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## Regents debate admission standards



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Dick Moore,  
NSC president

By Thomas V. Carrow  
UNLV Rebel Yell

FALLON, Nev. — University regents took no action last week with regard to the admission standards for UNLV and the University of Nevada, Reno, despite an intricate and heated discussion on the matter.

One regent suggested another is a racist, and one campus president walked away from the meeting "offended by the conversation."

Officials from both universities and a number of regents said they strongly favored raising the admission requirements to a 3.0 GPA, up from the current 2.5 criterion.

"We certainly would not want to take any actions that in any way damage or hurt students or faculty," Chancellor Jane Nichols said, before pointing to "poor" retention and graduation rates.

UNLV Vice President of Administration Juanita

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## Bryan applauds activism



Richard Bryan,  
Former U.S. Senator

By Eric Leake  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Former U.S. Senator Richard Bryan said Friday the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump is not inevitable and commended Nevadan opposition to the idea.

Bryan referenced former Nevada Governor Robert List's recent employment to the nuclear energy lobby.

"Would [corporate America] spend the amount of money to engage a gentleman of his stature to make sure this happened if it were inevitable?" he

asked.

More than 120 students and community members listened to the adjunct professor speak at the university.

Bryan began the forum, presented by UNLV's Yucca Mountain Education Project, speaking about Las Vegas and Yucca Mountain history. Bryan is a native Las Vegasan who served as the state attorney general, governor and a two-term senator.

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## Dental school finds home miles from campus

By Thomas V. Carrow  
UNLV Rebel Yell

FALLON, Nev. — UNLV dental school secured a home Thursday when the Board of Regents approved spending \$13.5 million to purchase three buildings several miles from campus.

The buildings, located at 1700 West Charleston Blvd., contain 18 acres of space, enough room for "an ideal dental school," UNLV President Carol Harter told regents.

The Employers Insurance Company of Nevada formerly owned the buildings, appraised

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UNLV provost

twice at a worth of \$20 million.

"Our ability to buy this property seems an extraordinary opportunity," Harter said.

As a result of the purchase, campus officials trashed plans to develop a transitional building to temporarily house the dental school until the development of a brand-new building on campus. The funds for that idea — \$6 million — came from a capital grant

from the state Legislature, who now must permit campus officials to use those monies on the Charleston facility. The issue comes to lawmakers Nov. 26.

The buildings require significant renovations, Harter said, but the costs are considerably less than building from scratch on campus.

About \$11 million in renovations plus \$2 million for equip-

ment should cover the startup costs, Harter said. The total costs for establishing the dental school are estimated at \$29 million.

Most that money — \$18.75 million — would come from student fees dedicated to capital improvements and from the operation of dental clinics at the school, she said.

The buildings will be ready in 2003, UNLV Provost Ray Alden

said.

The advantages: they will be ready on time, are in an excellent location — the Las Vegas Medical District — and can accommodate growth, Alden said.

There are no recognizable environmental impacts at the site, Alden said, assuring Regent Doug Hill that this is not another 'Bubba' building with high amounts of asbestos.

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## An Abstract Study



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Dance majors (from top) Jennifer Grodman, Erica Smith, Marianna Polidoro and Melissa Darter rehearse their midterm project for Choreography 188. The assignment involved exploring "the shapes of campus in an abstract manner," the girls said.

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# Nevada State College raises \$500,000 in a day

By **Babette May-Herrmann**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

The Nevada State College at Henderson secured \$500,000 in funds last Tuesday, bringing the total amount of donated monies to \$565,000, said Bill Martin, president of Nevada State Bank and the college foundation.

Martin did not identify the donors at the Board of Regents

meeting on Friday. He did say the money was raised within 24 hours and that it came from approximately 10 to 12 donors.

"It has come from people located throughout the Henderson area," he said.

NSC Founding President Richard Moore had intended to ask regents, who met Thursday and Friday in Fallon, to

approach the Legislature's Interim Finance Committee for a \$565,000 loan. The money would allow the hiring of administrators and other staff to help coordinate the opening. Moore withdrew that request Friday because of the donations.

"In light of Sept. 11, we need to find private funding, not public funding," Moore told

regents.

Moore said he planned asking regents for the \$565,000 to help the college get started. He estimates that the college needs to raise an additional \$3 million this year in order to open properly next year.

Regents originally gave Moore the go-ahead for the state college with the under-

standing he would raise funds privately, but he later asked the regents for public funds.

This past August, regents approved to loan the college \$700,000 from the estate planning tax, but in September the Legislative Interim Finance Committee postponed the motion because of the slowing Nevada economy.

## Regents to ease woes of displaced workers

By **Sarah Joyner**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

FALLON, Nev. - University Regents listened Friday as Las Vegas campuses explain what efforts they plan to take to help aid the economic woes of the displaced workers across the valley.

More than 12,000 hotel and casino workers are unemployed, according to state officials.

UNLV plans to expand the funds available from an existing federal grant program to initiate training programs and career planning seminars. Those funds came from the Center for Workforce Development.

The university also vowed to schedule more job fairs.

"I implore all students to talk with student life before dropping out," Vice President of Student Life Rebecca Mills said. "Staff and Career Services is planning to offer a course teaching people how to use the World Wide Web for job services; the course may be offered at a reduced rate."

The William S. Boyd School of Law is offering their services free of charge for the



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VP of student life

unemployed, conducting bankruptcy classes and offering legal counsel.

The Community College of Southern Nevada held several job fairs in collaboration with local resort operators and community organizers, opened a gaming lab in order to aid professional dealers and floorpersons and began offering special training programs, including non-credit classes and GED preparation.

University regents helped assist tuition

dilemmas. They permitted campuses to expand the one-for-one program - buy one course and get a second free of charge - and broadened the eligibility requirements for distance education.

Regents also allowed universities to offer non-credit short courses and seminars in such areas as computer skills and English as a second language.

All the changes apply to this academic year only.

## Campus officials supply aid to soldiers

By **Sarah Joyner**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

FALLON, Nev. - University regents on Friday voted to support students and faculty belonging to the U.S. Military, who may be called to duty in the Middle East.

President George Bush deployed ground troops last week in Afghanistan, and plans to send another 1,000 highly trained infantrymen into the area, a reality that could affect UNLV students enlisted in the armed services.

If a student receives mobilization and activation orders, that

student can obtain a full refund for all classes.

If a student is called to duty during the last four weeks of a semester, that person would have four options, all of which are at the discretion of the professor teaching the course: take an early final exam, withdraw, take an incomplete or be graded on the work completed.

Any student who chooses to take an incomplete grade must do so within the first year of discharge and must either meet with the registrar's office to resolve the grade, or re-enroll to the class.

Scholarships awarded to stu-

dents affected by the policies will either be reserved in their accounts, or a supplemental scholarship awarded in its place once the student has re-enrolled.

Students are urged to visit a financial aid officer before being deployed.

"It is unacceptable that a student would need to see a financial aid officer at UNLV prior to their deployment," said Glen Jensen, an accounting major who served in the U.S. Air Force for 10 years.

Military personnel get a limited amount of time to spend with friends and family before being

deployed, and they should not have to spend that time working out financial issues, Jensen said.

University regents also approved a full refund on room and board at UNLV.

"The policies seem to be standard rights that reservist and military personnel already have," said Jason Fudala, an economics major and Marine Corps reservist.

"They appear a bit redundant, however, it is nice to know that the Board took the steps to discuss it on the floor and put it in writing anyway," Fudala said.

The policies are effective only for the 2001-02 school year.

## Regents' Briefs

Another reminder of Raggio

University regents named the education building at the University of Nevada, Reno after Sen. Bill Raggio R-Reno, the senate majority leader.

This is the fourth permanent reminder of the state's top Republican in the university system.

"It's bad public policy," Las Vegas-based Regent Mark Alden said. "This is dead wrong. This board needs to get real. I think it's a form of pandering."

Raggio's name already appears on a street near Truckee Meadows Community College, on the Desert Research Institute in Reno and a Community College of Southern Nevada computer center on the Western High School campus contains his name.

Regents approve land sale

The Board of Regents allowed UNLV President Carol Harter to sell a desolate parcel of property to the Bureau of Land Management.

The property became attractive to the BLM for preservation purposes, Harter said. "It is unsuitable for the development of campus."

The university should profit 2.5 million from the sale, Harter said.

Harter plans to dedicate \$500,000 to geosciences at UNLV and said she'll use the rest to buy equipment for the dental school.

UNR librarian takes second job, saves money

The University of Nevada, Reno spends much less than UNLV on information technology salaries.

Dean of the Libraries at UNR Steven Zink became the vice president for information technology when regents approved his appointment Thursday. Zink intends to maintain both positions - for a \$20,000 salary increase.

He is now paid \$154,268 annually for both positions.

At UNLV, those positions cost \$230,000, UNLV President Carol Harter said.

UNLV Associate Provost for Information Technology Lori Temple earns \$110,000 a year and Libraries Dean Ken Marks earns roughly \$120,000, Harter said.

Zink is responsible for much the same tasks as Temple, but Zink earns almost \$100,000 less than Temple for the tasks he performs as vice president.

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# Renovation survey to hit classes this week

By Mike Zigler  
UNLV Rebel Yell

University officials recently hired a consulting group to survey a handful of students to learn if they support a tuition raise for improved services and renovations to the largest non-academic focused facilities on campus.

With enrollment up 7 percent this year and the president's expectations of continued growth, the office of student life decided to hire consulting group Brailsford & Dunlavey to see how much money students are willing to give to expand the current size and services of the Moyer Student Union, campus housing and the McDermott recreational center.

