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Registrar receives record number of graduation applicants

Of 1,362 students seeking to graduate this month, 288 are grad students.

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The 1993 commencement exercises will be the largest in UNLV history, according to figures from the registrar's office.

Registrar Jeff Halverson said 1,362 students have applied to



his office to graduate this month. This number is up from the 1,181 applications submitted by this time last year.

Halverson said this year's actual number of May graduates may be smaller in number than the applications submitted to his office. The reason for this, ex-

plained Halverson, is that not everyone who applies to graduate meets the criteria needed to obtain a degree.

Halverson said this can happen if a student fails to register for a course that is required to graduate.

Additionally, some students also have the misfortune of failing a needed class their final semester, thereby forcing them to remain at least another semester until they can pass the

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class or classes they need.

According to sources in the graduate college, 288 of this semester's applicants are graduate students. Of this 288, nearly 30 percent are seeking degrees in education. Applicants from the college of liberal arts comprise 25 percent of the total.

On the other end of the scale only 1 percent of applicants are seeking a graduate degree in health sciences, while 3 percent are working toward a graduate degree from the college of health and physical education.

As for the remaining 1,074 undergraduate applications, no current data was available from the registrar's office detailing what colleges have the largest number of spring graduation applicants.

Prejudice may have tainted search for tenured professor

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Reverse sexism, political correctness and personal bias are all charges that have been leveled against the history department during a recent search for a tenure track teaching position.

David Beito, a lecturer under a three-year contract in the history department, had applied for the position that eventually went to Margaret Holden but said he was denied it because the search was "prejudiced" and blamed Lawrence Klein, the chair of the department's search committee and the department itself.

"I can point out to you time after time of prejudice in this search," Beito said. And while Beito has his supporters in the history department, Klein said that Beito's charges are groundless.

"David Beito is no martyr," Klein said. "He has portrayed himself as the victim of a conspiracy and that is not the case."

Jay Coughtry, a professor in the department, said he thinks that is exactly what happened. Coughtry described a discussion (about Beito) he had with the previous chair prior to the search.

"It was clear that a number of people were grooming him (Beito). During this discussion I brought it up. He said 'But you're aware that there are some people who are going to try to keep him out,'" Coughtry said.

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Coughtry said in light of that comment various aspects of the search fit in with the prejudice theory of Beito's.

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There are a number of aspects to the search that Beito, Coughtry and another source, a professor in the department who wished to remain anonymous, said were suspect.

Klein appointed himself chair of the search committee. The source said that in the 30 years he has spent in academia, he has never seen that happen.

Another problem raised was the apparent discrepancy between the backgrounds of Beito, and Holden.

Beito, a Ph. D. had a vitae that lists 10 academic publications he has contributed to, three that he has submitted work to and two works currently in progress. Beito also has five academic awards to his credit and as well as six examples of contributions he has made to papers and panels.

