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Education majors to pay for internships

Regents approve new student teaching fee

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The Board of Regents approved Friday a new teaching and internship fee for UNLV education majors.

Education majors at UNLV

will eventually pay \$250 per course for costs related to the individual instruction from master teachers they receive during their student teaching experience.

Students with graduate internships in counseling, educational administration, and special education will pay an identical fee.

The Regents voted to phase in the fee over a three-year period, beginning this Fall. They will decide at their April 26 meeting the exact fee in-

stallments.

Regent Shelley Berkley said Saturday the fee is necessary.

"The university has to pay the (Clark County) school district for the mentoring of student teachers," Berkley said. "The education department (at UNLV) has been absorbing those costs."

"They (the College of Education) are \$100,000 in the red at this point and the numbers are continuing to grow," Berkley said.

According to Berkley, sev-

eral people from the College of Education at UNLV requested the Regents' permission to implement the fee "to make up the debt and solve the problem."

Education Dean Dale Andersen was not available for comment.

Berkley said the alternative to the fee is to reduce faculty in the College of Education. This would result in fewer education majors being admitted to the student teaching program, according to Berk-

ley.

"I can't imagine there's a Regent who wants to increase student fees but this is a necessity," Regent Chair Madison Graves said Sunday. "The legislature will not fund these additional costs (for teaching internships)," Graves said.

UNLV Provost Douglas Ferraro said the fee is "a usual way of proceeding." Ferraro was against implementing a flat tuition increase for all

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Student government uses tuition dollars to dine out

BY ERIN NIEMEYER
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Six student government officials and two guests spent nearly \$228 of student tuition money to dine at an upscale local restaurant Thursday.

The student government members escorted Kim Peek, the inspiration for the movie *Rainman*, and his father, to dinner. Peek spoke for free to UNLV students Thursday in the MSU Alcove.

John Pida, student government president; Pat Smith, senate president; Dineen Barkhuff, senate secretary; Marlon Howard, Student Development senator; Mike Castillo, entertainment and program-

ming assistant director; and Mike Del Gatto, an entertainment and programming board member, dined at Cafe Michelle restaurant. They also treated two of Smith and Howard's fraternity brothers.

According to Joe Mills, student government vice president, CSUN Business Manager Karla Kirk gave him the receipt from the meal Monday for approval to repay Barkhuff. She paid the \$227.72 check Thursday with her credit card and submitted the receipt to Kirk Friday to be reimbursed by CSUN.

"They had a good ol' time at the student body's expense," Mills said. "This was not proper. In fact, it was nothing but a joyride."

"For the money they spent to have their own private party, they could have instead

purchased refreshments for all of the students who attended the event," Mills said.

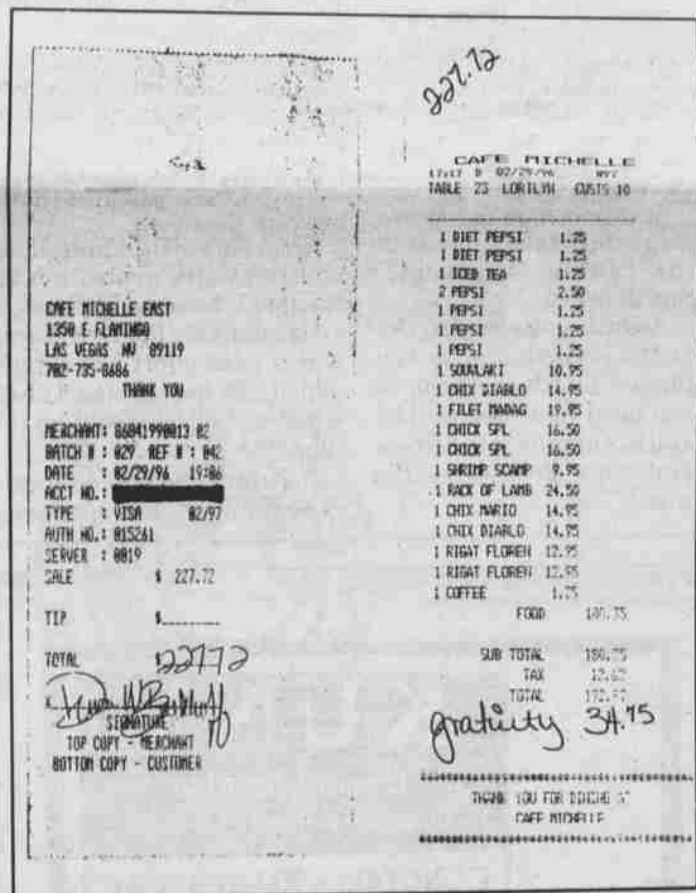
"I won't apologize for this," Pida said Monday. "They (Peek and his father) asked for a dinner with several students and we (CSUN) fulfilled that agreement."

The executive board (which consists of Pida, Smith and Mills) with a majority vote, can approve expenditures under \$500 without senate approval, according to Smith. He said this was "probably" the case with the meal in question, but could not confirm if he had approved it.

"I'm sure John (Pida) asked me (for approval of the expenditure) but I don't recall," Smith said Sunday.

Mills said he was not in-

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Shown above is the copy of the original Cafe Michelle receipt.

Record donation for United Way

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The UNLV community contributed a record \$35,533.35 to the 1995 United Way of Southern Nevada campaign, according to Lynn McGue, UNLV's campaign coordinator.

"Everyone on campus should be really proud of themselves," said McGue.

Campus United Way donations are up 8.7 percent over last year's amount, which was \$32,704.58, and involve 17 to 18 percent of UNLV faculty and staff, said Kelli Jackson, campaign coordinator for United Way of Southern Ne-

vada.

"We are very, very pleased," Jackson said. "It showed there are lots of concerned people in the UNLV community, and it's a giant stride in the right direction."

The non-profit organization concentrates on raising and distributing funds to programs such as those which help the homeless, provide day care for low income families and adult care for the elderly.

McGue said this year's success is largely due to the behind-the-scenes work of the volunteer key workers, such as students Mark Heftman and Diana Schmitt.

Other volunteers included Matthew Simon, Dean of li-

braries; Becky Watson, Repographics; and Deanna Stefanelli and Lee Scroggins, both staff members of James R. Dickinson Library.

McGue said that UNLV's contributions have increased by nearly \$11,000 since 1993.

"I think perhaps people have seen more information about United Way, and they've realized it's not just the people in need that benefit from the United Way, it's the larger community," McGue said.

For instance, McGue said the United Way funds day care, which helps make it easier for both parents to work and earn an income, enabling the family to stay off welfare.

Thus, McGue explained, the



President Carol Harter presents Garth Winckler, president of United Way of Southern Nevada, with a \$35,533 donation check.

larger community ends up paying less money for public assistance.

"The United Way is a good investment for everyone in the community," McGue said.

Donations were made at United Way booths set up in Moyer Student Union from Oct. 4-Nov. 2, which were manned by volunteers.

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