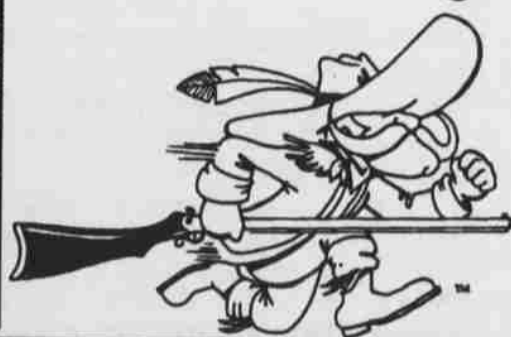
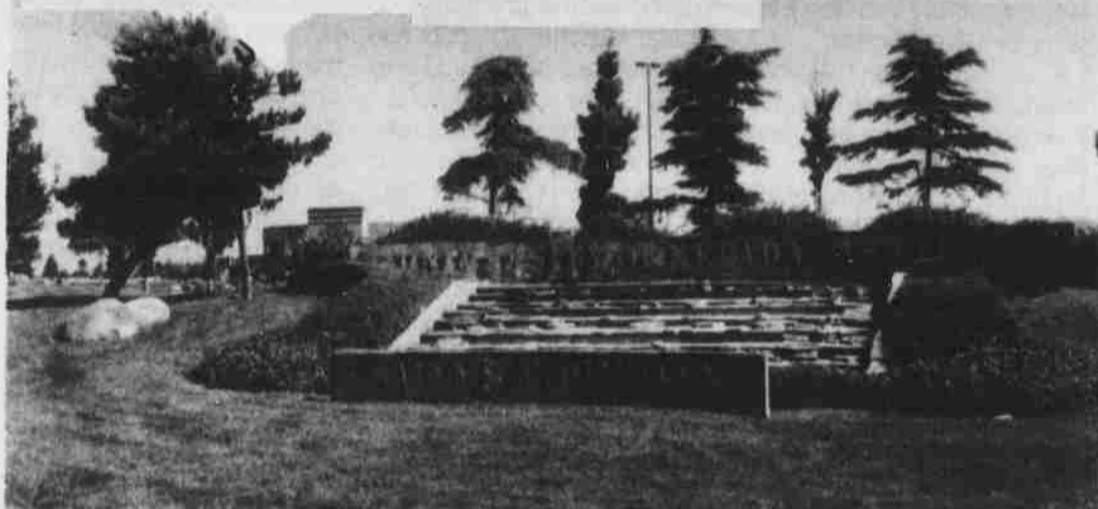


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William Shakespeare said "Men of few words are the best men."
—Meanwhile, he was one of the most prolific writers in the world.



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Every tourist entering Las Vegas via McCarran Airport sees the Bally's Fountain, the boundary of the UNLV campus.

UNLV still plagued by image



FROM THE SAP

JAY SAPOVITS

Basketball U. That's UNLV. Just read national periodicals for the last three years. It doesn't matter that UNLV has one of the finest hotel programs in the nation. In fact, in its 35 years of existence UNLV has recruited some fine professors, from other well recognized universities. But for what UNLV university is recognized for is shocking. UNLV is basketball—nothing else! That's what the nation thinks, and it's simply not true. Why does the nation think this? Since 1990 there have been 93 articles written about UNLV in periodicals. That figure is according to the Index of Journals at the James R. Dickinson Library. Of those 93 articles written all but three—all but three—were about basketball! Another state university, Penn State, appeared in national periodicals 57 times. A handful of articles about their sports teams, but others were about their fine medical program, or a discoveries they made in a laboratory. Certainly athletics at Penn State are good, but they're not everything. And at UNLV they're not everything either. But there are some general problems that UNLV must

overcome if it is ever to be a nationally recognized university for more than basketball. The responsibility lies with the students and alumni. The most important thing they can do is take pride in UNLV. If they can't, then they ought seek their education somewhere else. If they have pride in UNLV then be loud about it. Let it be known that UNLV is good between the books. Also understand that there are very few people at UNLV who are second generation. It's the current students and alumni, who will send their children to UNLV. Alumni influence at a university is powerful. And at UNLV it's awful. But understand, at this school's age there aren't many alumni yet. At Notre Dame and Stanford there are families that remember Knute and Leland themselves. At UNLV they know Tarkainian and Maxson, but they don't remember who the former presidents or basketball coaches were. The city of Las Vegas is also changing in format. What used to be an outlaw town is now turning into a family destination. That can only benefit UNLV. In the October 4, 1990, edition of *Rolling Stone*, there

was a feature about UNLV. It was titled "Dice, drinks, and a degree." Now is that the way UNLV really is? No more than any other university. The only difference is the students in Las Vegas don't break the law to gamble. Moreover, UNLV has no rivals. Who does UNLV immediately compete with? Students who choose Las Vegas for school either want to stay in town, leave L.A., or get out of the East Coast. Not having a USC versus UCLA, Arizona versus Arizona State, or Penn State versus Pittsburgh type of rivalry hurts UNLV. Nevada, Reno just doesn't cut the cake as far as competitors. So here it is, UNLV, a university right on the ground floor of existence, and for at least the last three years the rest of the country has seen it as Basketball U. This is an undeserving title that current and future alumni must break.

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African-American Greek Council recognized



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Two key components to optimum student relations at UNLV are information and communication. Misinformation leading to misconceptions amongst student entities has resulted in a tangled web in the past. Two student organizations at UNLV are taking a major step in furthering the trend of communication and cooperation that is so imperative to our growing campus network. The Inter Fraternal Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council recently met to commence plans to organize a UNLV Greek Council. They are intent upon facilitating Greek unity at UNLV. These two entities are representative of the entirety of active Greek fraternities on UNLV's campus. This fall marks the National Pan-Hellenic Council's official charter at UNLV. The NPHC is traditionally African-American. Although black fraternities have been active on campus since 1989, they have not been recognized by the university because they were not chartered with the Inter Fraternal Council. One of the repercussions that ensued was that African-American Greeks were not able to participate in activities such as Greek intramurals. The situation bred separate, unequal Greek life, and some hostility. I spoke with Acea Richardson, president of the NPHC, and vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. "One difference is that the IFC has a Rush, and we don't," said Richardson. "We have what is called a three-day intake," Richardson continued. "Many of our rules and general practices

are not in keeping with IFC rules and regulations. Our fraternities and sororities fit in with the NPHC. The Council was non-existent at UNLV, so we had to bring it here." The National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities are: Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Omega Psi Phi. The council also encompasses sororities. Although the NPHC is traditionally African-American, all nationalities are welcome. Last week, a forum was held in front of the Moyer Student Union to make the general student body aware of the NPHC's presence on campus. The forum was moderated by Al-Amin Muhammad, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Muhammad said that the turnout was relatively good, considering the fact that they did not generate as much publicity about the event as they would have liked. I caught the tail end of the forum - I had not heard of the event and just happened to be walking by. The question and answer period was interesting, and I regretted not being able to hear more. It is a bleak reminder of the fragmentation of this society that African-American Greeks, though existent at UNLV, remained unrecognized and virtually unknown for almost five years. "I think the most important part of being in a black fraternity is the positive environment of unification between black males," Richardson said. "Brothers from all walks of life come together as one unit to strive towards success, and in turn, give back to society." Famous brethren of the National Pan-Hellenic Council include Martin Luther King, Bill Cosby, Thurgood Marshall, and Keenan Ivory Wayans. Congratulations are in order to the brothers and sisters of the NPHC. They will gain their official charter at UNLV on October 4.

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