Holden does not yet have her Ph. D., has

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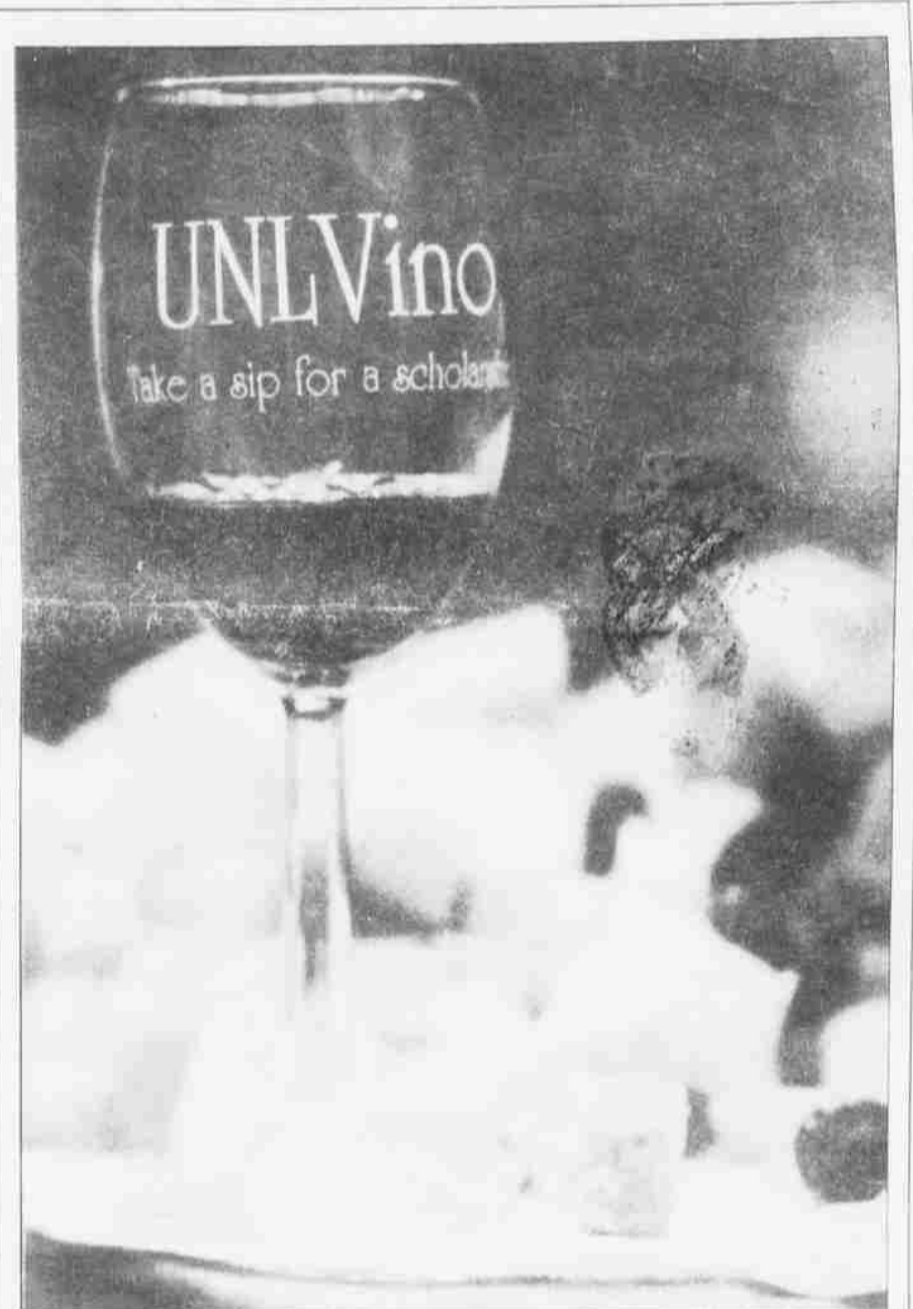


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Vino

UNLV celebrated the 19th Annual UNLVino wine-and-cheese expo last weekend with a crowd of over 4,700 people.

Administration releases task force student-athlete report

Task force releases 109-page report. UNLV adopts 49 changes in effort to 'improve lot of the student-athlete.'

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After a year that saw much tumult in the relationship between its athletic and academic pursuits, the administration has released the Presidential Task Force Report on the College Student-Athlete at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The 109-page report, made public Monday, outlines 50 recommendations made by six subcommittees, which focused on different aspects of the relationship between athletics and academics. The subcommittees spent a year collecting data in the following areas: presidential responsibilities, academics and academic support services, recruitment and admissions, athletics, race and sports, and women in athletics.

According to President Robert Maxson, the study was necessary due to the growth experienced by the university in recent years

and some serious problems that had arisen drawing questions about the link between athletics and academics at UNLV.

In its introduction, the panel's report states: "This report is not just a response to such specific incidents. Rather, it is a part of the national imperative toward improving the lot of the student-athlete in academe in general."

The task force, which cooperated with the 25-institution College Student-Athlete Project, endorsed many of the recommendations made by the Knight Commission in March 1991. That committee's report, "Keep

Faith with the Student-Athlete," suggested such measures as the "no pass, no play" policy, a recommendation that will be instituted at UNLV. Some of these policies on eligibility go beyond the NCAA's own requirements.

Among other recommendations made are:

— Within relevant NCAA guidelines, UNLV should strive to provide fifth-year scholarships for student-athletes whose eligibility has expired and who are making satisfactory progress toward graduation.

— As part of the admissions process, newly admitted students

shall be required to attend the same orientation as other students.

— The athletic director shall strictly enforce NCAA regulations on the number of hours a student-athlete participates in his or her sport.

— The number of programs offered for men's and women's sports at UNLV shall be at least equitable in all respects. For women student-athletes, the number of sports shall be at least seven. The committee offered two possible additions — women's golf

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