No estimates are available because the figures will solely be based on the results of the survey.

"If the students don't want the facilities, we'll tell you. If they want a \$300,000 student union, we'll tell you," consultant Jeffrey Turner said.

Public universities typically rely on student fees and revenue streams to fund projects like this unless a private donor foots the bill, consultant Jim Carruthers said Thursday to a committee designed to discuss the project.

Committee member Tim Robitz questioned if students



Mike Zigler / UNLV Rebel Yell  
Brailsford & Dunlavey consultants Jeffrey Turner and Jim Carruthers listen to comments during a committee meeting Thursday.

would be willing to support a fee increase.

"How do you sell students on increasing fees for a product they won't see until after they graduate?" Robitz asked.

The university can explore two options to finance the project up front, Carruthers said.

"The university can wait until after the construction is complete and charge students then or they can create a small charge and include a service with it," he

said, adding that officials support the first option.

The consultants are surveying 2,000 students in randomly selected classrooms over the next two weeks. Last month the consulting group met with more than 200 students in focus groups.

Consultant Heidi Kaplan addressed some of the concerns students shared last month regarding the McDermott Center.

"Some students sometimes feel pushed aside by athletes while others simply get tired of waiting for equipment to become available," Kaplan said, adding that students don't perceive it as a rec center since it doesn't have regular hours.

Turner added to Kaplan's comments.

"McDermott itself lacks natural light and a main entrance. When you walk in all you have are these narrow, unwelcoming hallways ... there's no social atmosphere like many universities offer," Turner said.

Concerning the MSU, Kaplan pointed to its perception as a Greek union, the need to cross Maryland Parkway, the lack of food service variety and the lack of meeting, lounge, office and resource spaces.

Regarding campus dormitories, Turner said that feedback from the focus groups showed that students are pleased with the designation of four residents to a single restroom since many older universities have one facility per floor. But the feedback also showed residents want a choice from a variety of living units. Priorities, though, focus on having Ethernet access.

A referendum vote is planned for early December and the final report is expected by the end of January.

## Crime Briefs

One subject was arrested at Tonopah Hall Oct. 5 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, affray, battery on a police officer, and obstructing and resisting a police officer.

Campus police arrested an individual for a sexual assault that took place at Claudine Williams Hall May 4.

Campus police would not comment on either of the aforementioned instances, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records.

A person was arrested at Lot P - Cottage Grove and Claymont - Sept. 13 for battery, domestic violence, false information to a police officer, obstruction of a police officer and disturbing police. Officers located the suspect, and the victim later identified the suspect.

Subject was cited for false information for lying to an officer, and obstruction for running from officers who tried to arrest the suspect. Both the suspect and victim were not members of the UNLV community.

Jamie R. Homampour compiles all crime information.

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## Greeks camp at alcohol summit

By Jaime Spottleson  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Representatives from several campus Greek organizations attended an alcohol awareness summit Friday and Saturday at Potosi Pines Camp, located on the outskirts of Las Vegas.

The North-American Interfraternity Conference sponsored the event with a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"UNLV was one of six universities nationwide selected for the honor of hosting this interactive summit," said Pete Glass, UNLV program coordinator for Greek life. "The Greek leadership saw this as an excellent opportunity for students, university administrators and alumni to work together to openly identify and address alcohol-related

issues specific to UNLV and the fraternity and sorority communities."

The program tried to educate Greeks on ways to identify and reduce high-risk drinking behaviors among members of their organizations, through community building, leadership development, value-based decision-making and analyzing behavior.

Approximately 23 undergraduates from five sororities attended, including Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Six fraternities also attended: Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Mu.

Health Educator Bridget

Monahan; Mike Collins, a Registered Nurse at the Student Health Center; and Tracy Bobertz, campus housing coordinator of the south complex, facilitated the event.

Speakers at the summit included Phi Delta Theta fraternity Leadership Consultant Brady Knapp, NIC spokespersons Lindsay Mercer and Geof Brown, Independent Consultant Bob Gordon and Alpha Xi Delta Chapter Advisor Jen Floro.

A follow-up forum with the NIC facilitators is set for campus on Nov. 19.

The other universities selected for the summit this year are Vanderbilt University, Washington and Lee University, the University of Florida, Iowa State University and North Dakota State University.

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and cancer labs," Alden said.

Board of Regent Chairwoman Thalia Dondero visited the Charleston location.

Regent Mark Alden, who opposed the idea, said, "I think this is a worthwhile project, but there are schools all over the place [in Nevada].

"They can't keep building these empires everywhere," he said, referring to his belief that there is too little coordination with the other health-related programs now in development: the schools of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry in Las Vegas and the Academic Medical Center in Reno.

The UNLV dental school — the first public dental school in

the nation — is to open next fall with 75 students. Those students will use existing dental clinics at the UNLV campus during their first year of dental training, President Harter said.

Harter reported a high demand to attend the dental school. There are approximately 673 applicants for the 75 openings, with the deadline still more than a month away, she said.

Also exists another 160 unsolicited applications for the faculty spots, she added, receiving applause.

An additional 75 students are scheduled to enroll the dental school in each of the four subsequent years, totaling 375 students.

University regents okayed developing a dental school about three years ago.



## GPA: Howard makes accusations

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Fain supplied those rates: students who enrolled in Fall 1998 with a 2.5 to 3.0 GPA had low averages in Spring 2000, while students who began that Fall with at least a 3.0 GPA had much higher averages in the same period of time. That trend is also true at UNR, Fain said.

"We must stop setting a kid up for failure," Regent Howard Rosenberg said.

Fain also responded to claims that the change would negatively affect minority students. Approximately 35.6 percent of the freshmen admitted to UNLV during fall 2000 are minority students, she said. That number would only fall to 34.5 percent under the proposed policy.

The proposal calls for an admission increase over a four-year period. The standard would rise to 2.75 for Fall 2003 and 3.0 in Fall 2005.

"The GPA is the single most important predictor of the success of a university," UNLV President Carol Harter said.

Students who did not earn a 3.0 could admit through any one of the alternative routes: six percent of the student population — athletes and artists, for example — would be able to gain admission even if they had not met the 3.0 requirement while attending high school, and others would

gain entry after achieving a 2.5 or an associate's degree from the community colleges, Harter said.

Student athletes are not the majority of special admits right now, Fain said.

"I'm offended by the conversation that suggests that people between 2.0 and 2.9 are not good people academically," said Dick Moore, founding president of the Nevada State College. "There's a little bit of academic elitism in this conversation."

The entrance requirement at NSC is a 2.0.

"We're sending a message to students: if you're a 3.0 you can go to a university, and if you're a 2.0 you can go be a teacher or a nurse," Regent Steve Sisolak said, referring to one of the main reasons behind the NSC concept: to alleviate the teacher and nursing shortages in Clark County.

"This just isn't right to the students and the taxpayers," Sisolak said.

One taxpayer, Thomas Rodriguez, said the change is an excuse to raise tuition and "designed to keep certain students out."

"The proposals ignore studies which document that for the majority of minorities who attend a community college, the community college is the end of their educational career," Rodriguez said, speaking as a

Hispanic activist and citizen of Nevada.

All the faculty senate chairs and the student governments within the system support the idea, Chancellor Nichols said.

"GPA measures the time that students put into schooling. It does not measure intelligence," said Stephen Carper, faculty senate chair at UNLV.

Regents plan further discussing the matter at their December meeting in Las Vegas. The debate turned personal

Regent Linda Howard, the only minority on the board, adamantly opposed the idea, verbally attacking two colleagues.

"I don't think the Chancellor understands the history of Black America," she said, "proposing to send us back down that road."

Howard questioned the Chancellor's authority. "Is she representing the presidents or is she representing the board?" she asked, referring to Nichols' statements to the local media.

Howard said Nichols suggested to the media that she made up her mind to support the change before regents debated the issue.

"The chancellor's remarks are an insult to minority communities," she said.

Nichols responded to the criticisms: "I will not take easily any allegation that I am not fighting for every single student, because I am.

"I am committed to diversity. I am reminding the board of the master plan," she said, recognizing the system's intent to strengthen the quality of student success.

Regent Doug Hill entered the discussion, asking Howard, "Are you questioning if the Chancellor is racist?"

Howard, participating via telephone, told him that she does not think the Chancellor is a racist, but Hill might be a person of prejudice.

Hill did not officially respond to the allegations against him.



## YUCCA

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Byran said that the dawn of the nuclear age was an exciting time for Southern Nevada and the nation.

"Nevada then became a sort of hot spot for nuclear testing, and that we thought was a good thing," Bryan said. "Was one thought given to what is to be done with the byproduct of all this nuclear material? I think the answer is no."

Bryan, a democrat, discussed the politics of Yucca Mountain and the "screw Nevada bill."

He described the Department of Energy Yucca Mountain public relations campaign as "proselytizing," and said the D.O.E. investigation of Yucca Mountain as the only candidate for a nuclear depository site was political and "had nothing to do with science."

Bryan said ex-President Bill Clinton's veto power stalled Yucca Mountain in the 1990s, but was uncertain of what would happen during the current presidency.

He predicted nuclear waste deposits could not begin before 2010.

Bryan also fielded questions from the audience.

One man asked what Nevadans could do to oppose Yucca Mountain and other nuclear waste projects.

"The strongest thing we have going for us is the opposition of Nevadans," Bryan said. "It just frustrates the hell out of them."

Jason Kolbe, a junior majoring in psychology and proponent of the Yucca Mountain site, said he was impressed with Bryan's presentation.

"I thought it was interesting. It's a different side than what I believe," Kolbe said. "I thought he presented both sides of the issue well."

