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Harter: UNLV's FTE largest ever

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UNLV's preliminary full-time equivalent enrollment figures total 13,835 this semester, the largest FTE in the university's history, according to President Carol Harter.

"These figures represent a continuation of the trend...of increasing numbers of full-time students, and this is something we very much like to see," Harter said.

UNLV recorded a 5.1 percent increase over last year's FTE numbers, according to Harter. With a record number of students registered for full-time course loads, UNLV boasts the highest number of full-time students in any of the state's institutions of higher learning, she added.

"It indicates that more students are seriously pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees, and it represents a maturing of this institution," Harter said.

Enrollment increases aren't limited to FTE, according to Harter. UNLV's preliminary headcount for Fall 1996 is 20,043, a 1.4 percent increase over Fall 1995, she said, noting that increases signal both improvement and challenge.

"We are dedicated to increasing our retention—to providing an educational environment that encourages students to continue once they have enrolled here as freshmen or transfers," Harter said. "These initiatives involve everyone at UNLV and will result, I'm confident, in a university that truly

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UNLV president

meets the needs of its students and helps them reach their educational personal goals."

"My classes definitely seem more crowded this semester than last," said Erin Connley, a UNLV

senior. "I couldn't get in to two upper division classes I needed because they filled up too quickly. I guess I was lucky to get in to the classes I did."

Freshman Damon Brown said the number of students at UNLV this semester is overwhelming. "I had no idea there would be this many people here," he said. "I've always thought of UNLV as a school for locals but it looks like times are changing."

UNLV wasn't the only institution of higher education in Nevada to experience growth this semester. All six of the state's community colleges and universities recorded enrollment increases, preliminary figures indicate. Nevada's institutions of higher education re-

corded a 5 percent increase over last year's enrollment figures.

The Community College of Southern Nevada, for the second consecutive year, led the state with an 8.4 percent increase. It was the only one of the state's institutions of higher learning to increase enrollment last year.

CCSN President Richard Moore told a *Las Vegas Review Journal* reporter he expects the school's enrollment of 22,486 to reach 25,000 in upcoming weeks.

CCSN is "just beginning to catch up with the fast pace of Las Vegas," he said.

Final enrollment figures for the University and Community College System of Nevada are due Oct. 15.

'Crossfire' co-hosts face off at UNLV

UNLV catches a glimpse of the country's political warfare

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The 1996-1997 season of the Barrick Lecture Series was kicked off Tuesday with "A View From Washington," a debate between CNN "Crossfire" co-hosts John Sununu and Geraldine Ferraro.

Sununu, former White House chief of staff, and Ferraro, former Democratic vice-presidential nominee, went head-to-head in Artemus Ham Hall in front of a sold out crowd.



Ferraro

Topics of debate included the economy, crime, education, religion, foreign policy, women's issues and taxes.

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—Geraldine Ferraro, former Democratic vice-presidential nominee

"Every one of the issues that Clinton is fighting for has been the traditional Republican platform," said Sununu, focusing on what he called the downfalls of the Democratic Party. "Why settle for the carbon copy when we can

have the real thing."

Former chairman of the Republican Governors' Association and the National Governor's Association, Sununu argued that Clinton is taking credit for things George Bush achieved during his presidency.

The nation's decreased crime rates and increased jobs result from Bush's leadership, he said.

Ferraro disagreed. "Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party are the right choice to lead us into the 21st century," said Ferraro, who became the first female vice-presidential candidate on a national party ticket when she ran with Walter Mondale in 1984.

Ferraro, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, praised Clinton for an effective presidency. "Clinton is 15-23 points ahead of Dole in the polls and he also leads in the south."

"If the lead holds, then the people are agreeing with these statistics," said Ferraro, who spearheaded the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and served three terms as congresswoman to



Sununu

Queens, N.Y.

"Clinton did nothing but raise taxes," said Sununu, who served three terms as governor of New Hampshire beginning in 1983.

"Bush's recovery is now slowing down into the Clinton recession."

Sununu and Ferraro fielded au-

dience questions upon conclusion of the debate. Topics included health care, abortion and immigration.

Ferraro, author of "Ferraro, My Story," a book recounting her 1984 campaign, and "Geraldine Ferraro: Changing History," and Sununu, a member of the Board of Trustees for the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and a partner in the private financial firm Trinity International Partners, can be seen nightly on "Crossfire."

The Barrick Lecture Series presents nationally and internationally

known speakers from a variety of fields. It's funded by philanthropist Marjorie Barrick who donated a \$1 million grant in her husband's honor. Attendance is free and open to the public.

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former Bush Adm. chief of staff

UNLV debate team takes on Brits

By Claudia Salas
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Nearly 100 students and faculty members filled the Moyer Student Union Ballroom Monday to watch UNLV's Debate and Forensics team take on the International British Debate team, composed of two of the world's top debaters.

Sophomore Rick Kimbrough and senior Steve Robertson represented UNLV, arguing "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts."

"U.S. stability has made it the most powerful nation in the world, not only military but economically," Kimbrough said.

Emphasizing the advantage of being a centralized nation, he con-

tinued, "Global economy and industry gives policies that allow for markets to invest more within the economy itself."

"The U.S. as a whole works together to solve problems," Robertson added. "Only through centralization will we be able to succeed."

Stephen Magee, of the University of Edinburgh, disagreed. Magee, representing the British team, said a summation of parts forming a whole is not as good as the whole itself. Individual parts, he said, create problems.

"A union that is too distant from it's people cannot intend on growing," Magee said.

"Systems that have become so big cannot be controlled and will



Photo: Gregg Benson

UNLV debate team members Rick Kimbrough and Steve Robertson.

self-destruct."

Simone Murray, of the University College London, argued for the British team that America needs an increased focus on individual interests. "Over-balanced

power may threaten success of union," she said.

A question and answer period followed.

Both teams agreed the event was a success.

"It is hard for British teams to come to America," Murray said upon the debate's conclusion. "I'm delighted to be in Las Vegas. This is our first stop in 29...and UNLV was very hospitable."

"This is my first debate in the U.S. and I didn't know what to expect," Magee said. "Some points hit home a bit rusty since I hadn't debated since summer."

"The British were great and we are honored to have had the chance to debate against such an excellent team," Robertson said.