

The Money Issue: When Will It Ever End?

As most of you know, there have been several increases in the cost of going to UNLV.

Observation Deck

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There's the parking fee, said to pay for a garage that will be up (hopefully) by fall of '96. There is the increase in Good-Neighbor and part-time, non-resident tuition. And, most recently, there's the \$3 per credit hour raise in tuition for not only the 1995-96 school year, but the 1996-97 term as well.

And if that's not bad enough, it is rumored that the student health fee will be going up or possibly there will be no student health center during the summer months.

First, let's look at this parking fee thing. Granted, I think we do have a parking problem on this campus. Let's just get that "but compared to other schools," comment right out of the way. What other schools do shouldn't have anything to do with the way we do things at UNLV. Any decisions made at UNLV should only reflect what should be done for students attending UNLV.

Yes, I think we need more parking. If this architecture facility goes up, 700 parking spaces go up in smoke with it. Where on campus will room be made to accommodate this loss? Will more staff parking be converted into student parking? Will the student parking spaces slowly continue to disappear, never to be replaced?

The increase in tuition, as far as Good-Neighbor and non-resident part-time, was supposed to be done to reform the fee scale. Now the Good-Neighbor will pay \$100 per credit hour and non-resident part-time, \$110.

Okay, not a big deal. It was mainly done to give the Good-Neighbor students had a better deal than the non-resident. \$10 per credit hour is not much of a savings or advantage, or am I just missing the point?

The most advantageous of the increases is the \$3 the Board of Regents just approved Thursday. Per Chancellor Richard Jarvis, the in-

crease was necessary to provide students with a higher quality of education, i.e. support services, longer library hours, tutoring. Who could argue with this? For \$3 more per credit hour, we the students are supposed to get more of the things we pay for in the first place.

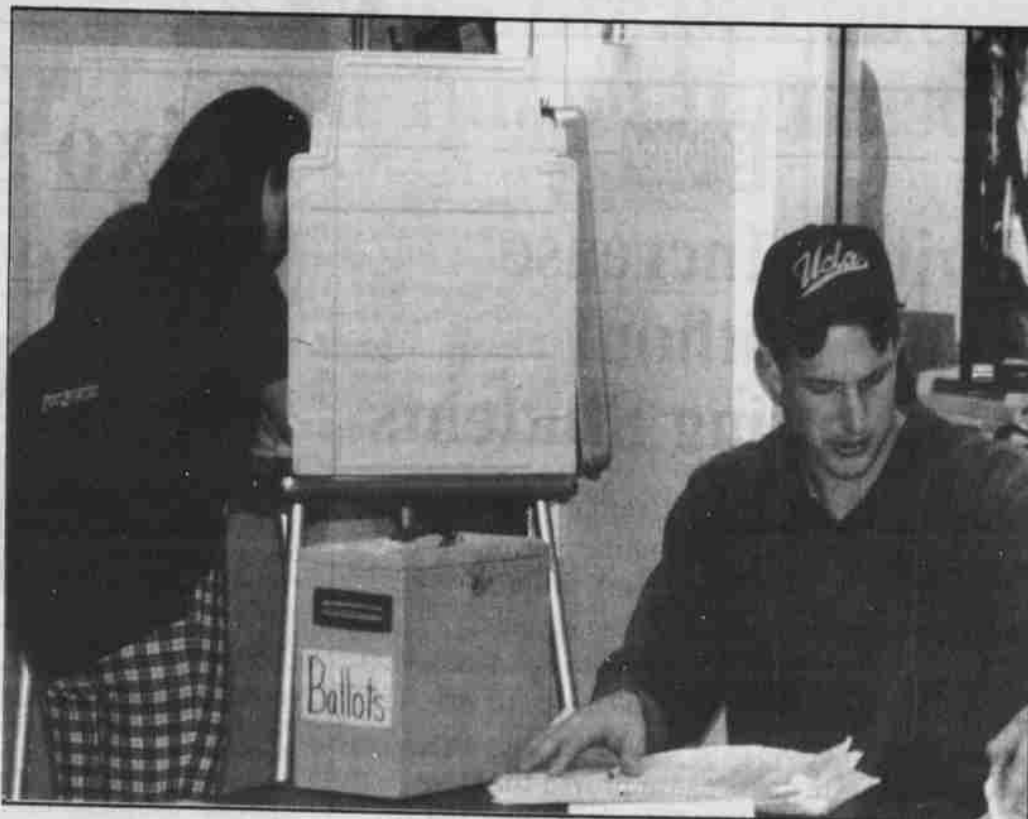
Why weren't there any protests, you might ask? No one, not even *The Rebel Yell*, staged anything stating students weren't in favor of the increase. Although the *Review-Journal's* Natalie Patton feels that some sort of demonstration was necessary, and commented to that affect in an article about the increase, I feel students were more interested in getting better tools to provide the education they are already getting versus the small sum that was required to make these changes come to pass.