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## Afghan ambassador advocates post-war 'democratic regime'

By Molly Bloom

The Daily Princetonian

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — Ravan Farhadi, the United Nations representative of the Afghan Northern Alliance, called for the United States to give Afghanistan \$30 billion in aid in a speech Friday at Princeton University.

"This is a country completely destroyed by more than 20 years of war," Farhadi said. "Therefore it is very important for the United States to assist Afghanistan in rebuilding."

Farhadi noted that \$30 billion would be the first step in continuing U.S. aid to his country. The United States would have to fulfill an ongoing role as adviser and financier to Afghanistan, he said.

"The U.S. is always counted as a friend of Afghanistan and the U.S. will always be listened to," he said.

The Northern Alliance — also known as the United Front — is a loose coalition of anti-Taliban forces. The Alliance controls between five and 10 percent of the country, mostly in the north, according to the Associated Press.

Five hundred people attended Farhadi's speech, with an additional 400 watching simulcasts of the speech in classrooms, Frist Campus Center and dorm rooms, said Jennifer Carter, co-chair of the Princeton Committee Against Terrorism. The committee sponsored Farhadi's visit.

At one point, the line of those waiting to get into McCosh 50 stretched across campus on McCosh Walk.

Farhadi called for a "multi-ethnic, broad-based



courtesy photo

United Nations representative Ravan Farhadi spoke to students at Princeton. 'The Real World Cast' is set for UNLV.

government" to be established in Afghanistan, replacing the rule of the Taliban.

"It is a country of minorities," he said. "This explains why the Taliban will not succeed in Afghanistan."

The basic structure for this new government was established at an Oct. 1 meeting between the exiled king of Afghanistan and Northern Alliance representatives in Rome, Farhadi said.

The new government would be evenly divided between representatives of the king and those of the Northern Alliance. The United States would be one of the nations guiding the establishment of a new multi-ethnic representative government, Farhadi

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## Peace Corps evacuate volunteers



Peace Corps photo  
Azikiwe Chandler is an urban youth development volunteer in the Peace Corps.

By Leslie Hague

Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. — Jeff Thom of Savoy heard about the terrorist attacks on America from his taxi driver in Uzbekistan as he was leaving that country.

"He was telling me how crazy it was, how awful it was, how there was going to be a war and how the world was a crazy place," Thom said.

Thom, a Peace Corps volunteer, was scheduled to leave his Peace Corps contract in Uzbekistan on Sept. 12. He left on time, but the other 130 volunteers in Uzbekistan were evacuated from the country a week and a half later.

On Oct. 1, the United States announced the suspension of its Peace Corps programs in Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. All three countries border on or are close to Afghanistan.

The Peace Corps has no current programs in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

"Based on the information given to us, we decided for the safety of the volunteers it was best to suspend the programs," said Scot Roskelley, Peace Corps public affairs specialist for the Chicago Regional Office.

The Peace Corps is in constant

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## Profs criticized for free speech

By Erin Carlson

Daily Illini

(U-WIRE) CHAM-

PAIGN, ILL. — University professors nationwide have been criticized for statements they have made since Sept. 11 — a response chilling to a profession in which freedom to speak is considered a requirement of the job.

Officials, students and alumni from several universities have reprimanded professors for supporting military strikes, questioning U.S. policy or just posing difficult questions about the terrorist attacks, said Thor Halvorssen, executive director of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a libertarian group based in Philadelphia. However, such criticism was present long before Sept. 11, he said.

"Nothing has changed since Sept. 11. Nothing," Halvorssen said. "During the last 15 years there has been a ferocious assault on freedom of speech (on college campuses) under the guise of sensitivity and civility."

Halvorssen said suppression of academic freedoms has emerged as a visible issue only because of the large number of professors who have been targets of university administrations.

The foundation legally represents more than a dozen professors who have said college officials and even students have sought to silence them since the terrorist attacks.

One of these professors is Richard Berthold, a history professor at University of New Mexico, who was asked to resign after he told a joke in one of his classes. The Chronicle of Higher Education reported Berthold told his

class: "Anyone who can blow up the Pentagon gets my vote."

Halvorssen said students complained to administrators about the remark, which Berthold has admitted was in bad taste. Brian Foster, the university's provost, said faculty members have a professional responsibility to their students, the Chronicle reported.

"It has to be hard for administrators to support a faculty member when they are getting e-mails from alumni saying, 'Axe that guy,'" said Steve Helle, a University of Illinois journalism professor who teaches a course about the First Amendment. "Academic freedom doesn't mean that everyone has to agree with you. Up to a certain point, professors have to expect that when they say certain things there will be an adverse reaction."

"On the other hand, you would hope that the administration would be schooled in tolerance, even if they don't agree with the faculty member, and defend them in the expression of free speech."

Helle said he was "a little bit surprised" by the actions of Larry Faulkner, president of University of Texas and former University provost.

Robert Jensen, a journalism professor at University of Texas, wrote a column for the Sept. 14 issue of the Houston Chronicle, calling the terrorist attacks "reprehensible" but suggesting the United States might have prompted them.

"My anger on this day is directed not only at individuals who engineered the Sept. 11 tragedy but at those who have held power in the United States and have engineered attacks on civilians every bit as tragic,"

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## Law may block federal access to student records

By Chloe Conger

The Stanford Daily

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford University officials are welcoming a provision to offer greater protection of students' privacy that was added to the anti-terrorism legislation, H.R. 2975, currently being finalized in Congress.

While the existing Family Education Rights and Privacy Act requires a student's written permission to release school records, it also allows for exceptions to be made in case of a "health or safety emergency."

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, federal investigators have used this loophole to obtain

student records from about 200 colleges.

The proposed legislation would make it much more difficult for federal investigators to gain access to student records. Only the Attorney General or his designee would be able to request student records, and they could only do so if they obtain a judge's certification of "specific and articulable facts" that warrant investigation of a particular student's records.

In addition, officials must specify how they will use the requested information and use it only for investigations and prosecutions of terrorist acts.

Stanford General Counsel

Debra Zumwalt said she feels the current law does not provide adequate protection of students' records given the prevailing political circumstances and called the proposed new system a welcome change.

Zumwalt said she has "great confidence in the courts to uphold the Constitution," as they have "historically protected civil rights."

Jeff Wachtel, special assistant to the president and provost, agreed, noting that Stanford has always placed great importance on the privacy of its students, faculty and staff, and will continue to do so.

"The key to protecting stu-

dents' privacy rights is, of course, in the proper enforcement of the pending laws," he said.

A philosophy student of Iranian descent said she is not as confident in the new provision protecting student privacy because it is not clear what facts will be certified as meriting investigation. The student, who requested anonymity, said she is concerned that investigators need merely to cite facts that give rise to suspicion in order to access student records.

"It is in everybody's best interest that grounds for investigation be specific and explicit, and not subject to interpretation," she said.

Despite her broader concerns "as a non-terrorist, and a woman" the student said she is not "personally worried" about being investigated.

"It is not in the interests of investigators to follow dead leads," she said. "There are so many people of Middle-Eastern descent in the U.S., they will have to be more refined in their investigation. [While] being Middle Eastern is a necessary feature for a suspect, it is merely a starting point, not sufficient grounds for investigation."

A student of English who also asked not to be named said he

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Jensen wrote in the newspaper.

Letters were sent to University of Texas encouraging the school's administration to fire Jensen, and alumni threatened to withhold donations if it did not, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Faulkner responded in a letter to the editor of the Houston Chronicle, saying even though Jensen had the right to free speech he didn't speak on behalf of the university, and he called Jensen a "fountain of undiluted foolishness on issues of public policy."

Faulkner was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Though Jensen continues to teach, Faulkner's letter has chilled the atmosphere at University of Texas, said Dana Cloud, an associate professor of communication studies.

"Our president has sent a clear message to be quiet," Cloud said in an e-mail. "He's casting out the critical voice from our community."

The University of Texas Faculty Council passed a resolution Monday stating differences of opinion should not be discouraged and encouraging faculty to indicate clearly they are not speaking on behalf of University of Texas.

"There's a lot of antagonism because people who want to criticize the war don't feel safe speaking out," Cloud said. "Most people who are in support of the war are quite comfortable."

The climate at University of Texas might be more conservative than that at other universities. Halvorssen said most professors who say the United States should go to war, rather than those who question U.S. foreign policy, are targets for disciplinary action. He said administrators, "under the guise of multiculturalism and diversity," turn their personal biases into administrative actions to selectively silence speech.

Halvorssen said two-thirds of universities — private and public — have speech codes. He said the University "is quite good" regarding statements of freedom of speech; however, he said he is aware that certain conservative students feel unwelcome on campus.

Some professors said they feel the University fosters a welcome atmosphere for free speech.

"I do have the freedom to say what I want, and my department head and those farther in the line at this University would support me, even if they don't agree with me," Helle said. "I have to admit, I haven't put it to the test."

John Pruett, a history professor, said he is unaware of any faculty members who have been threatened by the administration. The tenure system offers professors protection, he said.

## AFGHAN: Farhadi denies allegations

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noted.

The Northern Alliance has long condemned Osama bin Laden and the Taliban's support for him, Farhadi said. "Mr. bin Laden's views are not welcome in the Islamic world because there is no real support for them in the vision of Islam," he said.

When the Taliban seized con-

trol of the country from the Northern Alliance in 1996, the Alliance asked for international assistance, Farhadi said. "But no country helped us," he said. "We said to the nations, 'This is very dangerous — the alliance between bin Laden and Taliban.'"

"Nobody really believed us then," Farhadi said. "Today it is quite different."

