

Friends to Bid Librarian Farewell

Memorial service for James McPhee to be held at Alumni Center

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NEWS EDITOR

Library employees and patrons alike will miss seeing one of the pioneers of the user-friendly computer menu enjoyed today.

James McPhee, head instructional services librarian, passed away Jan. 22 after a battle with cancer. He was 52.

A memorial service will be held on the campus of UNLV Feb. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grand Hall in the Richard Tam Alumni Center.

McPhee came to Las Vegas from Syracuse, N.Y. in 1984, becoming the first orientation librarian. Within a few short years, his work led him to another first, head of Instructional Services. He also served as treasurer of the University Library Society for the last three years.

"He was the consummate professional," remembers Wendy Starkweather, assistant university librarian for Public Services, "totally committed to providing the highest level of service possible to our students and faculty. He was a model for all of us."

Starkweather, who was McPhee's supervisor, went on to explain his hand in the menu system that is featured in the library. "He was responsible for the 'help screen, the connection to the data bases and the loading of (menu) into the system," emphasizing it was his dedication to the patrons that made the user-friendly system possible.

Helen Mortenson, president of the University Library Society, spoke of enthusiasm, calling McPhee a "tremendous asset." He not only set up the easy-to-access computer system, but showed library users how to effectively access the programs by becoming more computer literate.

Myoung-Ja Kwon, associate dean of the library, said McPhee had a strong commitment to free speech. His ideas, she added, were respected by many colleagues, both here on campus and in the American Library Association.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in McPhee's name are invited to send all contributions to:

The Freedom to Read
Foundation
American Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611



McPhee, shown here at home in 1994, will be missed at UNLV's library.

Assaults

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not enough.

"Waiting for the crime to happen and then going after the criminal is not the only way," said the victims, whose identity is being withheld. "There has to be some sort of education about the entire issue, to try to prevent such things in the future."

Maralee Mayberry, a Social Sciences and Women's Studies professor, said this isn't always easy. While some deal with the issues of harassment or assault, Mayberry says that there are no prevention workshops or forums available for the concerned student at this time.

Campus police, however, maintains their position.

"Compared to off-campus occurrences and subsequent action by the Metropolitan Police Department, we respond quickly and efficiently," Sax stated. "Crimes will happen, but we do the best job we can at this university. It is a problem, but not a major problem."

Despite differences of opinion on many parts of the criminal issue at UNLV, Polson, Sax, the assaulted students and library workers all can agree on one thing: protect yourself.

As for the library, workers there are now more aware and are looking out for each other. Campus police are also making their presence felt by patrolling the area more frequently.

At the first sign of suspicious behavior, students are encouraged to call for help.

Tau Beta Pi Comes to Campus

UNLV Engineering students finally have honor society

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After many years of struggling, the largest engineering honor society in the world, Tau Beta Pi, finally has an official chapter on the UNLV campus.

Official ceremonies to initiate the UNLV chapter of Tau Beta Pi will be held Saturday. The initiation ceremonies will be led by leaders from National Headquar-

ters who have yet to be announced.

UNLV president of Tau Beta Pi, Wendy Zahniser, acknowledges that "the process for getting Tau Beta Pi officially recognized at UNLV began way before I was elected." In fact, the struggle began with Richard Wyman, professor of civil engineering and chairman of the Civil Engineering Dept., and the first inquiry for Tau Beta Pi membership.

The second inquiry into Tau Beta Pi continued with Walter Vodrazka, professor and associate dean of the College of Engineering, and Robert Skaggs, professor of mechanical engineering and Chairman of Advising. Both helped tremendously in the

process of getting everything together. Finally, the results of many years of attempts on the part of students and staff members have come to fruition.

Tau Beta Pi, founded in 1885, is a national engineering honor society that includes 205 chapters all over the United States, designed to bring the idea of academic excellence home to many engineering students on the campus. They sponsor many volunteer activities, such as review sessions for the Engineer-in-Training Exam (EIT), canned food drives, blood drives and sponsoring many other extracurricular events. The society also provides networking opportunities for all branches of engineering.

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