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### Federal investigators question UNLV officials

By Babette May-Herrmann UNLV Rebel Yell

Campus officials refused to discuss the content of recent interviews they had with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has visited UNLV twice since Sept. 11.

university approached by the FBI, and that's all we can say right now," said Tom Flagg, director of news and public information.

FBI agents first visited campus one week after the terrorist attacks. They also came two weeks after that, sometime in the week beginning Oct. 1, officials said.

The FBI is "just trying to investigate what happened (Sept. 11)." said Sook Hollingshead, director of International Student Services.

FBI officials began inspecting the background of foreign students enrolled at more than 200 universities across the nation as a form of national security. One hijacker reportedly entered the U.S. on a student visa.

Campus police also reported lous.'

communicating with federal authorities and plan to schedule further discussion.

"I expect we may be contacted because [one of the terrorists] was here, but I didn't compile or give out information to the FBI," said Sgt. Don Drake, referring to reports that several suspect-terrorists had visited Las Vegas twice prior to the attacks.

Two UNLV students, both from Lebanon and of Palestinian descent, reacted to the federal measures taken to examine foreign

"This is something normal from where we come from. They always check backgrounds," said Jamil Renno, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. "But this shouldn't happen in a free coun-

Terek Deeb, also a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, said, "I think this is only happening to students from the Middle East," he said. "It's very ridicu-

What the FBI is doing while on campus remains unclear.

Several sources at the registrar's office said they have not spoken with investigators, even though they are the gatekeepers to student records.

"There has been nobody calling or questioning us," Registrar Jeff Halverson said, "But I had one student who worked for the airport who wanted to give the FBI verification of enrollment [in order to comply with airport security procedures)."

Rebecca Mills, vice president of student life said, "We can release directory information, but we can't release grades. We stand up for students here on visas and we're using the law as our guide,"

Directory information consists of a student's name, date and place of birth, and major fields of study. It is against federal regulations to release directory information without that student's consent,

#### Open college doors

The number of international students studying at U.S. colleges and universities has grown dramatically stoce the 1860s.

Foreign students in U.S. Total enrollment 1959-00計 48,500 1968-7081 H 89 135,000 1979-006531659165916 286,000 1989-908517851759765328 387,D88

Schools they attend Two-thirds attend research universities, master's degree program community colleges

Most attend achools in major meucopolitan areas Largest host institution is NewYork University with 4,190



Top countries 1989-2000

China	64,500
Japan	45,600
India	42,301
South Korea	41,200
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### Peace Coalition panel blames media for patriotism

By Brandon Johnson

Atif Fareed

speaks to

the UNLV

Thursday

about his

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as a Muslim

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Reporting

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Martin Holmquist /

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Peace Coalition's

with the media

community

UNLY Rebel Yell

Students, faculty and community members gathered at the UNLV amphitheater Thursday to discuss the quality of media coverage since Sept.

The UNLY Peace Coalition spon-

sored the event, bringing a seven-member panel of UNLV faculty and local community members together to interrogate media ethics and intent.

"I blame the current anthrax scare squarely on the media, blowing the matter out of proportion," said Ziya Qazi, a local doctor who is Muslim.

"The thing that [the media has] to get away from is sloganism, propagating, and jingoism without really thinking," he said. "I blame the media for building up public expectations for a quick fix."

The media is supposed to be objective, he said, "which has not been done so far."

Oazi has no formal experience with the mainstream press.

Panel member Atif Fareed, also a Muslim, said he participated in several interviews since the tragedy.

He labeled reporters ignorant and said they had no evident interest in learning the truth about Islamic belief.

"They are just looking for usable sound bytes," he said.

Not everyone at the forum agreed with the panelists.

"They are living in a made-up world, unwilling to realize the price we pay and have paid in the past in order to keep our freedom," said one student who declined to give his name.

One audience member marched away from the forum, disgusted at its one-sid-

Gary Peck, director of the Nevada American Civil Liberties Union. focused the discussion more locally, criticizing-Cox Cable for monopolizing the Clark County area and blocking the entrance of a public access channel.