During a question-and-answer session following the speech, Curtis Deutsch, a member of the Princeton Peace Network, asked Farhadi about the Northern Alliance's human rights record. He cited a U.S. State Department report that Northern Alliance leaders were responsible for "political killings, abductions, kidnappings for ransom, torture, rape, arbitrary detention and looting."

Farhadi flatly denied these charges. "I do not remember anyone who engaged in human rights abuses," he said, dismissing the State Department report as "Pakistani propaganda."

"What is important is the decision of the Afghans — especially the United Front — to establish in Afghanistan a democratic regime," Farhadi said.

## ACCESS: Records include transcript

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was concerned that the government would classify those who protest against policies of the World Trade Organization and the World Bank as terrorists or potential terrorists, and that students associated with such movements will be targeted in federal investigations.

"It's good that the bill provides increased protection of students' civil rights," he said, "but I don't trust the government to consistently distinguish between civil dissent and acts of violence or terrorism."

To date, the University Registrar's office has no knowledge of any federal requests for a Stanford student's records follow-

ing the terrorist attacks. If a student's records were subpoenaed, the registrar would immediately send a letter alerting the student of the subpoena, thereby providing him or her with the opportunity to protest the subpoena in advance of its execution.

A student's records include his or her transcript and application for admission. They do not

include letters of recommendation, which are destroyed after the admission process is complete. Information such as a student's name, year, degree, ID photo, residence, mailing address and e-mail are considered "directory information," and are available to the public unless a student specifically requests certain information be made confidential.

## CORPS: Four programs suspended

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communication with the U.S. State Department to discuss issues of volunteer safety, Roskelley said.

Although he left when planned, Thom said he felt bad for the volunteers who had to leave on such short notice.

"It's hard enough to leave when you know you're going to," he said. "When they give you 24 hours and one bag, and you can't tell your friends ... that's a horrible thing."

A fourth program, in Bangladesh, was suspended Thursday for at least three months due to "a volatile political environment due to the recent election

results and ongoing anti-American sentiment," according to the Peace Corps Web site.

Volunteers in central Asia were working in business, computers, teaching and environmental work.

Thom, who taught English to high school students, said he is worried for the residents of the countries who now have no Peace Corps volunteers. He said much of Uzbekistan's future depends on whether other international agencies pledge help.

"Their sympathies lie with America," Thom said, "but it's a country that doesn't have a lot going for it. And now it's even worse."

Roskelley said it was hard for

many of the volunteers to return to the United States.

"They're very married to their work," he said.

However, Roskelley said most feedback from current Peace Corps volunteers around the world was positive.

"We've had wonderful letters describing the support for the U.S. and Peace Corps," Roskelley said. "You've established a relationship with a community."

"Even the strangers I met were upset for America," Thom added.

In addition to losing four countries' programs, the Peace Corps lost a regional office Sept. 11. The group's Mid-Atlantic office was not in the World Trade Center tow-

ers but was in a building that was part of the World Trade Center complex, so the entire office was destroyed.

"I don't think they've even been able to go back in the building," Roskelley said.

However, the Peace Corps is still actively recruiting on college campuses. Recruiters were at the University this week to talk to students, especially French speakers and certified teachers, as well as students with agriculture and forestry backgrounds.

There has been a 25 percent increase in Peace Corps volunteers during September and October, but Roskelley thinks increase might be indicative of a weak economy.

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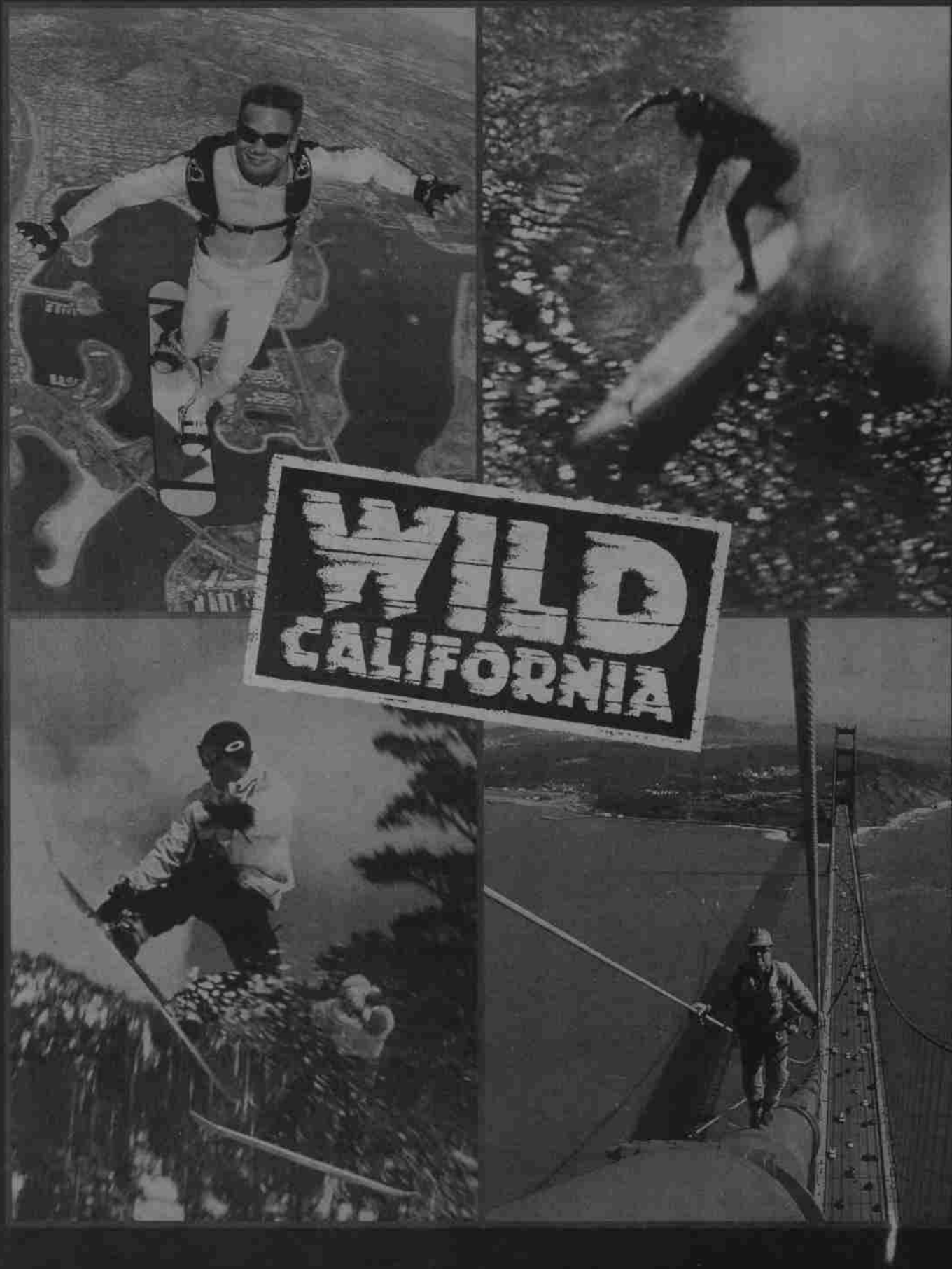
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## Editorial

### Mystery money appears at Nevada State

Nevada State College and its president Richard Moore are up to their tricks again. At last week's Board of Regents meeting, Moore had planned to ask the Legislature's Interim Finance Committee for a \$565,000 loan. Instead, College Foundation and Nevada State Bank President Bill Martin said that NSC would not need the loan after receiving a \$500,000 donation last Tuesday, just two days before the meeting in Fallon, Nev.

Martin said the grand amount of money came from about 10 to 12 unidentified donors. With this addition, the total amount of money raised for NSC is \$565,000, the exact same amount of money Moore was planning to ask for. With a sigh of relief and raised suspicions, Moore cuts it close.

Since its creation, NSC has had nothing but trouble when it comes to raising money. For awhile, other Nevada institutions of higher education thought NSC would take money from the state legislature away from them. So the regents told Moore to raise the money privately. The total amount of money needed to start NSC is \$3 million. Up until Tuesday, Moore had only raised \$65,000 after having about four months to raise the money. Yet in a matter of 24 hours, he can raise half a million. It's just too coincidental. And when, up until now, has any university donor in Southern Nevada not wanted their name printed all over the place?

UNLV donor, Stan Fulton pitched a fit over what a horrible person UNLV President Carol Harter was because a palm tree blocked part of his name when driving by the gaming institute on Flamingo Road and Swenson Avenue.

It raises the question of who they are and where did these generous donors suddenly come from? And what has Moore been doing? He's been quite busy with his vice president facing criminal charges. Perhaps Moore has been working diligently on these donors for the past three years and has just now gotten them to give money.

If Moore expects his college to be taken seriously, he needs to raise the rest of his money in serious hurry. At the rate he's going, it will take him another five and a half years, but NSC has planned its opening for fall 2002. And the clock is ticking.

### Pick a war, not on drugs

By **Jeremy P. Young**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

One war at a time Mr. President, please.

While the conflict in Afghanistan promises to rage for the next few months, let's not forget the important moral war right here at home, the one that we are constantly losing ground on everyday. Yeah, I'm talking about the 'War on Drugs. I'm not sure we can survive two wars at one time, so I've come up with a way to solve the problem and eliminate one of them.

We're losing against the drugs, so let's just legalize them. Skeptics say, "We can't do that. Drugs are bad and should be illegal." Drugs haven't always been illegal folks. Let's look at some history.

