

News Briefs

# Pida, Mills, Smith Win Student Elections

Congratulations to the newly elected student body officers. John Pida will serve as CSUN President, Joe Mills was elected to serve as vice-president and Patrick Smith will officiate as president over the Student Senate. *The Rebel Yell* joins the student body in wishing them a successful term of office.

# Women

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Earth Day Celebration ended just two weekends ago.

Jacobson said the Girl Scout troop leaders came up with the idea to celebrate Earth Day at Whitney Mesa. "One of the troop leaders called and said, 'We've always done Earth Day on campus, but we'd like to do something extra special for our girls this year.'" The leaders had done some brainstorming and suggested Whitney Mesa.

WISE got together with the Soroptimists and split the labor and expertise to put this program together. WISE is providing the technical knowledge, and the Soroptimists did most of the organizational tasks. Jacobson added there will be biologists,

geologists and engineers from the campus and community helping with the program.

The preserve is a good example of what Las Vegas was like before it became an urban metropolis. Jacobson commented. A coyote, quail, roadrunners and rodents have all been sighted at Whitney Mesa.

"It's a wonderful place to go and see what the desert is really all about," she added.

The Soroptimists are a women's professional group, and WISE is a branch of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Comprehensive Research that focuses on recruiting and retaining women in math, science and engineering careers.

Jacobson said there is still work to be done in the preserve. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 799-0990.

# Funds

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P-99 funds, which provide funding for part-time staff members at UNLV were cut \$10 million last year, Executive director of the Greenspun School of Communication Dr. Stephen Nielsen said. Most of the canceled classes are those taught by part-timers.

In a meeting last fall, Regent Joe Foley blamed the legislative cut for UNLV's enrollment lag. "We allow them for some reason to tell us, 'We ain't got it (money)-you'll have to do without it.'" The university experienced only a 1.3 percent enrollment increase in the fall of 1994 from the fall of 1993.

"Lack of enrollment is our biggest reason for canceling classes," Assistant Registrar Mora Snyder explained.

First, Snyder said, the department makes the decision of whether or not to cancel the class. Upon approval from the departmental dean, she then has to cancel, or as she put it "do the dirty work."

Snyder indicated that classes are often canceled at the last minute because departments are frantically searching for someone to teach them or are hoping more students will enroll at the last minute.

Finally, classes may also be canceled if a professor decides, for some reason, he doesn't want to teach it.

Gage chapel canceled an interviewing class this semester, opting to teach a public relations class he developed instead.

"That was my fault," said Chapel, founding executive-director of communications for the last four years at UNLV. "I can't blame anyone on that."

Smith, who was enrolled for the interviewing class said, "I feel like they (teachers) should sign a contract after they commit to teaching a class."

Speaking of one of his canceled classes he needed for graduation, Pitsor said, "I needed that class. Although I was able to take another one to make up for it, it totally screwed up my work and school schedule. I had to take two hours off work Mondays and Wednesdays to accommodate my new schedule. Professors should think before they just up and cancel a class."

Chapel suggested that a jour-

nalist should be the one to teach an interviewing class as he wasn't sure his public relations background was adequate. Although he thought the department would find someone else to teach the class, they didn't.

"I wouldn't have done it if it had been me," Nielsen said. "You try to persuade them to teach because we need the class. That's the thing about full-time faculty members, they can do a lot of things."

Because TV production I is a prerequisite for both video editing and news production, Smith could not take either class until she completed TV production. Since she was unable to enroll until her first semester as a senior, and news production and video editing were full her second semester as a senior, she was unable to take the required classes needed for a broadcast emphasis in communications.

In last fall's Board of Regent's meeting regents raised concern about this issue.

"Lives have been delayed because they can't get classes they need," University Chancellor Richard Jarvis said, adding that the state needs to become aware of the "unserved and growing population."

There is a backlog of students who are unable to graduate from UNLV because of their limited access to classes, Jarvis added.

Regent Shelley Berkley expressed her disapproval.

"At a time when our population is experiencing such rapid growth, to have a flat moment is appalling to me."

While there were 37 English classes canceled this semester, only one business class was canceled.

The high number of canceled English classes was due to lack of enrollment, Snyder said.

Dr. Barbara Cloud, whose communication historiography class was canceled due to lack of enrollment, saw an opportunity and took it.

Every semester many students try to no avail to enroll in Cloud's mass media law class, a communication prerequisite for graduation. This semester, Cloud took the slot from her canceled class and offered another section of mass media law to accommodate many students.

"I saw a way that I could better fulfill a need within the department," Cloud said.

## Presentation on Human Rights

If you are interested in human rights, or would like to help raise awareness of human rights or are for the restoration and preservation of human dignity, freedom and equality, a lecture is being presented on the subject at 6 p.m. on Friday in the lecture hall (Room 102) of the Lilly Fong Geoscience Building.

The university community is encouraged to attend.

## Seminars to Help Cope with Cancer

An eight-week seminar to provide cancer patients, families and friends information on the disease and treatment will start on Friday at the Rainbow Library, 3150 N. Buffalo Dr.

