

National Organization for Women Returns to Campus

NOW isn't just for women, organizers say

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The first UNLV chapter of National Organization for Women meeting since the 1970s was held Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Moyer Student Union. The meeting's purpose was to introduce people to NOW and to get the group organized for its first community project.

Joan Eve Trimble, a Women's Studies major, chaired the informal gathering of 15 people. Describing NOW as a feminist political group that seeks rights and equality not only for women, but for all people, Trimble said, "NOW at UNLV has the unique opportunity to provide a forum not only for gender equity issues, but also race, sexuality, and gender issues."

Trimble said NOW is a multi-purpose organization.

Trimble added that NOW can

be a watchdog for violations of anyone's rights. She sees NOW as an agent for education and awareness at UNLV. One student at the meeting asked Trimble to be more specific about what a feminist is. Trimble said while feminism encompasses many views and opinions, it is simply a belief in women's rights. Later, Trimble elaborated.

"Most people have a negative view of what feminism is, based on misinformation and negative media, but what I think feminism really is is simply people interested in true egalitarianism."

As their first community service project, NOW will be painting a community foster home for children on Saturday, Sept. 24. Trimble also would like to see the group participate in next month's Take Back The Night—a nation-wide annual event to demonstrate unity against violence and crime, particularly crime directed against women. Participants show support for a safer society when they "take back the night" by walking through their neighborhoods after dark. Various UNLV groups are expected to take part in an on-campus Take Back The Night

Monday, Oct. 3.

Another nation-wide project NOW would like to see come to UNLV is the Clothesline Project. This event brings attention to violence against women with a visual representation of crime. Women who have been victims of violence, or their surviving family and friends, hang shirts of symbolic colors on a giant clothesline. Each color represents a specific crime.

Trimble, who organized the meeting, said she became interested in NOW after learning about NOW's role in the feminist

movement in her women's studies classes. Responding to questions about what she feels are the most important issues facing women today, Trimble said, "My personal view is that the premier issue that faces everyone is starting to see things as contextualized, understanding that every issue has many viewpoints and that there isn't always a universal truth."

When asked about some of the negative press the national NOW has received in recent years, Trimble said she felt the group had not experienced any unique

problems. "Within any organization, disagreements occur. I hope that, as feminists, the spirit of cooperation will prevail."

NOW does have both a state chapter, as well as chapters in both northern and southern Nevada. The UNLV group is a task force, as opposed to a chapter. Official membership in NOW is not a requirement to join a task force, but is for chapter members.

The next UNLV NOW meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.

Juice Bar Sales to Benefit Students

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In an effort to secure funds for a new library, the UNLV Student Alumni Association is selling juice bars at a stand in the Valerie Pida Plaza.

After a \$10 million donation from the Lied Foundation Trust, the remaining cost of total construction is estimated at \$30 million. The

UNLV Student Alumni Association is one organization dedicated to helping raise the remaining \$30 million.

"We love our university and want to help in any way we can," said Conrad Serrano, one of the organizers of the promotion. "So far the student support has been great. We're just hoping that each student will buy at least one [juice bar]."

The juice bars sell for \$1, with

a portion of the proceeds going toward the construction of the new library. Students may choose from an array of flavors.

Serrano said they would be selling juice bars from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 23 and on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the oozeball tournament to be held at the UNLV intramural fields.

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continued from 1 financial system, if you don't spend the money (by the end of the fiscal year, June 30) you lose it," Alden said. "So what this does is create waste. My suggestion would be if someone is under budget, doesn't spend it, allow him to carry it over."

The role of athletics at Nevada universities is another area that Alden believes needs to be addressed for the good of the entire system. He proposed establishing a mission statement, clearly defining the role of academics and athletics at both UNLV and UNR.

Alden gave his assessment of the controversy surrounding the regents regarding the Massimino contract. "I would not have voted on a five-year contract unseen," Alden said, and added, "So no matter what, they would not have got my vote."

Alden, who graduated from UNR, said he is pursuing the regent position is because he knows he has been very fortunate due to the higher education he received in Nevada. "I made a decision 23 years ago because education has been so good to me, that at some point, I would give back to the community," Alden said. "I want to serve higher education, and I've always felt that obligation."

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