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## Rising tuition costs concern students

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UNLV students began the fall semester with mixed reactions toward the University and Community College System of Nevada's consistent tuition increases.

"This is getting out of hand," senior Kim Turner, a hotel major, said of the rising costs. "It seems like the prices just keep going up around here every semester and that alarms me."

Students were most recently impacted by increased tuition costs during fall registration. Tuition rose from \$61 per credit last spring to the current rate of \$64 per credit.

But that's just the beginning.

The plan, approved by the Board of Regents in June, calls for gradual tuition increases of \$2.50 per credit for three years.

According to Regent

Mark Alden, minimal tuition increases should be implemented gradually to avoid more sizable increases all at once. "I do not support waiting a number of years and then (implementing) a big increase," Alden said. "I'm against the policy of waiting three to four years and then punishing a particular class (with significant tuition increases)."

CSUN President Aaron Rosenthal agrees. "I would rather have the increase implemented in a given, identifiable

way instead of students getting one big lump increase," Rosenthal said. "The plan was created to protect students from an outrageous slap that could occur otherwise."

Joe Almeida, a junior majoring in education, supports the Regents' plan. "It sounds better than the surprise attack technique. If the tuition is going to be raised it's best to be up-front about it instead of dropping the bomb at the last minute," Almeida said.

Junior Ian Flatt, a finance major, isn't convinced.

Flatt said the increases are unwarranted. "UNLV is too expensive as it is. We pay too much for what we get. The state should pick up more of the bill."

Raejean Romo, a senior majoring in secondary education, shares Flatt's skepticism. "I'm not getting anything concrete to match my investment. If they're going to increase tuition, I want an increase in the quality of my education."

"The increase will just force more people to apply for financial aid, which traps them in yet another bureaucratic hole," Romo said.

Fine Arts Sen. Leia Fleischman said rising tuition costs may prevent some students from attending college. Others will be forced to cut class loads to a minimum. "(The tuition increases) will cause students like myself to have to take fewer classes, due to cost," Fleischman said.

Tuition increases aren't limited to UNLV. The plan includes the Community College of Southern Nevada and UNR.

UNLV President Carol Harter maintains the increases are necessary. "Tuition has increased in some relation to inflation," Harter said. "Those who understand that tuition increases have been erratic in the past will see that this increase is modest."



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The Donna Beam Fine Arts Gallery presents "Faculty Collects," a selection of works from the personal collections of faculty from UNLV. The collection will be on display in the Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery from Aug. 26 through Sept. 27.

### Drop it

At any time this week did you find yourself thinking, "What am I doing in THIS class?" or "I wish I would have known about THAT class."

Fear not. You still have time to change your class schedule.

Students wishing to add classes can do so until Friday. Students adding classes are subject to late fees of \$25 per day beginning Monday. Late fees will total \$125 for all students paying for classes Friday.

Friday is the last day to pay for classes. Students who don't pay for their classes by Friday will be administratively dropped.

Friday is also the last day to drop classes and receive a 100 percent refund. You may use the Touch system to drop classes or visit the Cashier's Office located in the Student Services Complex.

### MSU Hours

The Moyer Student Union will maintain the following hours during the fall semester:

Monday thru Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 12 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The MSU will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

## Harrigan Brings Home Gold

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For softball, the 1996 Olympics was a first. Another first was the Olympic performance of ex-Rebel softball pitcher Lori Harrigan.

In Columbus, Ga., at the inaugural Olympic softball competition, Harrigan and the U.S. softball squad secured a place in the record books forever.

The Americans will always be recognized for winning the first gold medal in Olympic softball history. And Harrigan, who pitched for the Rebels from 1989-92, will be penciled in as the first Las Vegas to bring home gold in the Summer Olympics.

Local tennis player Andre Agassi also earned a gold medal in men's singles tennis, but Harrigan and the championship team won the gold earlier in the

games.

"[Winning the gold] feels great," said Harrigan, whose 83 wins make her UNLV's career leader. "You have to live it to know how it feels."

Harrigan's lifetime statistics at UNLV speak for themselves.

The former Rebel holds 15 UNLV career pitching records, including 123 strikeouts, five no-hitters and 53 shut-outs. In addition, Harrigan pitched the university's only perfect game, a 1-0 win over Missouri in 1992.

"Going to college helped me prepare for this level of competition," Harrigan said of the Olympics.

Team USA, which won 60 preliminary games, featured Harrigan as their fifth pitcher in a rotation that was arguably the

most dominant ever.

In 12 exhibition appearances leading up to the games, Harrigan was 12-0 with a 0.12

ERA and 143 strike outs. Of the 264 batters she faced, she fanned more than half of them.

Her lone outing in the Olympics resulted in a victory. A huge victory.

Before 9,000 US fans, Harrigan threw a complete game two-hitter, leading her squad to a 4-0 win over Taiwan. Despite an ailing finger, she struck out five.



Lori Harrigan

Trio represents UNLV at Democratic National Convention

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A UNLV student elected as part of Nevada's delegation and two volunteers are representing UNLV College Democrats today at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

At-Large Nevada Delegate William Puchert, along with Tod Story, president and founder of UNLV College Democrats, and Ronnie Council, a member of the organization at UNLV, headed for the windy city Monday and will return to Nevada on Friday.

Puchert, a senior majoring in communication studies, said attending the convention is an honor. "I think this will be one of the most exciting moments of my lifetime. I consider it a great honor and hope to be inspired by what I see," Puchert said.

Puchert, who serves as vice president of UNLV College Democrats, said he became politically active upon high school graduation. He has since volunteered on several campaigns and is active in the Nevada State Democratic Party.

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