

Cultural Togetherness Theme at 'Unity Fest'

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Eighteen campus organizations participated in the fourth annual 'Unity Fest,' a celebration of culture, at Valerie Pida Plaza Wednesday.

The event, sponsored by International Student Services and MSU Program Council, is designed to honor cultural traditions from the U.S. and around the world.

"It gives organizations an opportunity to raise money and share in the pride of honoring that organization or country," Becky Barnard, program coordinator for the festival explained. "We have crafts, food, entertainment and games. Any campus organization can participate."

"I'm really pleased with the turnout," Lisa Leonard, a student member of the council said. "It's beneficial to students. They are exposed to different foods of different countries and they can find out about the organization at the same time."

Students and faculty enjoyed the festivities, both as volunteers for the booths and as consumers of the cuisine.

"This is wonderful," Admissions Counselor Pat Zozaya said, while enjoying a delicious looking plate from the Chinese Student Association. "You can earn money and learn about culture. They should do this three or four times a year."

ShaRhonda Ramos and Kenita Chase, from the Black Student Association, performed a traditional Nigerian welcome dance, chanting in Swahili. The ladies performance and djembe playing by Ulysses Palrose was mesmerizing. The chalice-shaped

drum, Chase explained, is the top drum used for rhythm.

Oil paintings on cloth canvas and other treasures from Indonesia were displayed at the International Student Association booth. Yuliana Tjhang, a junior hotel major, wore a green kebaya, a native costume which is hand made in the color the patron wishes. Her batik, similar to a sash, was richly embroidered in gold.

"It's good to see everyone unite like this," David Akeo, a participant since the event's inception said, while removing teriyaki chicken from the grill. "I like cooking and we barbecue anyway. Why not make money for your organization at the same time?"

"This is pretty cool," Josh Kirkendall said of his first 'Unity Fest' experience. "The atmosphere is great. Everyone is chillin' out."

Other participants included the Association for Turkish Academics, who featured a video, cultural information and *pismaniye*, a candy floss *pesmek*. UNLV Intramurals sold rootbeer floats and had arcade-style basketball, giving a \$50 gift certificate from Footlocker to Tim Horne for scoring the most points.

Baptist Student Ministries sold candy apples because "we are the apple of His eye," Violeta Ramirez, the director explained. The Jamaica booth featured reggae music and "reggae chicken," while the Latter Day Saints Student Association prepared homemade scones with honey butter. A small colony of domestic honey bees was there for viewing.

If you would like to participate in next year's event, please contact Int'l. Student Services.

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Backing Grgurich in his decision was UNLV President Kenny Guinn, who said Grgurich wanted to put the situation to rest.

"It's a closed chapter," Guinn said. "I can never, ever, thank him enough for what he's done for us at the school, on just the economic basis of bringing back some time for us to sit down. We're so much better off than we were last year."

Grgurich returned to the Rebels on Jan. 25 to lead practices, and stayed with the team in that capacity until Feb. 17, when he left to re-enter the hospital. This time, Grgurich said, there will be no coming back.

"Right now, I don't have any options; and I don't have any choice medically in this matter," Grgurich said. "I can't sacrifice my physical and mental well-being, or that of my family. The fear to continue would put both

in further jeopardy and risk."

Grgurich downplayed speculation that he would return to the NBA as an assistant coach, a position he held for two-plus seasons with the Seattle SuperSonics before coming to UNLV last fall.

"All that is a rumor," Grgurich said. "I have not had a job offer. Right now, my position is I'm going to go back up to the clinic in another week. ...I need some time off away from everything, and I'm just taking time off. Whether I'll coach—what I'll do in the future—I don't know."

While Grgurich didn't close the door on a possible return to coaching, he said the circumstances concerning his health would have to dramatically improve.

"I think a lot of things and events may change in the future," Grgurich said. "But it will take time; and I'm not willing to put myself and family at risk. Risk is not an option at this point in time."

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ator Walt Vodrazka, from Engineering, objected saying that all three parties implicated should be investigated.

While the student senate has no real power concerning administrators, Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman, who is one of the parties to be investigated, welcomed the inquiry.

"I don't have any real problem with it," Ackerman said. "I'd like to clear my name and any chance I have to do so would certainly be fine by me."

It surprises me a little, since there is a student on the parking and traffic committee. If they

call on me, I would be more than happy to cooperate."

University Police Chief David Hollenbeck was not available for comment.

Boixo reiterated her view that she is not guilty of any wrong doing.

"You'll (the Student Senate) look into it and find there is nothing wrong," Boixo said. "I just hope that the committee will be fair because there are some people that are out to get me. As long as it isn't a witch hunt, it's fine with me."

As of yet, no date has been set for the first public committee meeting.

The Student Senate meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the MSU. All students are encouraged to attend.