To save time and space, I'll focus on one drug, perhaps the favorite of some of our readers, marijuana. Now why is marijuana illegal? It is illegal for two reasons, but neither is because of the effect it has on people.

During the early 20th century a few things were different than they are today. No one drove Hondas that made a lot of noise in the middle of the night, clothing was probably not very com-

fortable, and rope was made out of a substance called hemp. Hemp was derived from the cannabis plant. The same plant that, if cultivated correctly, produces marijuana that can be smoked for a high.

Something amazing happened during the 1920s. A man named Dupont invented a substance stronger and more durable than hemp. He called it nylon. Nylon made hemp ropes seem outdated. It wasn't long before hemp ropes were a thing of the past, but this was not enough for Dupont. He wanted his competition not only out of business, but completely eliminated. Through the time-tested practices of lobbying, petitioning, swindling, bargaining, etc., he essentially bought the congressional votes to outlaw all hemp products, leaving nylon the only substance practical for making rope.

Now, I know what you're saying: "How can one man be so influential over our just and fair democratic system?" It's not that big of an accomplishment. At the end of the 1950s, a man named Joe Kennedy would buy

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### Don't make UNLV elitist

By **Elaine Vigneault**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Raising GPA requirements for admissions is a bad idea. Raise the bar for the students, and you'll just end up with an elitist school. It will not make the school better or more challenging, it will just make it harder to get in.

If we make it more difficult for students to get in without also expecting more from teachers and without also offering more services and resources, many new students will be disappointed. A good school is a school with helpful resources, opportunities and challenging classes, not a school with strict admissions requirements.

Numerous studies have shown that white males receive preferential treatment throughout their schooling. For example, Julia T. Wood cites three studies in her book "Gendered Lives: Communication, Gender, and Culture." The studies show how teachers are more likely to know their male students' names, ask male students more challenging questions, call on male students

more often and interrupt, ignore or dismiss female students more often. The same book says, "even when actual behaviors are controlled, teachers generally perceive African American males as more disruptive and less intellectually able than White males or females of either race."

Thus, white males generally earn higher grades and do better on placement tests than women and non-white men. If UNLV only admits people with high GPAs and high-test scores, racism and sexism will continue to be prevalent in lower education. Even if some of the admissions requirements are adjusted for these facts, exclusive admissions will not change the level of education available at this school. The quality of a school is not determined by the admitted students but by the professors, the resources and the graduated students.

I can understand the desire to keep idiots out of classrooms. But a lot of those idiots have decent GPAs. They convince teachers to change grades or they cheat.

Plenty of people just take easy classes. Grades don't mean a whole lot. Grades usually mean that someone has a lot of time to devote to studying or that they know how to get good grades without doing much work (e.g. cheating, bribing, and begging).

Some of the idiots in our classrooms are the teachers. We need to up the standards of the classrooms with better teachers. And remember people can still take classes at UNLV without being admitted. So, admissions requirements don't keep idiots out of our classes.

The reason I chose UNLV was because UNLV has a reputation of educating a wide variety of students, including non-traditional and international students. Higher GPA requirements don't just affect new freshmen from high school. By association, they affect all UNLV students. Some people might think UNLV has a bad reputation of being an easy school, but I think UNLV has a great reputation with its open-doors policy. GPA isn't everything.



### Roommate needed for rent

By **David Himmel**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

A roommate could be considered the most important variable to a successful or unsuccessful college career.

Even if there is only a minimal amount of time spent at home, there is still the fear of running into them while getting that first cup of coffee each morning. To avoid that, you might start sleeping out, crashing at friends' houses or with acquaintances met at bars. And that's where sluts come from.

If you hate your roommate, the first of the month is always an awkward time because chances are that roommate will claim he doesn't have the money just to watch you squirm. Murder is not an option because your cellmate may be even worse, and there are no separate bedrooms in jail.

Parents can be bad roommates too, even if they do pay for everything. But that just makes you afraid to grow up.

Even though roommates can be that last push to craziness - you still need that push. And with a little good luck, you just might find a roommate who doesn't give you every reason to pull your toenails out.

Maybe this roommate could become your best friend. You will always have someone to go anywhere with, be it the bar, the movie, or even the grocery store because you ran out of ketchup.

You and this new roommate are so close that you become almost inseparable. If your roommate isn't with you, everybody asks, "Hey, where's your

roommate?" How come your roommate isn't here? Could you give my number to your roommate?"

When a mutual friend calls, and he gets the answering machine, if he doesn't say hello to both of you before going into the reason he called, he will not receive a call back until he learns proper phone etiquette. After all, both of you live there and both of you deserve the expected recognition.

Dating becomes difficult because really, it ain't no fun if the homies can't have none. But dating is hard anyway. So now, your best friend and you can sit in your own apartment and drink until you can't complain about the opposite sex anymore. But it will probably only last until you pass out.

If you're buddies with your roommate, the first of the month is never a problem because you have no trouble beating the hell out of your best friend to get the money.

But when the lease is up, and both of you are short on cash or graduating, and more than enough girlfriends have been stolen from, and by each other, then it is time to move out.

It is a sad day, the break-up everyone thought would never happen. It's like when John Belushi died, Dan Akroyd finally had the blues. But your roommate isn't dead. He'll always be just a block away. You guys do your best work together. Your business of selling beer and tobacco to underage kids will never work without him so he has to stay near.

That's the kind of roommate I want. This isn't classified at all: Roommate Wanted.

# The American gene for disease

By Hubert Hensen  
UNLV Rebel Yell

We Americans have it hard. Mysterious debt piling up, biological warfare scares and, to top it all off, we have some even more mysterious genetic predispositions to health problems. Americans are complaining about it, and if it's not out there yet, we have a bunch of nut jobs inventing names for different "diseases." Maybe it's something in the air we breathe that is nowhere to be found the second one crosses the border into Mexico or Canada.

The baby boomers have some medical excuse to shun responsibility for everything. They always complain about our generation, but it was theirs that began the downhill slide.

According to the experts — also known as unemployed bums with nothing better to do — over-eating does not cause obesity in America. God knows where they got that crazy idea. It's the American Gene. Damn our genetic predisposition to becoming tubby buckets of lard. The only explanation for someone's being overweight is that pesky gene. No other society on the

planet shares our plight. Maybe it's part of a previous terrorist attack. The terrorists must have genetically engineered it into us. There is absolutely no way that people are huge because they eat dinner at McDonald's five times a week. I mean, most people exercise at least three times a year. That's plenty, right?

The funniest thing about our country is diet soda. If there was ever a useless invention, it is diet soda. It tastes terrible and it does nothing to help anyone lose weight.

It is always an amusing sight to see an overweight person, not that I have anything against them, go to Jack-in-the-Box, buy an ultimate cheeseburger with fries, and then ask for a Diet Coke. What are they thinking? Maybe because they are drinking a Diet Coke they are going to shed those unwanted pounds? If you want to lose weight, quit eating like you are asking for a coronary, and do not drink soda. Any type of soda will cause a person to gain weight. How can anyone fool himself or herself into thinking that they are losing weight because of diet soda? Try drinking juice.

Another problem we have is that Americans are very depressed. In fact, I am on the verge of breaking into tears right now as I write this article. Well, it must be that damn gene again. Let's start passing out the Prozac. We just can't seem to get enough of it. Forty million Americans can't be wrong. Personally, I think that maybe something is wrong with society if 15 percent of the country's population needs to be on drugs to feel happy, but who am I to judge. Maybe we should all be addicts. It worked in "Brave New World." But I just might have a better antidote. It's called "getting a hobby." And best of all, it's free.

Then there's Attention Deficit Disorder, which makes it difficult for just about everyone to focus. Early teens get diagnosed with this all the time. Listen, morons, your kids are not sick. They are kids who just want to have fun. The reason they are doing poorly in school is not because of some disorder.

And, of course, there's AIDS, the biggest hoax of them all. Well, maybe that one is a problem.



Lewis Whitten

Lew the Libertarian

## UNLV hypocrites

The hypocrites were out in full force at Rebel Ruckus. Make no mistake, the homecoming event was student government sponsored. Most government organizations are full of hypocrites, but rarely do their true colors shine like they did on Oct. 12.

It's OK to sell \$2 beers to college students. That's cheaper than most bars sell beer. Don't worry that alcohol is known to cause more deaths than any other drug, and alcohol abuse is considered a problem among college students. It's OK for the government to sell a dangerous drug to students, but not OK for an individual to sell a mild drug to students.

A student selling marijuana is apprehended by police and charged with a felony. His property is confiscated from him and his life is destroyed. Pot is not a life-threatening drug and most users are passive, non-violent individuals. Try selling it and a non-passive government employee will treat you like a criminal.

In response to the proliferation of underage drinkers, one police official pointed the finger at Greeks "older fraternity members need to set an example to younger members that drinking at these events is not acceptable," he said. They want older fraternity members, which I think means 21

and 22 years old, to encourage younger members not to drink. Don't bother explaining why it's OK for older government workers to serve beer to so-called, older fraternity members.

Another officer was asked what should be done to prevent illegal behavior at similar events. His response, "Publicize that there will be a zero tolerance for minors drinking." How about not selling beer for \$2 at a college event, or even better, letting the minors drink and concentrate on apprehending violent drunks and drunk drivers.

Who knows what was achieved by singling out eight students for a drinking citation, while hundreds of other students were eligible for the same.

Nothing is accomplished by this kind of selective enforcement. Police should be spending more time dealing with dangerous criminals and less time acting as chaperones. Those students were victims of entrapment and now face huge fines and inconvenience.

Finally, consider the show's headliner. Our student government is telling us to "just say no" while they paid an entertainer to get up on stage and encourage everyone, young and old, to "get drunk!"

