

news @ a glance

MYRON MARTIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF UNLV'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

UNLV Dean of the College of Fine Arts Dr. Jeff Koep announced that Myron Martin has been named director of the Performing Arts Center.

Martin previously worked as director of the concert and artists division for the Baldwin Piano Co. in New York. Most recently he was executive director of the Libera Foundation.

NEW DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OFFERED AT UNLV

A 2+2 early childhood education program was approved recently by the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

The program has been designed to provide comprehensive preparation and education for teachers in early childhood settings, such as day care facilities, pre-schools, hospitals, community education programs and early intervention programs.

Students in the program will be able to develop their teaching skills by participating in practicum components in their courses, as well as one practicum course devoted to working with infants and toddlers. Student teaching will take place in classrooms that include both normally developing children and children with special needs.

1998 SIGMA ALPHA MU/ PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION BOUNCE FOR BEATS BENEFIT

The 1998 Sigma Alpha Mu Bounce for Beats will begin Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Valerie Pida Plaza at UNLV. Sigma Alpha Mu's brothers

along with the sisters of Delta Zeta, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Delta Pi, and Alpha Gamma Delta will be continuously bouncing basketballs until Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. In addition to the ball bouncing, there will be a net set up for people wishing to shoot baskets for various prizes donated by sponsors.

Bounce for Beats consists of members of Sigma Alpha Mu and participating sororities bouncing a basketball for a continuous 72-hour period. The bouncing is meant to symbolize the beating of a child's heart.

The purpose of the event is to bring awareness to students and solicit donations. All proceeds raised will go to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

COUNSELING SERVICES OFFERED

UNLV's Client Services Center has openings for adults, children and couples who could benefit from counseling.

The center provides a variety of counseling services, including support for persons facing marital difficulties, family communication problems, individual crises, parenting problems, career decisions, and other important life issues. Counseling is provided by graduate students in the counseling program, under the supervision of faculty members.

Appointments are available afternoons and evenings. All counseling services are short-term (not more than 14 sessions). For more information or to make an appointment, call the center at 895-3106.

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meetings of the week

Intersivity Christian Fellowship
Thursday 6 p.m.
MSU Courtyard

GREEKOLOGY 101
Thursday 7 p.m.
MSU 201-202

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Sigma Alpha Mu
Sunday 6:30 p.m.
BEH 107

Paradise Elementary School relocates to UNLV campus

By Sonya Padgett
Staff News Writer

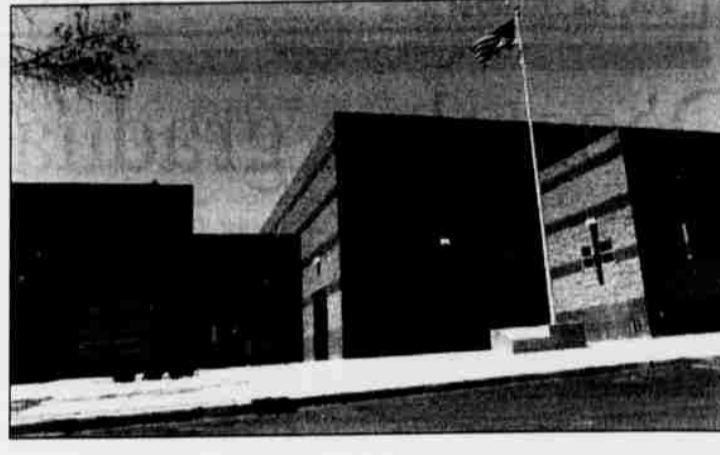
Paradise Elementary School opened its doors to students last Monday in a new location on the northwest side of the UNLV campus, near the McDermott Physical Education building.

The school, formerly located on Tropicana and Swenson, moved to UNLV in a deal with McCarran International Airport to alleviate traffic problems on Swenson Street.

UNLV's College of Education is working closely with the elementary school to implement a training program for education majors, according to the UNLV liaison for Paradise, Maria Meyerson.

Meyerson, an education professor, said that in the spring semester 25 to 30 elementary teaching majors will begin working in the school, obtaining hands-on teaching experience.

Plans are underway to build the Bennett Professional Development Center adjacent to the elementary school. The Center will be equipped with closed-circuit televisions broadcasting classes from Paradise. As a result, students and faculty from other departments will have access to a live teaching environment.



"A lot of things on campus are related to teaching and learning," said Meyerson. "The Center will provide a wonderful opportunity for other departments to impact hundreds of university students almost at a moment's notice."

Having an elementary school on a university campus is not a new idea, but UNLV's situation is unique.

According to Meyerson, other campuses have lab

schools that teach faculty and staff members' children. Paradise Elementary School serves disadvantaged children, as well as children from the neighborhood.

Meyerson believes that the presence of the school on campus can only benefit UNLV.

"Our program could become a model for other places locally as well as nationally," she said.

The only potential drawback she sees for UNLV may be heavier traffic on Cottage Grove Avenue. School hours are year-round from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

UNLV ranks among top colleges in West

By Brad Titttrington
Editor-In-Chief

The university has placed itself on the map as it recently ranked seventh in U.S. News and World Report's guide to the West's best public colleges.

This is the second year that the publication has used this category to rank colleges and universities across the country.

Last year, UNLV did not appear in this category, but did, however, rank 40th in another category that looked at the top public and private universities in the West.

The results do not include national universities, such as University of California, Berkeley.

Some confusion arose out of the ranking as officials accidentally compared last year's ranking with this year's ranking, when in fact the numbers compared came from two different categories.

"We didn't have the numbers wrong," said Tom Flagg, director of news and public information at UNLV. "We just compared numbers from two different categories without realizing it."

The numbers are still positive, even though some of the confusion has made it seem that the university did not do as well as it first appeared.

"We actually did very well,"

Flagg said. "(In the one category) we went from 40th to 35th. That is still quite significant."

This is the first time that UNLV has made the list of top Western regional public schools, and that is an honor that the administration is very proud of.

"Personally, I am pleased to see we're ranked," said Robert Ackerman, vice president for student services. "People here have their work being validated. They can feel some pride in that."

For the students, the faculty and the administration, the news is good because it breaks away from the old stereotype of UNLV being students' last choice for colleges.

"This is a very significant step forward for the university," said Terry Piper, assistant vice president for student life. "To be ranked like this is a statement of the university. I would hope (students) would recognize this is a quality university. It is not the old image of a last choice school. Freshman that were surveyed said that this was their first or second choice. They would see going to UNLV as a good choice."

The ranking gives everyone something to be proud of as it shows the commitment of the faculty, staff and administrators is paying off.

"It allows us to say our internal

beliefs are being validated by external people," Piper said. "I think the people I've heard mention it have pride in their voice. All are motivated as we are headed in the right direction."

That motivation has seen UNLV grow to become "the premier urban university" in a matter of 40 years. Being one of the youngest schools in the nation, UNLV has made a commitment to expand and further its efforts to provide students with the best possible education.

"Students will get a high quality specialized education and a strong foundation for their education," Piper said.

And with UNLV being such a young institution and receiving this acclaim, it gives students a new sense of pride knowing they have and can make a difference in the university.

"It's great news," Student Body President Will Price said. "It really makes me proud to be a Rebel. I am proud to be involved in the process of getting to where we could be, the top university in the country."

And Price gives a lot of the credit to University President Carol Harter.

"She came in here and stuck to her agenda," he said. "That is all part of the payoff."

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