Other panelists included temporary Journalism Professor Tony Fargo, Las Vegas Mercury Geoff Schumacher, Sociology Professor and Las Vegas Weekly Writer Kate Hausbeck, and progressive journalist John Pappdemos.



SERVICES:

UNLV's health center requires students to attend a seminar, but at limited times



**MOVIES:** 

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GROUP:

New student Latino organization debuts on campus



### Professor to sue university

UNLV Rebel Yell

A legal attempt to stop UNLV Professor Richard Sutton's second lawsuit against the university failed Oct. 19 when the Nevada Supreme Court upheld a lower court's ruling that the university wrongfully terminated Sutton.

University officials fired Sutton about eight years ago, claiming, "He was the least effective teacher in the department of public administration."

Sutton then sued the university, later receiving his job back plus more than \$300,000 to compensate for six years of lost wages with interest, lawyer fees and court fees - in summer 1999

Despite that ruling, university officials tried to hold Sutton from teaching at UNLV. Sutton then reacted with another lawsuit, and the university countered, trying to prevent that lawsuit from going to trial, an attempt that

University counsel would not comment on the Supreme Court ruling. Sutton's trial is set to begin Monday.

Sutton argues with his suit that the university cannot fire him after a district court already ruled in his favor based on the same information.

The controversy began when university officials asked Sutton in 1993 to resign his tenured teaching position in exchange for a non-tenured position in the same department, the College of Business, because he had

received poor reviews. Sutton accepted the offer, so long as he maintained the new position for a one-year minimum. Three years from the political science depart-

Sutton to sign the original proposal, and fired Sutton when he rejected their demands.

At that time, Sutton had worked at the university for 20

Sutton's attorney Adam Levine argued that Sutton received the poor peer reviews because he is most capable at teaching political science. The university should not have moved him in the first place, Levine said.

#### prior to that, he was transferred ment to the business department. UNLY refused, ordered

officials to release information to federal investigators without notifying the student. "To my knowledge, we

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however, health or safety emer-

gencies - national security, for

example - allow university

haven't violated the Family Education Right to Privacy

Act, and we have tried to cooperare with the FBI without violating students' rights," she said.

According to FERPA, institutions are not allowed to release a student's financial records, confidential letters and statements of recommendation, and any other application materials unless the student signs a waiver allowing the release of any information.

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### 'Real World' cast to speak

UNLV Rebel Yell

Three former cast members of the MTV show "The Real World" will talk at UNLV Monday. The talk is being sponsored by UNLV's student government the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN).

The cast members - Pack and Rachel, from San Francisco, and Syrus, from Boston - will discuss current events and answer questions from the audience. Their talk will be followed by a photo and autograph session.

The event is set to begin at 7 p.m. at Artemus W. Harn Concert Hall. Tickets for UNLV students are free and may be obtained beginning Oct. 8. Tickets for the public will cost \$10 and will go on sale Oct. 15. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tickets.com or at the UNLV Performing Arts Center Box Office at 895-2787.

### Crime Log

OCT 25 2001

Location: CAMPUS SERVICES BUILDING Summary: SUBJECT CITED FOR TRESPASS AND LODGING WITHOUT CONSENT.

Location: LOT W - WEST OF WARNER LIFE Summary: A STUDENT'S WHITE 1997 TOYOTA TACOMA PICKUP WAS BROKEN INTO BETWEEN 9:30AM ON 10/22/01 AND 4:30PM ON 10/24/01.

Location: MARYLAND PARKWAY Summary: REPORT TAKEN REGARDING A HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES.

Location: LOT Q - SOUTH OF BASEBALL FIELD Summary: A 1994 4 DOOR MERCEDES WAS VANDALIZED BETWEEN 3:30PM AND 10:30PM.

OCT 26 2001

Location: RESIDENTAL LIFE SERVICES MAILROOM Summary: A ROCK WAS THROWN THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE NORTH SIDE OF THE

BUILDING AT 4:22AM.