What a bunch of hypocrites.



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I was taking my usual lunchtime break with the *Rebel Yell* (love Hanna's Humor, btw), when I read Jocelyn Cortez's response to Elaine Vigneault's Oct. 11 editorial. Though I think that Ms. Cortez completely missed Vigneault's point of real patriotism isn't just rah-rah flag waving; it's taking a look at a poor pregnant Hispanic woman and asking: "Does she have adequate health care? Did she get a second rate education at a run down, under-funded public school and can only get a menial

job as a result? Does she really have equality of opportunity in making life choices?" Seeing that all our rah-rah flag waving doesn't do much to win justice or opportunity for her or women like her, real patriotism is working to build a better America for everybody.

But the headline that ran above the editorial completely baffled me. "Truth May Cause Prejudices."

Looked at in the light of Cortez's argument that Vigneault's comments reek of prejudice and stereotyping, and

that one should not think Mexican = Street Vendor (just as one should not think Arab/Muslim = Terrorist), the headline can be read as a (racist) rebuttal to Cortez's argument: the "truth" about all those Mexican street vendors is the source of prejudice against Hispanics.

The only truth about prejudice is it stems from misunderstanding, misrepresentation and laziness.

Sincerely  
Katherine Keller

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his son Johnny the presidency. But Dupont didn't do it alone. He had help from a very powerful political interest — Big Tobacco.

Yes, marijuana was legal to smoke at that time. The tobacco farmers of the south fell in on Dupont's side to eliminate their competition, too. When all hemp products were outlawed,

tobacco was the only thing left to smoke. Since then the hemp laws have become less strict, but not enough to where you can smoke a joint before class and not go to jail. So really, the prohibition of marijuana is just another in the long line of examples of corporate America's influence over our governmental leadership. I don't care what you say, nothing is more powerful than the almighty dollar.

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## Eighth annual job fair ... a month later

By **Angela Flores**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

A number of local businesses and community organizers conducted a job fair Saturday about a month after the recent unemployment outbreak in Las Vegas.

The UNLV Jean Nidetch Women's Center sponsored the event, attracting thousands of students and community members.

"We're really pleased [our job fair] just happened to fall on this day, so close to the recent layoffs," Nidetch said.

The event, now in its eighth year, is designed to annually raise money for the Nidetch Foundation scholarship fund. Businesses paid anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for a booth. Participants included Cox Communication, The WB Las Vegas and Gold 33, Citibank, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and HDR Engineering.

"It's an opportunity for companies not only to help people get jobs, which is what we need to do this year with all the lay-

offs, but it's an opportunity for businesses to support UNLV," she said.

The economic ramifications of the drop in tourism led to fewer recruiters and a larger and more diversified pool of applicants. The fair saw anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 job seekers and 120 recruiters in previous years, she said.

This year, the number of recruiters was cut in half and those seeking employment increased, exposing a job market not yet fully recovered in five weeks since the attacks.

A number of businesses did say conditions have improved somewhat in the past weeks.

"As with all business, traffic was a little stilted at first, but things have picked up," said Melissa Fernandez, human resources manager at FAO Schwarz.

Recruiters from the U.S. armed forces and Las Vegas Metropolitan police department reported an increased number of applicants, but for a different reason.

"We did see quite a bit of surge right after the attacks," Staff Sergeant Leon Ladrillono said. "There were a lot of people who are very patriotic, and that's the reason they're coming in."

Fuerza Laboral Hispanic Employment Newspaper came to the fair hoping to assist local Hispanics in their job search. The Hispanic community was hit particularly hard in the recent layoff surge.

"They're being laid off more because they don't really have the skills," said Vianney Hernandez, the newspaper's Vice President.

State of Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation reported a 4.7 percent unemployment rate for the month of September, a number that does not include the post-Sept. 11 layoffs.

For those individuals unable to attend the job fair, UNLV's Career Services is conducting on-campus recruitment until Nov. 30 in the Student Development Center.

## Stress and depression may cause problems for students



courtesy photo

Several students find themselves stressing over what they should do after they graduate.

By **Dominique Turner**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Making the transition to adulthood is never easy. For some, it can be forced upon them long before they're ready. Others might try to put it off long after they are over the hill. For most of us, however, it comes when we are in the wonder years of college. That is what's so scary about these years. It's not the classes and schoolwork because we have had 12 years of experience. It's the responsibility and pressure of planning our future.

So you enroll in college with

a lot of questions. Meanwhile, you're getting plenty of advice from advisors and parents who give you the when-I-was-your-age speeches. But nothing really helps. You find with all the advice and information, you have to go into the maze, which is often confusing and disheartening, alone.

And there are many ways you can throw up more walls in the maze. Whether it's joining an organization, a part-time or full-time job, a child to care for or a combination of these things, it is a struggle to prioritize, organize and visualize the

future.

If you are not worried about juggling, then maybe you're one of those who has changed their majors like they change clothes. Take a couple of the wrong classes, or go off track even a little, and instead of the usual four years, you're on the five-year plan.

Or maybe it's that you're looking for that special someone whom you haven't found yet. Some envision that when they graduate from college they'll get the package deal. Adulthood, a job, love and marriage all for you after you get your diploma. We all just have that small hope that it will turn out that way.

If it's not the perfect life, it's at least wanting that perfect job. We hope we will get the job of our dreams because after all, that's why you spent years in college.

But we fear that we'll end up on the bottom rung and in a position that is not even related to our degree.

As you continue through the maze, you discover you can only allow yourself a momentary drowning in these fears. Getting through college isn't easy, but getting through life isn't, either, for the things that are the scariest about college are the most empowering ones too.

## Depression ... who is at risk?



courtesy photo

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, college students are at a higher risk for depression.

By **Evelyn Turner**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Many students go into college thinking life is going to be one big party. They assume they will be able to handle anything and everything that comes their way. College can be a place of new and exciting endeavors. A place where you can find yourself, meet new people and prepare for a life on your own.

Many college students don't think about the incredible amount of stress that these new challenges can bring. With a greater demand on academics and social life, students can be stressed and not realize the damaging affects that can occur, such as depression and possible thoughts of suicide.

Those students that have a tendency to be overwhelmed by stress may be especially prone to depression.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, occurring most frequently among 18- to 24-year-olds, ranking as the third leading cause of death, after unintentional injury and homicide.

College students are at a higher risk for depression and suicide because of pressures relating to academic performance, financial resources, alcohol and drugs, sex, family and friends, according to NIMH.

This month, UNLV is offering free depression

screenings to all college students. Students are encouraged to get a free screening to see if they might be suffering from depression. The screenings are available for the remainder of the month Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling 895-3106.

Although reasons for depression vary, there are specific signs to look for.

"Among the common symptoms of depression are a persistent sad, anxious or empty mood; feelings of hopelessness; decreased energy and a feeling of fatigue; difficulty concentrating or making decisions and inability to sleep or oversleeping," said Colleen Peterson, director of the UNLV Center for Individual, Couple and Family Counseling.

Students may often have these symptoms and mistake them for the blues. The difference between the so-called blues and clinical depression is the duration of the symptoms. A feeling of sadness, lack of energy or difficulty concentrating is often a normal reaction to certain situations; however, the feelings usually go away or decrease after a week or two.

"If those feelings persist even after a person has taken action to make them go away, such as talking with a friend and letting some time pass, the person may be suffering from clinical depression," Peterson said.

## the ball point

The envelope please



courtesy photo

"Mamma Mia" opens on Broadway, but who cares?

By Erik Ball  
UNLV Rebel Yell

Checking out pictures for the new Broadway musical "Mamma Mia," I'm reminded of the glorious days when people swaggered in tall boots and vivid colors. What an exciting musical the former band members of ABBA have put together. How on earth can I get nervous about Anthrax when we have exciting news like this?

I was sitting in a restaurant the other night, munching on a burger with pineapple on it, when an elderly lady walking pass me commented on the news report about Anthrax flashing on the television across the restaurant.

"Isn't this scary?" she asked. "We all could very easily die if this stuff spreads." She merely walked away after that, leaving me with burger on my face.

Now, I've always been told to be kind to the elderly. Is it the boy scouts who are always walking these blue-haired traffic hazards across the street? But I cannot understand what the big deal is. Anthrax has been around forever. So has cancer. Diagnosed cancer cases are increasing at an alarming rate, and the country is not freaking out about that. We are merely afraid that there is indeed someone "on the inside" who is messing with us. Someone in the shadows lurking with a envelope full of powder.

I read the other day that an advertising executive may face up to six months in jail because he put an envelope full of baking soda on his boss' desk. I feel sorry for our country. We should never have to find ourselves on pins and needles. We should never have to tip-toe around. If we need to bomb a country because they're flying airplanes into our buildings, then let's do it, but let's do it quickly and ravish them so we can get back to "Mamma Mia."

I asked the waiter for an

iced tea refill as the television switched to a show offering advice on how to effectively identify Anthrax in your mail. It had a woman steaming, ironing and soaking her mail in bleach to identify if the envelope truly contained the disease. I could not believe the number of variations this program rattled off. I was in awe. The pineapple slipped from my burger and dropped to the floor.

I hate war.

Look, if I'm going to be drafted, I'll be drafted. I'm not running to Canada. For one, I wouldn't be able to handle how Canadians say the word "about." I would go insane. I don't hunt, I leave insects alone, and I watch WWF occasionally. That's how much I believe in real fighting. Should the government need my assistance-overseas, then I have no choice but to go, right? Well, I will go with the understanding that the military unit bringing me is loading up a lonely slug. I lose my keys every week. Every week! They're going to give me a gun? I say put me in a radio station or a music hall and I'll attempt to make the other lonely soldiers laugh. That is all I'm good for. The military should know that about me before the draft.

