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the newspaper's advisory board. The person chosen will take over as editor on June 1, but there are few choices among current staff members to fill the positions.

"I've only heard one or two people mention any interest in the editor position," Embree said. "I know there will be writers and staff position people, but as far as the editor goes, and as far as section editors, I don't know what's going to happen next year."

Such a scenario should never take place, according to *Rebel Yell* opinion editor Scott Gulbransen. He feels the blame lies at the hands of the department.

"I don't think the school has organized itself well enough," Gulbransen commented. "You should have to take a core set of classes, and there is no way you should vary from that."

Communication majors at UNLV are only required to take five specific communication classes. Oral Communication, Newsgathering & Writing I and Mass Media Law are mandatory, as well as two survey classes from a list of three possibilities. Aside from those 15 credits, students must complete 21 additional communication credits. There is no requirement to take any specific courses in a particular field of emphasis, and therein, according to some, lies the problem.

The Greenspun School is not an accredited college and therefore is not held to any outside standards regarding what courses its students must complete in order to obtain their degree.

The purpose of accreditation is to insure, through the use of uniform criteria and guidelines, that students will be taught along the basic accepted standards of an accrediting body, regardless of where they studied. Accreditation can be obtained by various regional or national bodies, depending on the type of the school applying.

A recent study conducted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors indicated that most editors desire to know if job candidates graduated from an accredited school of journalism.

Gulbransen compared the situation at UNLV to that at the University of Nevada, Reno, which has a highly renowned and accredited journalism school.

"That's the biggest difference between here and Nevada, where it's set in stone," Gulbransen said. "If you're going to go through Reno and be a print journalist, you have to take certain classes, you have to write."

According to the UNR School of Journalism, print journalism students are required to publish

a minimum of seven articles to graduate.

Gulbransen, who also works as assistant sports director at KUNV, has voiced his concerns about these issues in his weekly column in *The Rebel Yell* but said he has received no response from the Greenspun School about his complaints.

"Many of the students don't have any idea of what they need to do to get a job or how to prepare themselves for the job market, and the Greenspun School is not preparing them," Gulbransen said. "The teachers in the department need to instill that you have to write for *The Rebel Yell* or else you're not going to get a job in the print field."

KUNV shares *The Rebel Yell's* problems of no department requirements for student involvement. Until the radio station gets more cooperation from the communication department and university, Fuller said he doesn't see the station improving its ability to serve its staff members.

The Greenspun School has created the positions of promotions manager and underwriting director in conjunction with KUNV, but both are listed as internship or independent study credit opportunities. Regardless of this, students won't get as much as they could out of these positions because of space limitations at the station, according to Fuller.

"We want to get students working up here, but the way things are, we couldn't even give them their own desk to work at," Fuller said, adding the answer to the problems between KUNV and the university can be found by working in unison.

"We are all isolated into little groups; the newspaper, the radio station, the school," Fuller said. "It would make more sense, and provide a better education for the students, if we worked together a little more."

Of the three student media outlets, only UNLV-TV's Newscenter 4 seemed satisfied with its current relationship with the Greenspun School.

Erika Engstrom, news director of UNLV-TV and a member of the Greenspun faculty, said her only complaints with the department come from the need for a few pieces of new equipment.

But with two out of three student media outlets voicing serious complaints about their status with the Greenspun School, those involved feel the situation must come under closer scrutiny from both administrators and students.

Many see accreditation of the Greenspun School as a logical first step toward resolving the various problems. Embree agrees it will help. "However," he emphasized, "the school will never be accredited without a practicum."

## News Briefs

### New UNLV President to give Commencement Address

Newly-elect President Carol Harter will give the main commencement address at the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1995 on May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Harter takes over her official duties as president of UNLV on July 1.

### Multicultural Student Affairs Event Cancelled

"The New Contract On America," scheduled to be held today at 6 p.m. in MSU 203 has been canceled.

For additional information, please contact the MultiCultural Student Affairs office at 895-4165.

### Seminars to Help Cope with Cancer

An seminar series which is designed to provide cancer patients, families and friends information on the disease and treatment will be held on Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rainbow Library, 3150 N. Buffalo Dr.

The eight-week program, "I Can Cope," started June 20 and will run through June 9. It 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.