What worries me about this whole increasing-fees-left-and-right at this university is that some of the money that is to go towards these upgrades will go to other places, namely the wrong places. I had to ask if the increase had anything to do with the athletics department and the hefty chunk they had to pay out to a coach that just didn't work out. No, I was told, this money is only for these student services.

Who will see to that? When the money starts pouring into the university, who is going to see that it goes where it's supposed to? The regents? Student government? You?

I challenge every student or faculty member that does care about getting better educational equipment via this fees increase to insure these funds are spent exactly how Chancellor Jarvis said they will be spent. Too many deals and secret contracts have left a sour taste on the UNLV palate. It is up to us, students and faculty alike, to make sure this increase is used by the students, for the students. After all, a promise is a terrible thing to break.

Don't forget to vote...



Students began voting Wednesday for CSUN officers. The general elections conclude today. PHOTO BY STEVE HOBBS

Wellness Center Assists Families

Emphasis is on involvement and communication

BY LISA ADAMS
STAFF REPORTER

Parent involvement is a critical factor in educating children, according to Bill Wagonseller, director of the Parent/Family Wellness Center on campus.

The center opened in 1986 and functions as a training center for parents, teachers, social workers, counselors and youth ministers who can learn techniques to deal more effectively with children.

"My idea is that we have some kind of parent involvement center in every one of our schools," said Wagonseller. "When a parent says 'hey, I've got to have some help,' we ought to have help there."

The center advocates prevention above all other courses of action. Wagonseller agrees that often families wait until problems get out of hand before they seek help but he said it's because of the lack of prevention programs available.

"All you need to do is look in the paper to find out how many places where people can go to get help," said Wagonseller. "They're

just not there."

Communication, listening, motivation, self-esteem and social skills are emphasized at the center. Seminars on single parenting, blended families and teenage parents are offered during each semester. Educators, counselors and other support staff can then pass on information through programs sponsored by these organizations. The program has an impact throughout the community.

Wagonseller said we tend to blame parents for the problems their children are having and he doesn't believe this is an effective strategy. "Instead of blaming somebody, why don't we educate parents?" he asked.

It's important to get parents involved and Wagonseller said that ways to get parents to come to meetings and parent/teacher conferences need to be created. "We say all the time that parents don't get involved," he said. We need to sit down and look at ways we can change that."

Currently, the center has a program called the "Lunch and Learn" program where training staff members go into the hotels and teach parents effective management techniques. Hotel workers can get pamphlets and practical information during their lunch hour.

Wagonseller is concerned with statistics that place Nevada at number one and two in child

abuse and teenage pregnancy. "The statistics tell us we really have a problem," he stated.

No individual parent training classes are now being offered at the center. There are courses offered through the Continuing Education department. Counseling is available through the Counseling and Education department.

Wagonseller said he would like to see individual parent training classes sponsored by CSUN and funded by student services.

"Many of our students are parents — single parents and blended families — and I think it would be great if we had classes sponsored by the university," said Wagonseller. "It's very tough on parents when you're trying to go to school, maybe hold a part-time job and trying to do a positive job of child-rearing."

Wagonseller stated emphatically that he thinks CSUN should be offering more programs to benefit the whole campus population. He said the Wellness Center is available for these classes.

If you're interested in developing individual training classes for parents, contact CSUN at 895-3477 or the Vice President for Student Services at 895-3656.

For more information on programs offered at the Parent/Family Wellness Center, the center is located in room 133 of the Carlson Education Building or call 895-3205.

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sistants to be implemented. The UNLV Foundation provided that funding.

Klinkhammer said many efforts are made each year to get donors on campus. They are invited to building openings, Barrick Lectures and student performances in the Fine and Performing Arts to get a feel of the university.

According to Rivera, over \$80 million has been raised for the university in money and pledges in a little over 10 years.

Foundation donors are recognized at different levels. Annual individual donors of \$5,000 or more are in the President's Inner Circle. Business donors of the same amount are in the Academic Corporate Council. The President's Associates give at the \$1,000 level.

At the annual dinner Friday,

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special thanks will go out to those who have cumulatively given \$1 million plus (Palladium), \$500,000 plus (Gold Medallion), \$100,000 plus (Silver Medallion) and \$50,000 plus (Benefactors.)

One way new Foundation donors are solicited is by invitation to an informative introductory luncheon. Foundation Chairman, Tom Hartley, visits with prospective donors and provides them with information about the university.

Level I priorities for the '94-'95 year include funding to activate a physical therapy degree program, funding for the College of Education's Cohort program and funding for the College of Hotel Administration's International Gaming Center.

In addition, matching gifts are sought for the College of Science and Mathematics' high-speed, parallel computational facility, the College of Business and Economics' Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies and the Lied Athletic Complex.

"The UNLV Foundation needs a home," Klinkhammer said of another important item on this year's funding list. She said the Foundation offices in the Alumni Building are borrowed space on borrowed time. As the program expands, it takes up more room. The Foundation would like a building to service campus as the Alumni Building does.



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