Senior citizens coming to UNLV

BY PAULINE VILLAPANDO STAFF WRITER

Many World War II-generation folk are now returning to school to seize opportunities unavailable to them in earlier decades. Impeded by laws, finances, and family responsibilties, most were unable to afford higher education.

At the age of 71, Pasquale Perretta is a full-time student at UNLV. After a 53year absence from the classroom. Perretta's overall reaction to what was then and what is now, was marked by the notably increased freedom in the classroom, wider curriculum, and heightened racial diversity to name a few.

Although making the dean's list last year was a well-accomplished goal, Peretta's hopes lie in earning a degree in criminal justice. "Even though I'm retired, I may still be of assis-

tance to the problems now facing the community," he explains. The main obstacle Peretta faces is his inability to memorize like he did when he was younger. However, the challenge in acquiring knowledge is what keeps him interested. "There's nothing like education. Don't give it up or you'll be sorry in the end. Now, many people don't realize the value of actually going to school," Perretta said.

UNLV's programs for older students is opening new doorways for senior students like Perretta. There are four different programs currently available to seniors interested in gaining new knowledge in a setting accommodating their particular needs:

The academic program allows Nevada residents, 62 years and older to take advantage of courses available to all students. Although this program is free, it is offered only on a space-available basis. To ensure class-standing for feepaying students, participants must wait until the first day of classes to register.

The Extended Education Center for Lifelong Learning program encompasses both a peer learning and teaching situation. It is set up by study groups led by volunteer coordinators. Although this course does not disburse college credit or require test-taking, EX-CELL provides a conducive social environment for learning with peers.

The Continuing Education Program offers courses tailored toward the older student. With creative classes such as "Gentle Yoga,""Power Think-ing," and "Writing and Marketing Your story," senior citizens are given a chance to learn without the pressures

university setting. The last program, Elderhostel, is a one-week learning experience which offers courses from the College of Liberal Arts. Seniors from all over the

connected to learning in a

travel to UNLV and experience campus life for a week.

The programs have proven successful. "Rather than spending their time playing bingo, going to casinos, or watching TV all day, it is a great social component that gets the mind stimulated," said Tup Tupper-Heggie, coordinator of the programs for older students.

Since Las Vegas is attracting younger and more active retirees, UNLV is attempting to create a more personalized educational experience with peers from the older community. Currently, an average of 300 senior citizens attend the university.

With support from his wife and two children, Peretta's dream comes one step closer to reality every day. "They are thrilled and can't wait for me to graduate," he said.

Attempting to learn the modes of today can be an ardurous task. But with the help

United States and Canada of younger students, Perretta is able to cope with it more efficiently. "I try to talk on equal terms with young students. I tell them, You can teach me."

Like Perretta, many are finding that the classroom environment at UNLV provides a comfortable atmosphere for senior citizens and youth to interact on an equal basis. "There is no real age difference because they're both on equal footing. They find that they have common ground as students," says Tupper-Heggie.

The programs for older students enables senior citizens to become actively involved in changing and creating modern society by providing a forum for students of all ages to discuss universal issues that effect the community.

At UNLV, students old and young are uniting in the name of education.

Money for nothing

BY STEPHANIE RUSHIA **FEATURES EDITOR**

Whether it's time to pay tuition, buy books or buy lunch, students worry about access to their funds.

Some will have to spend summers and after school hours to earn it. Others only have to say those three magic words, "Mom, dad, help!"

Eitherway, when faced with

an empty wallet at lunch and only that 10-minute break between classes, three services exist that will conveniently give you money without having to leave campus.

ATM, ATM Both automated teller machines on campus are side by side in front of the Moyer Student Union. Some students who have accounts with Bank of America, owner of the machines, use it as a convenient location to make withdraw-

Others, especially out-ofstate students, have parents make deposits for them at branches in their hometown and can access money electronically.

If you bank with anyone but B of A however, convenience comes with a price. Using the machine for withdrawal from other banks is possible through companies that operate interchange systems like Cirrus, Star, Plus and Visa.

But each transaction can incur a service charge of up to \$3.50. This fee transaction combines the fees of three separate entities, Bank of America, the interchange system, and the bank the money originates from.

The only way to get money for nothing from the ATM, is to open a student checking or savings account at B of A. Then getting five bucks for lunch won't end up eating into dinner's money.

Though one of the few machines around town that allows withdrawals in increments of \$5, students do not over-use the service.

Paul Stowell, public relations director for B of A, said though the average withdrawal on campus is a low \$45 compared to a statewide average of about \$80, the figures reflect more use of "quick cash." With the push of a button, \$40 pops out instantly.

UNLV Rebel Card No, this is not a credit card. It is the credit card's nemesis, the debit card.

Unlike the credit card, with its interest charges and inevitable late fees, the Rebel Card can save you money. For a minimum deposit of \$50, a student can open an account and use his UNLV ID to buy food at Union Cafe and Sidewalk Cafe and receive a 3 percent discount

Purchases and cash withdrawals are immediately and automatically deducted. Cash withdrawals can be made for up to \$25 per day, plus a 10 cent surcharge.

Late library book? Unpaid parking ticket? Need a copy? Use the card. Other places on campus that accept the Rebel Card are Student Health Services, UNLV Outdoor Shop. Thomas & Mack Events Center, Artemus Ham Concert Hall Box Office and Wilson Dining Commons.

The MSU Administrative office in Room 111 accepts deposits and encodes ID cards for a one-time charge of \$1.

Twenty-Five for Ten To avoid fees or dropping a deposit, students can take advantage of the closest thing to getting money for nothing.

For a mere 10 cents, any student with a UNLV ID can get up to \$25 per day in cash from the MSU information booth with a check from a personal account written to the Board of Regents.

Make sure to save money for the weekends though. Booth hours are limited to Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Correction

In the story titled "Clubbin' it UNLV style," which ran in the Oct. 10 issue, the president and telephone number of Students Conscious of Protecting the Environment was listed incorrectly.

Robert Smale is president of S.C.O.P.E. and the phone number is 895-4495.

Skin

from pg. 7

eye on my own skin.' Fortunately, skin cancer can be cured if detected early, and is one of the easiest cancers to detect. By examining skin from head to toe, warning signs can be detected that might save your life.

Self-examination involves periodically looking over the skin for any changes in size, color, shape, or texture of a mole, and checking for the development of a new mole or

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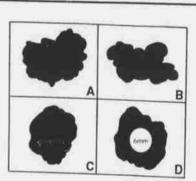
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other unusual changes in the

Changes such as a dry scaly patch, a persistent pimple, an inflamed area with a crusting center, or a pearly, waxy nodule should be reported to a doctor immediately. Bleeding or ulceration will usually oc-

cur in more advanced lesions. In addition to self-examination, the American Academy of Dermatology and the Unit ed States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the following precautions to reduce the risk of developing skin cancer:

* Avoid peak hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the most intense.

Apply a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 around 15-30 minutes before going outdoors, and reapply it every two hours, especially when exercising, gardening, swimming or doing other outdoor activities.

Wear protective clothing, including a hat with a brim and a long-sleeved shirt and pants during prolonged periods of sun exposure.

"I used to love the look of a tan, but that was before I knew the consequences," said Fine. "I still like to spend time outdoors, but I'm smarter about it now. I take steps to try to prevent what happened to my sister from happening to me or anyone else I care about."

For more information about clinical trials in the treatment of skin cancer, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-422-6237

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