Contest to Benefit KUNV

Attention students! KUNV, the university radio station, will be hosting a Duracell "Portably Correct" promotion March 20-31.

The display will be in the Rebel Gear store in the MSU. Buttons will be available at the counter.

On the 31st, if KUNV spots you wearing one of the buttons, you will be awarded a CD player

Bailey, Murry Scholarships Available

The 1995 Pearl Bailey Scholarship, sponsored by the Nevada Adult Education Association, will award a \$500 scholarship to a UNLV student who is a Nevada resident and at least 25 or older. The deadline for application is March 21.

Elko County residents attending UNLV may apply for a \$1,000 Joseph W. Murray Scholarship, renewable for four years. Application deadline is April 1.

Both scholarship applications are available at Student Financial Services.

For more information, please call Debrae Dillard, Scholarship Office, at 895-3695.

Membership drive for Psi Chi

The UNLV chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors, is accepting applications for membership.

Requirements include: 1. Overall gpa of 3.0 for freshmen, sophomores and juniors with a 3.15 for seniors 2. Nine credits of psychology completed 3. Psychology major.

Applications are available at the department office, located on the fourth floor of cac building or at club meetings. Deadline for membership and induction for spring '95 is Friday, April 7 with the induction ceremony on Saturday, April 29.

Volunteer Spirit Awards

For the third year in a row, UNLV has been selected as one of the recipients of the Volunteer Spirit Award, which honors students and faculty for outstanding volunteer service to the community.

Over 650 individuals have received the honor since 1987. Three students, one alumnus and one faculty/staff member will be selected. Jeff Wells, interim director of student activities invites UNLV to "nominate any person(s) you believe best exemplify the 'volunteer spirit,'

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whether that individual contributes in an on-campus capacity or goes into the Las Vegas community and gives of themselves."

Applications are available at: Dining Commons, MSU information desk, Student Development Center and Health Sciences Building.

All information must be presented before the March 31 deadline. Return all completed nominations to: MSU, Room 111, 2008 (mail code).

After the review committee (made up of past recipients) selects the winners, the awards will be presented in a ceremony on May 3.

Better Breathers Club

The American Lung Association of Nevada offers a support group and educational program for patients with various lung diseases. The group meets once a month to hear speakers from the health field. The session is followed by a question and answer period.

The meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at Christ Episcopal Parish Hall, 2000 Maryland Pkwy (south of St. Louis).

For more information, please call 454-2500.

Camp Superkids

The American Lung Association of Nevada provides outdoor activities to asthmatic children through "Camp Superkids," designed to help children with asthma.

For more information, please call 454-2500.

Student Services Leadership Scholarship

Student services is accepting applications for a leadership scholarship.

Students must have: leadership experience, minimum 2.75 GPA and a minimum of 60 completed credit hours (24 must be at UNLV).

Applications can be picked up at the MSU, room 111. The deadline is 5 p.m. on March 31.

For more information, please call 895-3221.

An Evening with Author Tillie Olsen

Tillie Olsen, author of *Silences* and other books, will give a reading followed by a discussion at 7:30 p.m. on March 23.

The event, held in the Classroom Building Complex, A-108, is open to the public and free of charge.

Since becoming a writer, Olsen has taught or been a writer-in-residence at Amherst College, Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and

Kenyon College.

The University Forum Lecture Series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and underwritten by the UNLV Provost's office.

For more information on this presentation, please call 895-3533.

Casinos on Indian Reservations

The University Forum Lecture series continues with "Indian Reservation Casinos as Tools for Community Development," scheduled for presentation at 7:30 p.m. at the Classroom Building Complex A-110 on March 21.

The event, featuring UNLV Professor of Public Administration William Thompson and Arizona State University Professor of Economics Gary Anders, is free and open to the public.

The discussion will encompass whether the reservation casinos have met the goal of providing a tool to enhance sovereignty and self-sufficiency for Indian nations.

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For more information on this lecture, please call 895-3319.

Applications for Testing

The U.S. Postal service will be accepting applications for testing in the near future for the following positions:

Automotive Mechanic
Tractor-Trailer Operator
Battery 931 (Maintenance and Building Equipment Mechanic
Battery 933 (Maintenance Mechanic and Mail Processing Equipment)
Custodial-Laborer and Custodian
For more information, please call the employment hotline at 361-9385.

Spring Break Library Hours

The Dickinson Library will observe special hours during the spring break (March 11-19). The schedule will be as follows:

March 11 & 12—CLOSED
March 13-17—8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 18—9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 19—11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

During the closure on March 11 & 12, the library's Reference Section will be moved to the first floor of the rectangular building, adjacent to the new entrance. As a result, Reference service on March 13 & 14 will be limited. If you need to use the Reference collection or computer databases on these days, please call 895-3512 to determine accessibility. The Reference staff will do all that it can to assist you during relocation. For further information about the move, call 895-3028.



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