

## Assistant engineering professor receives national award

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Brendan O'Toole, an assistant mechanical engineering professor, recently received the 36th annual Society of Automotive Engineers Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award.

The award acknowledges outstanding contributions to teaching, research, and participation in extracurricular student involvement.

O'Toole was among 21 finalists chosen from 67 applicants. UNLV's first winner, O'Toole was honored at the annual SAE National Congress in Detroit in February. As a part of the award, O'Toole toured the GM Technical Center and met with representatives from the ground vehicle industry.

Applicants are judged based on teaching experience, research activity, publications related to SAE interest, professional society membership and in-

volvement. Special emphasis is placed on contributions to curriculum development and independent research.

"Brendan is an outstanding young instructor who works well with the students," said Robert Boehm, chair of UNLV's mechanical engineering department.

"Outside of his research and classroom instruction, he is the director of the Human Powered Vehicle Competition, and helped design the body of the super-mileage vehicle, which broke the world record for miles per gallon."

The award has provided more than 400 engineering educators since 1963 the opportunity to develop close relationships with engineers practicing in the field, according to Lorie Pail, coordinator of SAE's educational division.

O'Toole was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

## MSU pool room a cheap thrill

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Moyer Student Union pool room patrons are saving money this semester. Pool table rates have decreased 50 percent.

The price change was implemented at the end of the Fall semester from 10 cents per minute to five cents per minute.

Jeff Wells, Campus Recreational Services director, said the

price change resulted from student complaints. "The voice of students was heard," Wells said.

The pool room has increased its profits despite the price decrease, Wells added.

Stephan Angeles, a pool room attendant, said customer reaction to the decrease has been favorable.

Angeles added that pool hall patronage has increased since the price decrease. "It brings in more traffic and I've seen

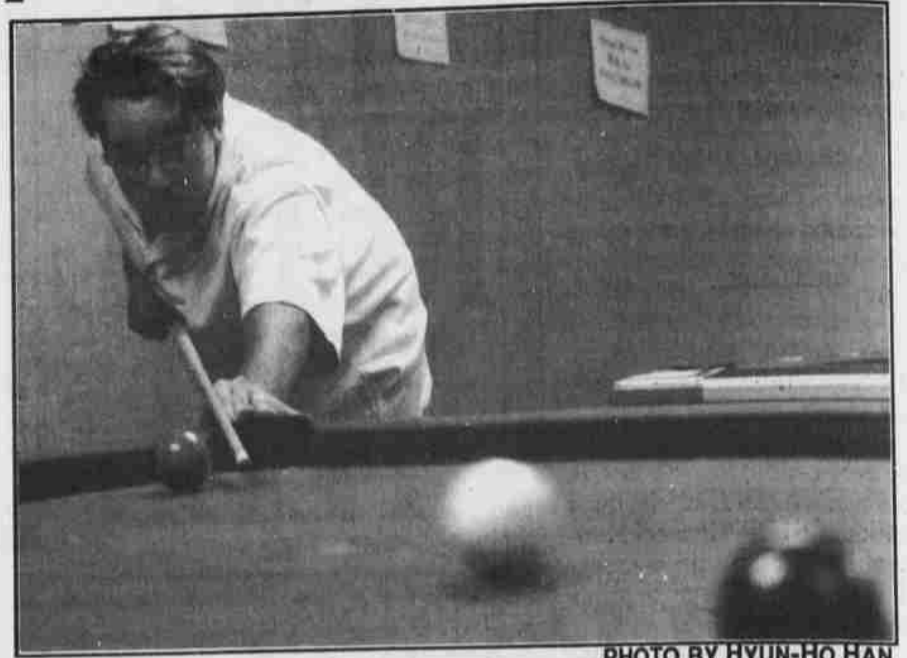


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Junior Scott Bolshazy can afford to contemplate his shot with the new rates.

more heads," Angeles said.

Scott Bolshazy, a junior secondary education major, disagrees. "On a regular basis, the same people play here.

"Anywhere from a dozen to 18 people are in here (the pool room) at any given time, and it's usually groups of friends," Bolshazy said.

Bolshazy, who has frequented the pool room for two years, said he spends approximately \$3 per pool session.

"The quality of the tables

could be improved but the prices are good," Bolshazy said.

Todd Baker, a pool hall visitor, said he's pleased with the price decrease. "I've told my friends about it.