"I Can Cope" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, June 9. The program is sponsored by the Northwest Unit of the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Las Vegas Nursing Bureau.

Seminars conducted by doctors, nurses and other health care professionals and community representatives will focus on the emotional, physical, social and medical aspects of cancer.

For information or registration, contact the American Cancer Society at 798-6877 or Charla Jo Paul at the Las Vegas Nursing Bureau at 454-5235.

## Jurassic Park Syndrome Topic of Forum Lecture

Images of the dinosaur in American culture will be the topic of University of Chicago professor of English and art, W.J.T. Mitchell's lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

The event, held in the Classroom Building Complex A-108 on campus, is open free to the public.

Mitchell will trace the evolution of the dinosaur icon from the obsessions of Thomas Jefferson to the fantasies of Steven Spielberg. A slide-illustrated lecture will explore the changing function of dinosaur from being an emblem of corporate capitalism to serving as a popular figure for schoolchildren.

The University Forum lecture series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and underwritten by the UNLV Provost's Office.

For more information about this lecture, please call 895-3427.

## UNLV Outdoor Recreation's Second Annual Auction

UNLV Outdoor Recreation will hold their second annual equipment swap and sealed bid auction Saturday, April 29 from noon to 5 p.m. in MSU Room 145.

The event is free and open to all shoppers and spectators.

Sealed bid items include: canoes, sit-a-top/inflatable kayaks, wetsuits, sleeping bags, lanterns, ice chests and coolers.

Camping gear participants wish to sell or swap can be done for a one-time fee of \$5. Proceeds will help enhance the recreation program offerings and upgrade equipment performance and safety.

For more information, please call 895-3221.

## Respiratory Health Conference Held

The American Lung Association of Nevada, Southern Region, is sponsoring the 10th annual Respiratory Health Conference at (time?) on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28 at the Tropicana Resort and Casino.

Information on topics such as surgery for emphysema, challenges in acute asthma attacks and monitoring with the PA catheter will be presented.

For more information, please call 454-2500.

## Lecture on Living with Allergies and Asthma

A free lecture on living with allergies and asthma will be presented at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at 2040 W. Charleston Blvd., 6th floor, Conference Rooms E and F.

Sponsored by the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the lecture will feature Joram Seggev, M.D., associate professor in the school's Department of Internal Medicine. Seggev has done studies that analyze allergenic factors unique to the Las Vegas area.

For more information, please call 383-2638.

## Nevada Attorney General to Address Poli-Sci Students

Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa will address candidates for graduation from the UNLV Political Science department at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the Moyer Student Union.

A political science major herself, Del Papa will discuss her undergraduate days at University of Nevada, Reno, where she served as Student Body President. Her speech, "The Moon Keeps on Shining," will touch on "hardball politics" and the importance of being involved.

For more information, please call Misty Young at 687-3512.

## Multicultural Women's Conference Planned

"Choices for Success" is the theme of a multicultural conference for women that will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Epicenter, 2100 S. Maryland Pkwy.

Workshops for Women in transition, activities for single parents and children, available in both Spanish and English will explore the everyday decisions that shape your life, career emotional, financial and

personal choices. Speakers include Juana Hart of Channel 8 and Conee Spano of the UNLV Jean Nidetch Women's Center

The event, sponsored by CCSV Recreation Center, Southern Nevada Esp. Center, Women in Science and Engineering, Las Vegas Valley Soroptimist International and the Women's Center, is \$5 per person. A few scholarships are available when registration is received by Tuesday. A program for children ages 3-12, offered on a limited basis, is \$5 per child. Scholarships are also available and reservations must be received by Friday.

This workshop is funded, in part, by the Nevada Department of Education, Carl Perkins Vocational Education Funds.

For information or registration, please call 651-4332.

## Graduate Student Association Elects Officers

The Graduate Student Association recently elected its board members for the 1995-96 school year.

Ken Harlan, from the history department, was chosen as president, Robert Kryger, also from the history department, was voted vice-president, Marty Gordon from the hotel administration graduate program was appointed secretary and Michael Beale of the history department was elected treasurer.

For more information, please call Micki Winsell at 895-3993.

## Fire Drills Scheduled for Campus Buildings

A scheduled test of fire protection systems for all campus buildings will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

If any office has a specific time that the testing should not occur, please call Harold Archibald, director of building services at 895-4089.

## English Professor Irsfeld to Read from His Writings

Novelist John Irsfeld, known to many UNLV residents as former Assistant Professor of English and chair of the department, will read from a selection of his writings at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchester Community Center, located at 3130 S. McLeod.

The free program, sponsored by Clark County Parks and Recreation, is part of the Tumblewords Series, which brings writers from Nevada and neighboring states to Nevada communities. Irsfeld has published three novels, numerous short stories and essays in addition to his scholarly writing.

Tumblewords is a project of the Nevada State Council on the arts.

For more information about the program, please call 455-8242.

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