

Openings

Barrick Museum takes on new dimension

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"was resigning" and the position is open and applications are being taken for the position. Further, the office of Elections Director is unfilled, but is being worked on by Michael R. Aloyian, who is acting in an "unofficial capacity."

Last Wednesday's meeting was attended by Sen. Brad Jackson, Sen. Aaron Rosenthal, Sen. Willie Romero, Sen. Mark Farrow, Sen. Paul Manguel, Sen. Walter Vodrazka, Sen. John Pida, and Sen. David Turner, but failed to get the necessary 13 members to constitute quorum.

Benneman stated that "I really didn't want to call this meeting, but it was requested by some people because they thought we could get quorum, and I knew we wouldn't, and everyone was informed a long time ago that there wasn't going to be a meeting this week, because people had committed themselves to vacations and everything else."

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Several additions have been made to the Marjorie Barrick Museum throughout 1993. These alterations have completely changed the outer appearance of this natural history museum. According to Corrine Escobar, a museum attendant, the Marjorie Barrick Museum remains the only non-charging museum in the state of Nevada.

Over the summer vacation a multi-level tower, projection room, and extra offices were built in and around the old museum. These new additions have made extra space available for research and administrative purposes, as well as adding a completely new dimension to the old entrance way and foyer area.

Formerly UNLV's Physical Education Facility, the gymnasium was adapted in 1976, and opened as a museum in 1977. Since then, a rich assortment of Native American, Southern Paiute, Mexican, and Mayan artifacts have been collected and serve as permanent ex-

hibits in the interior of the museum. A Xeriscape Demonstration Garden of indigenous desert plants, including many Mojave Desert species, has recently been added to the eastern perimeter of the museum.

In a bid to unite interior with exterior, a new entrance has been built in the expanded foyer area, accessible only through the desert garden. This entrance way, once the site of the old gift shop, now houses a collection of live Mojave reptiles.

Prisoners in glass cages, these reptiles face directly out through the tinted glass entrance doors and into their natural habitat, serving to unite the museum's southwestern theme.

Indoor and shaded outdoor seating, coupled with the erection of a bronze plaque in tribute to the new desert garden, all make the new entrance/foyer an ideal spot for a break. Stop by for lunch, or watch the animals eat theirs; live mice are fed to an ungainly collection of lizards and snakes around midday.

Open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, the Marjorie Barrick Museum accommodates an assortment of state as well as global exhibits. The museum's current art collection

"Birds of the Polar Desert" in accord with the desert theme, is currently playing host to the work of ornithologist David F. Palmer. Much of Palmer's research was conducted here at UNLV.



Students will have to walk further to class as faculty parking precedes student spots.

Parking

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struction happening on campus, but added that public safety is trying to combat some of the problems.

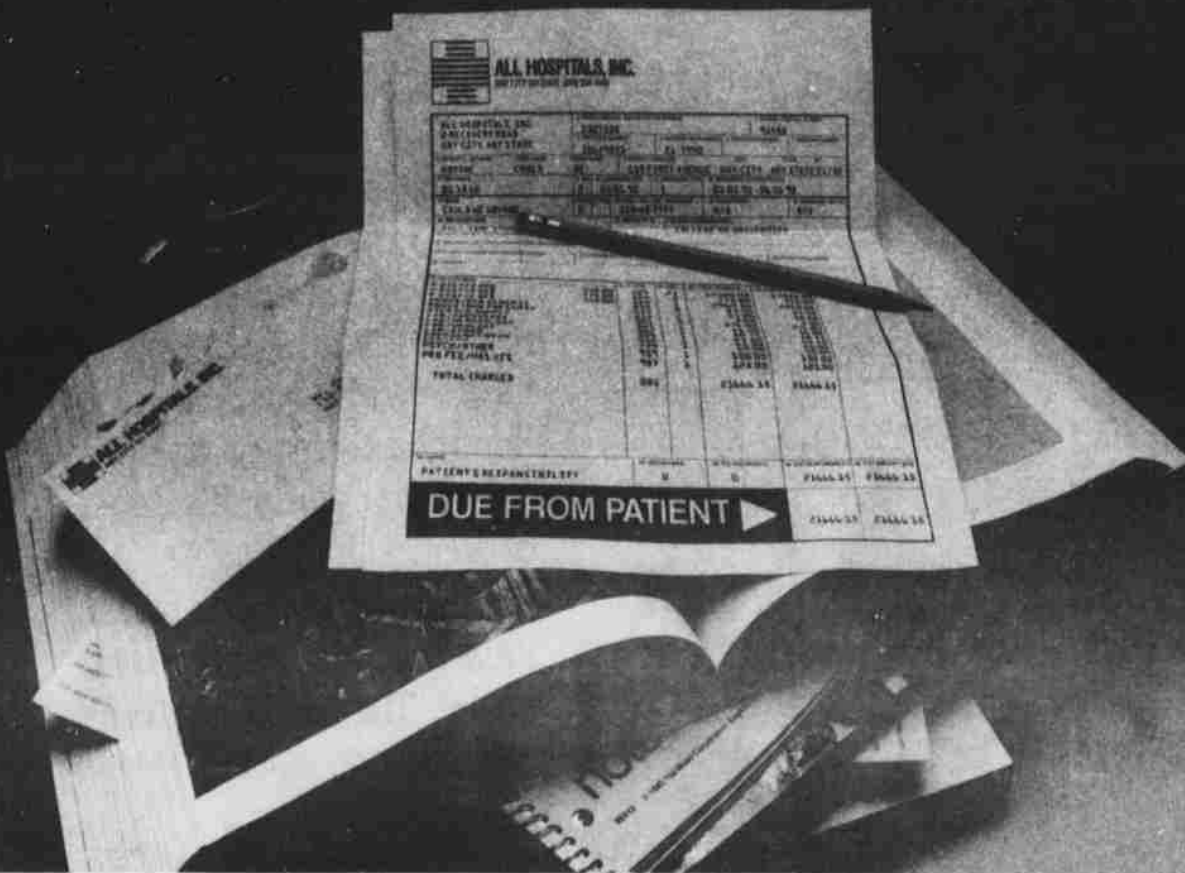
The unpaved parking lot on Brussels road is set to be patched and re-oiled by the construction company working on the architecture building, Hollenbeck explained. Also, public safety is in the process of paving an area east of the running field for additional student parking which should be completed October 1.

Using the T&M parking, for now, is the best idea for students, according to Hollenbeck. He said, "It will only add about two minutes to your walking time."

However, Benneman stated that the new parking lot will only help ease parking problems on the north side of campus. Students using the south side are being pushed further into the T&M parking lot which will also be reduced due to construction. Benneman added that the lot is continually used for parking for special events and students parking there during those times have to deal with the problems.

As for additional traffic problems resulting because of the opening In and Out Burger on University Road, Hollenbeck said they don't expect too much of a problem. "In and Out has expressed a desire to work closely with the university to avoid blockage problems."

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