Bush has his hands full, and I truly don't think a draft will ever happen. In the meantime, we will all be huddled around our televisions wondering if the mailman in Cleveland, Ohio will die because he touched an Anthrax envelope.

I wonder why we don't stir up a little Anthrax and send it to every mailing address over there? They started it! Your it ... to infinity! I'm sure the "Anarchist's Handbook" has a recipe, consisting of duct tape and the blood of a first born bat.

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## Students help awards

By Martin Holmquist  
UNLV Rebel Yell

"Welcome to the only event that hasn't been cancelled in the last six weeks," said Rob Gray, host of the Western ISES Excellence (WESTIE) Awards 2001, which was held at Media One Studios in Las Vegas on Oct. 13.

The International Special Events Society (ISES) consists of professionals from a variety of special events disciplines, including caterers, meeting planners, decorators, event planners, audiovisual technicians, journalists and educators. ISES provides a peer network to help professionals produce special events, with a stated mission to "educate, advance and promote special events industry ... to foster a spirit of cooperation ... [and] cultivate high standards of business practices."

The WESTIE Awards was first produced in Los Angeles in 1997 as the LA-La Awards

(changed name in 2000) with the intent of producing a gala and awards show where special event industry

professor Patti Shock to the crowd of ISES members at the event.

Michelle North, a hotel senior, said she thought the event was "a good opportunity to demonstrate what we have learned ... a good opportunity to network and meet PR persons from different companies."

UNLV students have been involved since the beginning of the semester as a requirement for TCA 490.

Xenia Pavlenko, teaching assistant for TCA 490 and President of Special Events and Entertainment Club (SEEC), thought the event was "thrilling, compelling, in the top 10 events this year."

She encourages students to get involved in events of this kind because "you get to see what goes on behind the scenes from beginning to end." SEEC is a student government-recog-

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professionals can "come together in a social atmosphere of alliance, sponsorship, competition and recognition."

More than 100 UNLV Hotel Administration majors volunteered to help with all aspects of putting on this show "just for the experience of being near you," said UNLV administration.

## Impeccable 'Boys' a fun trip

By Lauren Pena  
UNLV Rebel Yell

"Riding in Cars with Boys" is a touching and humorous two-hour joy ride into the responsibilities of womanhood.

Based on the autobiographical novel by Beverly Donofrio, the comedy-drama chronicles "Bev's" (played by Drew Barrymore) male-dominated life from ages 11 to 35. Bev is an unlikely heroine. While she is spirited, romantic and lovable, she often chooses the wrong paths to follow. At age 15, Bev is impregnated by Ray Hasek (Steve Zahn), a sincere but unambitious high school dropout. Her dreams of moving to New York and attending college are suddenly dashed and Bev is forced to grow up quickly and live with the consequences of a whimsical decision she made when she was young.

"Riding in Cars with Boys" is a tear-jerking and

emotional ride, but it is also a fun and comical tale. The movie is unbelievably honest and candid, as Bev shares doubts about



having her child or about truly loving her son. It draws raw emotions that many movies are afraid to explore from the basic, yet intricate relationship between parents and their children.

Bev's honest and outspoken character provides much of the comic relief as she performs such wild acts from writing love poems to her crush to dancing for her son.

Bev's early motherhood and

childlike reactions to having her own child also present a charming humor. After her water breaks, she screams to her mom, "This is so gross!"

Drew Barrymore's performance is impeccable. She maintains all the sweetness and lovable quirkiness of her other performances, but it is also clear that she has enveloped every aspect of Bev's character. Her acting abilities often produce the dual reaction of laughing and crying simultaneously.

Brittany Murphy shines in her performance as Fay Forrester, Bev's best friend, and her loyal and rebellious nature generate several laughs.

Steve Zahn also provides an impressive performance, keeping up his comedic talent for which he became popular, but also performing brilliantly in dramatic scenes.

"Riding in Cars with Boys" is a highly recommended journey containing all the elements of an engaging and fun trip.



**MAMMA**

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Or worse, let's just drop hundreds of copies of the heavy-metal band Anthrax's latest album. That'll do it!

I've never pictured America as this fighting nation. We're protectors, fearless providers of safety. We're the big daddy that scolds other countries when they stay out past curfew. But I suppose if you are the big gun, you actually have to pull the thing out once in a while and wave it around a bit to prove yourself.

I've never wished harm on anybody, but I really hope bin Laden dies soon. That way we can worry about the fight against homelessness and unemployment instead of fearing that this country will be forever changed and constantly on guard.

How American is that? I'm sitting in a restaurant watching the news and eating a burger. I wonder if bin Laden is sitting in a cave somewhere watching Afghanistan get blown to pieces while nibbling on a rack of camel.

I will go back to reading playbills while humming ABBA tunes and earning my degree at UNLV. I will continue fighting the good fight to stay awake every night over a pile of homework. I will anxiously await for this whole war thing to boil over and eventually die down.

In fact, that's what I'm going to tell the UNLV parking ticket people. I didn't pay the fine because I ironed the envelope and it looked like it had Anthrax all over it.

Mamma mia.

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Pernicious whispers he begins to know.  
The sea grows violent, boy's journey has just begun.  
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Vast ideas have opened their door.  
His soul is ready, his depths undiscovered.  
The other side waits there for.

Forever  
by Paul Campanaro

There is a beautiful horizon,  
only one where I can see the glimmer.  
Close to me sits the vain,  
it's heat begins to simmer.  
There is no other place to be,  
through no other eyes would I rather see.  
The truth so close I can touch it with her hand.  
The truth so painful,  
so easily it slips through my fingers like sand.  
Now it rises, the rays break into light.  
Now it stays,  
still the sparkle of night...

Rampant  
by Edward Donuts

My heart stomps wildly, when the wind shifts near.  
It beats and calls your name.  
Your eyes are French.  
My mind is made up.  
I will ask for your job.  
Forever this challenge will remain,  
like a rampant mouse perhaps.

I ask very little.  
A small offering of hope.  
Do not scare me away.  
I will always love you.  
You are still dear to me heart,  
You silly thing you.

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pare everything in time."

nized student organization for students going into the field of special events. SEEC helps students get internships, networking opportunities, work experience and hosts guest speakers.

"At first I thought this is an empty warehouse. They can't possibly do this in two days," said Lisa Lepera, a hotel senior, amazed that they were able pre-

We got costumes, transported tables and chairs, put linens and centerpieces on tables, did the lighting, food, serving, breaking down and clearing up - basically everything," Lepera said.

She encouraged students to get involved "if you have a chance to take the class or volunteer on anything like this [do it], it's a great chance and a lot of fun."

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# Runnin' Rebs open practice with optimism

**Randall M. Larson**  
UNLV Rebel Yell

The Thomas & Mack Center is busy with activity again. If you go over in the afternoon, you might catch a glimpse of a new men's basketball head coach or a young player trying to get ready for the upcoming season.

Basketball is back at UNLV, and the Runnin' Rebels are getting ready to out run, out gun and out smart the rest of the Mountain West Conference, starting in just a few short weeks.

Practices began about a week ago and the atmosphere around the T & M is electric. Expectations are high for the coming season.

"We want to win our conference tournament, go to the (NCAA) tournament and go as far as we can, and I want everybody to have a good season," Lou Kelly said. He is one of the players that will be expected to step up and lead the Runnin' Rebels. Last year Kelly was hampered by foot injuries and did not make the type of impact that was predicted.

"I want to stay healthy and contribute as much as I can," Kelly said. He has the potential to be a big threat from the three-point arc.

What UNLV is lacking this year is a big man in the key. That responsibility will fall on to newcomer Jamal Holden. Holden is a junior college transfer from Westark College and is the tallest of the Rebels, measuring in at 6-10. He has his own way of meeting the challenges of taller and bigger centers he will have to face.

"I want to electrify the fans with dunks. I like the crowd. The more people who are at a game, the better I play," Holden said. "I just want to play hard and play up to the fans and to the coaches."

Daron Johnson will also be expected to help in the middle. With his size and his playing experience, he will need to make a large contribution nightly. Along with Johnson, Chris Richardson is looking to play a larger role this year.

"I have been here the longest [out] of everybody - four years. I have been through all the wars and know what's going to be expected, and everybody wants us to win," Richardson said.

He is right. Las Vegas is a city notorious for not standing by its local college team when it doesn't win games. And this team is looking to take on that challenge and win games. They have determined to not only have a winning season, but also to make some noise in the post season.

"I want a winning season and

to get into the post season and play in the (NCAA) tournament. I want to get a couple of wins there," walk-on Jon Knoche said.

"We want to do better than last year. Good things can come with the level of talent we have," senior Vince Booker said.

Along with the talent they have, this team is going to be quick. They are stacked at the guard position, and if some of them get what they want, they will get to be the Runnin' Rebels of old. Fast-paced basketball is going to be how this team will beat the bigger and stronger teams they will face.

"The team has a lot of quickness and guards," Jermaine Lewis said.

A key factor to the running game is going to be junior college transfer Marcus Banks. Banks comes to UNLV from Dixie State University, and he comes with a lot of expectations.

"We are quicker. We are going to force a lot of turnovers. We are going to do the things that will take other big men out of the game," Kelly said.

The team knows what they need to do to win, and it begins now in practice.

"The first three weeks is all about finding out who will play what role," Head Coach Charlie Spoonhour said.