"The (pool) tables are great and there are enough of them to handle a lot of players," Baker said.

The pool room, located on MSU's first floor, is part of the game room and houses four pool tables and a ping pong table.

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attended B-GLAD week events on campus.

Others said they are not afraid. "Our generation is open to diversity," said dela Cruz. "I don't feel threatened but I have to say I have received negative vibrations."

Phil Burns, LGBA programming advisor, said the organization's goal is to create "psychological safety for students to actually feel safe being themselves."

Burns said LGBA members hope the campus community will begin welcoming gay, lesbian and bisexual students, staff and faculty, rather than tolerating them. "Exposure makes the difference," Burns

said.

"I have a positive view toward diversity at UNLV, but it could be better," Burns continued.

"We're not after special treatment," Castillo said. "We just want to make sure we have the same rights as anybody else.

"With the strides we've (LGBA) been making on campus this year with visibility, people are realizing we're the same as everyone else," Castillo said.

"Sexual orientation shouldn't be an issue because it has nothing to do with qualifications and shouldn't be something (gays) are handicapped for," Castillo continued.

CSUN recently implemented a non-discrimination clause

that includes sexual orientation.

"I think people should not be discriminated against," said Joe Mills, CSUN vice president. "They (LGBA) work hard in the community and I think it's good for students to get involved in a group that supports their interests, concerns and causes."

The Student Health Center is in the process of incorporating sexual orientation into their non-discrimination clause. LGBA is awaiting the Board of Regents' implementation of sexual orientation into the university's non-discriminatory clause.

Castillo submitted a letter last semester to the Board of

Regents encouraging them to include sexual orientation in all non-discriminatory policies. According to Castillo, it has not yet been implemented in writing.

"I believe this issue (discrimination for sexual orientation) has already been addressed," said Regent Nancy Price. Federal law requires the university have a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, Price said.

Student response to B-GLAD week was apathetic. No one was willing to be identified.

"It doesn't matter to me what they (LGBA) do," a student said. "They're free to do whatever they want but if they start

bothering (people) by passing out fliers and asking us to join (LGBA), that's a problem."

"If they can have gay awareness week we (heterosexuals) should be allowed to have Heterosexual Awareness Week," another student said.

"Not putting their names (on the record) shows how closed-minded they are," Castillo said. "We're (LGBA) not recruiting members, as some people think we are. We're just letting people know we're here."

B-GLAD week, Castillo said, is no different from Greek Week, Black History Month or Women's History Month. "It honors diversity," Castillo concluded.

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scraped chewing gum from beneath Beam Hall desks for five hours. "I never thought I'd be doing this on a Saturday afternoon but it does feel good to know I helped out," Gertler said. He reported finding hundreds of pieces of gum beneath desks per classroom.

"Students should see themselves as shareholders in the school," said Justin Chartov, a junior. "I know I have a new sense of responsibility (to keeping the building clean) after cleaning walls."

All volunteers who participated for the entire eight-hour period were credited 50 work

hours toward HOA 300, or practical work experience. Part-time volunteers received a 6-1 ratio of work hour credit to actual hours worked.

Harold Archibald, building services director, provided volunteers with cleaning supplies and equipment. Archibald sent two employees to oversee the volunteers' safety.

"What the (hotel) students are doing here is great," Archibald said. "We encourage other...departments to get involved."

According to Archibald, five maintenance employees clean the 115,000 square-foot building.

Archibald said the university hiring freeze has affected the custodial department. Surface cleaning is done on a regular basis but buildings are

not deep-cleaned.

Teeters' facilities management class started the project to better prepare them to manage a facility. Twenty-one of Teeters' students formed a task force which composed a nine-point plan to improve Beam Hall's appearance.

The nine-point plan requires all posted handbills be approved and dated. Students will not be permitted to eat in the hotel college's classrooms and smoking areas will be designated to deter students and faculty from putting cigarette butts in planters outside of Beam Hall. Smoking will be permitted on Beam Hall's first floor but not on the second.

OWC plans to replace screens that have not been cleaned since 1983 for \$40,000. OWC will ask local hotels to contribute to the cause and will silk-screen the contributing hotel's name into the covering. "This gives the hotels recognition and is a win-win situation for both parties," Teeters said.

OWC also hopes to replace lighting and update electronics in Beam Hall classrooms.

OWC members are optimistic about the future of their group and are anticipating the project being an ongoing one.

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