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Parking Fees to Go into Effect in the Fall

**Guinn takes
Committee advice,
fees include staff,
faculty, students**

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The free ride is over for UNLV students, faculty and staff.

A parking fee will go into effect for Fall 1995. Students will pay \$30 annually while faculty and staff will pay \$60.

The estimated yearly income from the fees is \$700,000 to \$900,000. The money will go toward maintenance and repair of existing parking lots, a multi-level parking garage and plans for a shuttle bus service. Lawrence Golding, chairman of the UNLV Parking Committee

said the fee is necessary to accommodate growth and the loss of parking spaces due to building construction but said the committee tried to keep it as low as possible.

"We're a little lower than most universities," Golding stated. "We certainly didn't want it to be an unreasonable fee."

Golding estimates that a parking structure will cost about \$6.6 million. Construction is not planned until later this year and is contingent upon getting the funds to build it. It will take approximately 12 to 18 months to complete.

In the meantime, parking spaces will be lost to new buildings and construction staging areas. Construction of an architecture building is scheduled to begin soon and 700 parking spaces will no longer be available.

Golding hopes to start a shuttle bus service that will trans-

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—Lawrence Golding

port students from the far side of the Thomas & Mack parking lot to the center of campus. He's not sure it will be in service in the fall, however.

"Let's put it this way, I hope so," said Golding. "In reality, I don't know until we finally see the figures."

The parking committee has been working on parking problems on campus for close to 10 years now. Former president Robert Maxson was against imposing a fee, according to Golding. "We've been saying this for 10 years and nobody would do

it," Golding explained. "If something was done 10 years ago, we wouldn't be in the trouble we're in now."

In January, Sen. Bob Coffin, D-Las Vegas, sponsored a senate bill that would allow the university to divert bond money that was originally approved for Greek housing to help alleviate some of the parking problems.

The \$7.5 million bond was approved in 1991 to build a row of sorority and fraternity houses. About \$3 million was used but then the project fell through. The university is paying close to \$145,000 a year in interest on the funds. Golding said that the first of the parking fees will go toward retiring the 20 year bond.

President Kenny Guinn is expected to go before the State Legislature in Carson City this week to get approval to divert the Greek housing bond and request additional funds so the parking

structure will not increase the school's debt.

The fee does not reserve a space for students nor does it insure that a parking space will be available. The permit issued will be what Golding calls a "hunting license." He said that currently there are enough spaces on campus to accommodate the number of stickers issued. Everyone will have to pay the parking fee, including the president, regents and anyone who brings a vehicle on campus, according to Golding.

Details for the implementation of the fee are still being worked out. It is not known if the fee will be added to tuition or collected in some alternative way. Golding said he knows that imposing a fee is not a popular decision but one that had to be made. "Parking is a major problem and something has to be

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Hollenbeck Denies Helping Boixo

**Boot stays off if Boixo pays
fines, police chief says**

BY SCOTT GULBRANSEN
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University Police Chief David Hollenbeck denies helping Student Body President Stephanie Boixo avoid paying her parking fines.

Hollenbeck did admit receiving a call from Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman. But he claims Ackerman did not call to ask for any favors in regard to Boixo's outstanding fines.

"Dr. Ackerman called me just to ask what was going on," Hollenbeck said. "We were just trying to figure out whose car it was. It was not registered on campus so we didn't know who it belonged to."

Hollenbeck also reiterated that Boixo, who still owes public safety \$230 in parking tickets, will not be given any special treatment in regard to paying the fines.

"We will go through all of the normal steps that we take to insure payment is made," he said. "That would include putting a red-sticker on the car once again and then it would be subject to tow."

"A car with that many tickets is placed on the impound list until we receive payment," he continued. "We don't take care of any tickets here and no special favors were done in this case."

Boixo has agreed to pay her fines at the end of the month when she gets paid, adding that "the situation has been worked out."

Boixo has since signed a promissory note, which temporarily lifts her name from the impound list and allows her to pay the fines in

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Such are the fans...



PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

This fan showed up at the Thomas & Mack for Monday's Runnin' Rebel Basketball game. He didn't say why he wore the bag, but the team's record could be one reason.

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Former White House Press Secretary Myers to Speak

Former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers will lecture on "The Press and the Presidency" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

The event, sponsored by the Barbara Greenspun Lecture Series, is free of charge and open to the public. Tickets may be picked up at the Performing Arts Center Box office.

Myers, who served as press

secretary for the Clinton Administration until December, was the youngest person and the first woman to ever hold the position.

The Barbara Greenspun Lecture Series is sponsored by THE Greenspun School of Communications in honor of the Las Vegas Sun publisher and is devoted to bringing renowned journalists to campus.

For more information, please call 895-3801.



Dee Dee Myers

Weather Station & Seismograph Benefit Various Sciences

**Former Technician,
Alumni responsible for
equipment's installation**

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Did you know a weather station exists right here at UNLV?

When there isn't enough time to pick up a newspaper or listen to the radio to find out what the weather is really like, the Weather Station and Seismograph, on display in the Lilly Fong Geoscience building, is the place to go.

The station has a variety of uses. It

continuously records activity on paper that is replaced daily. It records rainfall, wind speed and direction, temperature and atmospheric pressure. The seismograph records disturbances continuously. In fact, the Northridge earthquake recording is on the display window for anyone interested in checking it out.

Built by now-retired Geoscience Technician Walter M. Raywood, who obtained his degree in geology at UNLV after retiring from the Air Force. His academic achievements and work as an assistant for the geology department landed him the job as geoscience technician after graduation. He built both the weather station and seismograph in 1977-78.

According to Dave Weide, professor of geoscience and geoscience instrumentation coordinator, the seismograph is "used

mainly to illustrate earthquake waves for introductory classes in geology and geography." Meteorology and geology classes are encouraged to use the weather station and seismograph information whenever they can.

The station has some interesting devices which enable it to record different meteorological phenomena. Rainfall is recorded via a can on the roof which is attached to a funnel (the area of the funnel and the volume of the cup are known). The can flips when its full, and every time it flips a sensor records it, logging the amount of rain.

Wind speed and direction is obtained by using an anemometer, which is essentially a vane that spins when the wind blows. The spinning is translated electronically into miles per hour. Direction

is found by analyzing where the wind is blowing from. The arrow on the measurement instrument points to where the wind is going.

Atmospheric pressure is obtained by using a barograph, which is a drum that contracts when pressure is high and expands when pressure is low.

"Because Las Vegas is a desert, weather phenomena varies radically from place to place within the city," Weide explained, adding that even though "the official Las Vegas Weather Station at McCarran Airport is less than a mile away from the UNLV Weather Station, the weather readings are radically different."

The Weather Station and Seismograph are open for viewing during daytime hours. For more information, please call the geoscience department at 895-3262.