries.

Although UNLV is in the midst of what has been designated by the administration as the Year of the Library, Gov. Bob Miller's proposed budget has dimmed hope that the Nevada Legislature will see a new library as a priority.

"The library is under-funded, under-staffed, and almost obsolete," said Regent Shelley Berkeley. "If we were in an economically abundant time, we could get the financing necessary to get plans for a new library under way."

Simon said at least \$3 million is desperately needed just to begin the planning process for a new building although there is not much hope in terms of funding from the state.

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wonderful focal point," he said, "but we are still at a stage where the concept is largely verbalization rather than action."

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The driving force behind the Year of the Library has been the University Library Society whose mission has been to stimulate contributions to improve the library system. Currently membership in the society stands at 100.

"One of my goals is to double the membership in the next year," Simon said. He added he has received outstanding support from the athletic depart-

ment and the Alumni Association.

"UNLV's library is the only major university library for 250 miles in any direction. We have a role to realize our centrality," Simon said.

"We have collections that must be protected. The library must have student and faculty group study spaces, and it must be able to accommodate the library's own staff functions."

The library's five-year academic plan prepared early in 1992 acknowledges that times are changing. Book collections and non-book materials have almost exceeded the current building's limit. According to the plan these collections are not sufficient to serve current academic needs.

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