### Extended Hours for Campus Copy Center

The Copy Center, located on the lower level of the Flora Dugan Humanities Building, is extending its hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Services will be expanded when the Copy Center moves from FDH-126 to a new facility near the Publications/Reprographics building and Classroom Building Complex. Construction is under way for a late spring opening.

### Israel's 47th Year of Independence Celebrated

In celebration of Israel's 47th year of independence, a community-wide celebration will be held on Sunday, May 7 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom of the Sands Hotel.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada, the Israel Independence Day Celebration

'95 will feature entertainer Leonardo Farkas, Yiddish singer Don Friend, Israeli folk music, dancing booths exhibits, children's activities and, of course, an abundance of Jewish cuisine.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, seniors, and youth, with no charge for children under 12. People of all faiths are invited to help commemorate this joyous occasion.

For more information, please contact Joshua Abbey at 898-0511.

### 'The Road to Success Speaker Series' held at DRI

"The Road to Success Speaker Series" will feature Jolaine Johnson on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Desert Research Institute, 755 E. Flamingo Rd.

A reception, sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers, will begin at 7 p.m.

Nevada EPSCoR, Women in Science and Engineering and the UNLV Women's Center will sponsor the event, in which Johnson, Chief of Air Quality Management, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will address skills beyond science for success.

For more information, please call 895-1593.

### Collaboration between departments yields 'T 'n A'

A multimedia performance, "T 'n A: A Womyns' Multimedia Hap'nin," is being presented at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday in Room 111 of the Alta Ham Fine Arts Building.

"Truth in Art," is a collaboration between the UNLV dance arts department and the women's studies program, the first event of its kind to be presented in Las Vegas.

Directed by Beth Mehocic, assistant professor of dance arts, the program is a result of her new course, "Women in the Performing Arts," offered this semester through both the dance and women's studies departments.

Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office. Their number is 895-3801 (TDD) 895-4717.

For more information, please call Beth Mehocic at 895-3562.

### Free Skin Cancer Screenings Offered

The American Cancer Society and Las Vegas Skin And Cancer Clinics will offer free skin cancer screening on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ross and Coletta Miller Cancer Education Center, 1325 E. Harmon.

Physicians will be available to provide screening for those concerned about skin cancer. No treatment will be provided, however a follow-up can be arranged if a problem is suggested.

Signs that a skin condition may be cancerous include: moles that change size, shape, color; an unusual growth; a sore that won't heal; a change in skin color in one spot.

For registration or more information,

please call the ACS at 798-6877.

For answers to questions about cancer call 1-800-ACS-2345.

### Experts talk about sneezers and wheezers

A forum to discuss the trees, shrubs and grasses responsible for many of the allergic reactions encountered by Las Vegans will be offered free to the public on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barrick Museum Auditorium.

Experts from the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies, the Clark County Air Pollution control Division and the Pulmonary Institute of Nevada will discuss the outdoor, as well as indoor causes of allergy problems.

The panel will also include a local physician specializing in allergies who will answer questions about the treatment of allergy problems.

For information or to reserve space, please call 895-3394.

### ABWA Desert Dawn Chapter Scholarships

Applications are available in Student Financial Services for the American Business Women's Association Desert Dawn Chapter's 1995 Scholarship.

Deadline for filing is Friday, May 19.

Applicant must have a grade point average of at least 2.5, demonstrate financial need and not be a family member of a chapter member.

### Nevada Council of the Blind Offers Scholarships

Admitted college students who have graduated from a Nevada high school, have been granted a Nevada G.E.D., are U.S. citizens with certification that they are legally blind may apply for the scholarship.

An essay, certified transcript, three letters of reference, proof of blindness and U.S. citizenship must accompany application and be received by May 1.

For application inform, please call David Krause at 737-5714.

### Business Association Seeks to Start Chapter

The Association of College Entrepreneurs is seeking students to organize a chapter at UNLV for '95-96.

The ACE is a national organization which promotes business development among undergraduates. The Association distributes a newsletter containing articles relevant to starting and growing a small business, emphasizing the problems and opportunities relevant to the university environment.

Students interested in starting a chapter should contact Drew Palmer at 213-848-8758.

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