"We need to pay attention to



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UNLV basketball players Noel Bloom (middle) and Omari Pearson work with Derek Thomas.

the coaches and give 110 percent in practice," sophomore Lafonte Johnson said.

And so Runnin' Rebel basketball is back, and if Holden had anything to add, he would want Runnin' Rebel Fever to be back, too. All the guys are looking forward to the season, and each wants to play very badly. But they

all also know that they must come together in practice and work together as a team, and then they will be prepared for the season.

"We need to play as a team, play defense, listen to the coaching staff and go out there and play hard," Richardson said.

## LOSS



Capra Jensen / UNLV Rebel Yell  
Colorado State's Jason Gallimore dives to block a punt by UNLV's Gary Cook early in Saturday's game. The Rams converted the fumble into the game's first score.

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for a 37-yard field goal that would've given the Rebels a lead late in the third quarter, but he missed it.

"It was a good, exciting game

that got away from us," Robinson said. "We had chances to win and we just didn't do it."

UNLV now needs four straight wins to be bowl eligible. They start that quest with a game against Wyoming Saturday.

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who had eight kills and a .429 attack percentage.

"We decided to step it up," Oswald said.

Added Wilkes: "We have been practicing hard. We are excited to be home."

The nation's top blocker Sheila Ocasio-Clemente led the Rebels defensively. She raised her blocks per game average when she knocked down 10 blocks. She also had eight kills in the match and a service ace. Michelle Johnson, who had eight blocks and seven kills, joined Ocasio-Clemente defensively for the Rebels.

"We had a change of focus over the last few weeks," head Coach Dietra Collins said. "We played pretty good against BYU, and it carried over into practice and on to tonight."

Oswald, who is a co-captain, said, "I made a goal for the team that the rest of the season we were going to be undefeated at home. Everybody accepted it, and that is what we are playing for."

The team's energy level continued to flow Saturday night when the Rebels took on the University of New Mexico Lobos. They came out of the locker room singing and dancing, ready to play.

The Rebels won the match 30-20, 26-30, 30-20 and 30-20. UNLV was lead by Ocasio-Clemente, who scored the second double-double of her career with 11 kills and 11 blocks.

Like teammate Assuncao the night before, she tied a school record. Her 11 blocks tied her with three former Rebels.

"I go hard. I just have to keep working hard. I have to keep working mentally," Ocasio-Clemente said. She has a goal to become an All-American, and if she remains the nation's top blocker, she may have a shot at that award.

Wilkes, who had 14 kills and three blocks, led the Rebels offensively. Assuncao had 12 kills and five service aces. Oswald had 10 kills and four blocks, and Johnson had nine kills and seven blocks. Nikki King led both teams with 40 assists, and she also had eight digs. As a team, the Rebels had a .285 attacking percentage for the game.

The Rebels, now 7-9 overall and 4-5 in conference play, head to Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming next week. They are looking to avenge their two losses earlier in the season.

"I am not going to let anybody let up at all," said Oswald.

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an off night for the unit.

#### COACHING

##### Grade: C

With a team that was projected to go 7-4, the Rebels are in bad shape after a loss to Colorado State, yet the preparation was there, as was the support. Coach Robinson fought for his team the whole night, and the Rebels just could not pull away with the win. A couple of calls could not have gone the Rebels way, yet the execution was not there, and the Rebels were a bit too conservative. Robinson attempted to give the team an adjusted goal two weeks ago of winning the final seven games. It seemed to work to a point as the team remained focused. That was tough to accomplish on a team that started 0-4. Give him credit for that. Now he must establish a new goal, like winning the final four games and becoming bowl eligible.

#### OFFICIATING

##### Grade: F-

An extra grade can be awarded in this game for the officiating down the stretch. Jamal Wynn was called for a very questionable personal foul on one of the most crucial plays of the game. The officials don't need to make themselves the story of the game. They were bad throughout the contest.

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# Rebels can't find a way to win close game

**By Adam Hill**  
*UNLV Rebel Yell*

UNLV has seen it happen so many times before, including twice already this season ... the opponent gets the ball with time dwindling on the clock, UNLV leads, and then in a frenzy the opponent marches downfield to score the winning points.

Twice this season already, Arkansas did it to UNLV, driving downfield in the final seconds for their only offensive touchdown of the game in a 14-10 win. Then BYU did it. The Cougars got down the field and scored to beat the Rebels 35-31 just a few weeks ago.

So, why then, could the Rebels not do it Saturday night in their 26-24 back-breaking loss to Colorado State at Sam Boyd Stadium?

Because, for some reason they just can't seem to find a way to win close games.

Granted, they had less than 30 seconds to drive all the way down the field, but how they got in that position was what really cost them.

"I don't know what it is," UNLV receiver Troy Mason said, echoing the feelings of the team. "We just need to put it together."

The Rebels forced the Rams into what would have been a fourth-and-13 with over two

minutes remaining, but a dead ball personal foul on Jamal Wynn gave Colorado State an automatic first-down and enabled them to run the clock almost all the way out.

The call was very questionable, and Wynn felt it was inaccurate.

"The guy was still running, and I thought the play was still going and just when I put my hands on him, they called a penalty," Wynn said. "This game was pretty bad as far as officiating."

Robinson's answer was simpler.

"He just lost his poise," he said of his starting cornerback.

The play was very costly, but that wasn't the only play that cost the Rebels.

Colorado State's first score of the game was a blocked punt that the Rams ran in for a score. Then, a long punt return set up their second score, a field goal.

In fact, Colorado State built a 10-0 lead in the first quarter without recording a first down.

UNLV then got within three, but Colorado State recovered a Dominique Dorsey fumble at their own 44-yard line. On the next play, the Rams ran a trick play as runningback Henri Childs threw a pass to quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt for a 56-



Capra Jensen / UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV junior quarterback Jason Thomas (2) prepares to stiff-arm a Colorado State defender as he scrambles in the first quarter of Saturday's 26-24 loss to the Rams in front of just over 20,000 fans at Sam Boyd Stadium.

yard touchdown. A missed extra point by CSU, then a field goal for the Rebels, made it 16-10 at the half.

UNLV scored the first touchdown of the second half to go up 17-16, but another Dorsey fumble gave CSU a short field to get a field goal, which gave them the

lead for good in the game.

Dorsey fumbled twice, and both led to Ram scores. In hindsight, UNLV head coach John Robinson felt he should have rested his star freshman, who was hurt last week.

"It was probably a mistake to have him go tonight," Robinson

said. "In the back of my mind I know he shouldn't have played."

Dorsey re-aggravated his ankle injury and is listed as doubtful for next week.

Still, the Rebels weren't out of it. They set up Dillon Pieffer

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# Rebels sweep two at home



Jummel Hidrosollo / UNLV Rebel Yell

Patricia Assuncao knocks down one of her 12 kills against New Mexico Saturday night in UNLV's four-game win over the Lobos.

**Randall M. Larson**  
*UNLV Rebel Yell*

The UNLV volleyball team began the second half of their season this weekend. Some of them called it a new season, so they began a new tradition, too.

Before their Thursday night match against Air Force, they gathered in a circle and began to dance. They stopped dancing only long enough to trounce the visiting Falcons from Air Force and to begin a two-game home stand this weekend.

The energy flowed from warm-ups in through the game

and senior Janna Mackey wasn't going to let it die. The Rebels beat Air Force in three games 30-23, 30-9, and 30-19.

"We have been really stoked about this weekend. This is the beginning of the second half, and so we are going to put everything from the last half behind us and start fresh with renewed energy, so we are going to come out and play hard," Mackey said.

While Mackey kept them pumped and on fire, it was Patricia Assuncao who led the Rebels offensively on the court. Assuncao tied a school record for

aces in a match with eight, four of which came during a 15-point run by the Rebels in the second game. She also had nine kills and a .304 attack percentage.

"We have been working hard on everything all week. I was focused on the game ... and did what we have been practicing," Assuncao said. "We were determined to win and we did our jobs."

Assuncao was joined by Leiana Oswald with 12 kills and seven digs, and Blaire Wilkes

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## Report Card

**By Adam Ciepiela**  
*UNLV Rebel Yell*

In a game full of weird bounces, interesting calls and horrible officiating, it came down to the simple idea of not capitalizing when the situation presented itself for the Rebels. UNLV was in the game the whole night, but when it came time to take control of the game, it just kept getting away.

### OFFENSE

**Grade: C**

The Rebels struggled to get the ball moving early in the first half. Dominique Dorsey went down with two sprained ankles in the first half as the burden of the run game once again fell into Joe Haro's hands. He once again answered as he banged his way to 146 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns in his fourth 100-yard game this season. Quarterback Jason Thomas had 173 yards passing on an inconsistent 9-of-21 passing, although he did rush for 87 yards. Bobby Nero stepped up and caught two balls for 76 yards, as he was open all night. The ball moved well enough to keep the Rebels in the game, but again the Rebels couldn't drive the dagger home.

### DEFENSE

**Grade: B**

The defense had its work cut out for it all night as Colorado State had an average starting field position at the UNLV 39-yard line. The defense did not allow many yards and kept the Rebels in the game most of the day. The secondary kept the passing game in check and the Rams rushing game had only five more yards than Haro. The defensive line got to CSU quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt several times and kept applying the heat throughout the game. Colorado State only burned UNLV with trick plays.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Grade: F**

The improving special units had flashbacks and once again killed the Rebels on Saturday. The first time on the field they allowed a score on a blocked punt. With a missed field goal that eventually would have given the Rebels the win and the blocked punt which led to a Rams score and lousy field position, the special teams units gave the Rebels more work than was needed against Colorado State. The return units did not hit their assignments as they usually do — just

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