Location: MCDERMOTT PHYSICAL EDUCATION Summary: SUBJECT'S WALLET WAS STOLEN FROM THEIR LOCKER WHILE THEY WERE

TAKING A SHOWER BETWEEN 8:45AM AND 9:00AM ON 10/26/01.

Location: TMC PARKING - BLUE 3 Summary: PATRON STRUCK WITH A YELLOW PIPE. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A BLACK MALE ADULT, 35-40 YEARS OF AGE, 5'10". 200LBS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, THICK BUILD, WHITE T-SHIRT, BLUE SHORTS, AND A POS-SIBLE GOATEE.



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### Soyinka to present lecture | Future childhood

UNLV Rebel Yell

Nobel Prize-winning playwright Wole Soyinka will present "Faith, Rights, Terror" Monday at 7:30 p.m in the Student Moyer Ballroom.

The free public lecture will focus on recent world events, and be introduced by UNLV President Carol Harter.

Soyinka holds the Elias Ghanem Endowed Chair in Creative Writing at UNLV. A playwright, poet, novelist, essayist, and theater director, Soyinka won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986.

The lecture is cosponsored by International Institute of Modern Letters and the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program at



Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize-winning playwright

# center wins award

UNLV Rebel Yell

The Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Development Center has yet to be built on the UNLV campus, but already it is winning awards for its unique architectural design.

The center - which when completed will serve the young children of UNLV students and faculty and will provide an advanced training classroom for teacher-education students in UNLV's College of Education - recently received an Honor Award in the Unbuilt Category from the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute Architects (AIA).

The center was one of only three unbuilt projects that received this honor out of a total of 55 projects submitted," said Eric Strain, the project's architect and owner of the local firm, Eric Strain Architect, Strain also won the AIA national jury competition for this project.

"The project is designed around the idea of an academic village with each classroom structure opening out onto a central park," Strain said. "Private gardens located just outside of each of the classrooms will extend the learning environment into the outdoors.'

Construction on the new center is set to begin in early 2002. It will be located adjacent to the Bennett Professional Development Building on the UNLV campus.

### News Briefs

#### UNLV Professor gets \$500,000 for MacArthur Fellowship

Dave Hickey, a UNLV professor of art theory and criticism, is one of 23 recipients across the U.S., who received the \$500,000 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

The award is paid over five years and helps recipients pursue creative endeavors.

Hickey is the first Nevada resident to receive a MacArthur fel-

Last year, he won the creativity award from the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Hickey is a freelance writer, curator and lecturer who has worked at UNLV since 1992.

#### Nepotism indictment against Sandoval dismissed

District Judge Donald Mosley dismissed Nevada's nepotism case against former Community College of Southern Nevada vice president Orlando Sandoval on Wednesday, saying the grand jury viewed inappropriate evidence.

Mosley said he dismissed the case due to the prosecutor's inclusion of a college policy manual as evidence during grand jury proceedings earlier this year. This may have caused some confusion for jurors on whether Sandoval's misdemeanor was in violation of state law or college policy, he said.

Sandoval allegedly gave his father-in-law Duane Stevens an annual pay raise of 7 to 11 percent over a five-year period, compared to other workers raises of 2 to 5 percent.

He left CCSN in February to take a position as vice president of the Nevada State College in Henderson, but retired this past June. He was indicted two days after his retirement.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Brian Kunzi, who prosecuted the case, said he will appeal Mosley's decision to the Nevada high court or approach the grand jury for a second indictment.

#### Greenspun College of Urban Affairs professor receives a grant

Lawrence M. Scheir, associate professor of counseling in UNLV'S Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, received a \$375,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the effectiveness of a school-based drug abuse prevention program.

Weil Medical College at Cornell University awarded the two-

Before taking a position at UNLV this year, Scheir worked at Cornell as an investigator for the Multi-Ethic Drug Abuse Prevention Research Center, testing a drug abuse prevention program called Life Skills Training, which targets middle school stu-

Scheir said the study will determine the effectiveness of the Life Skills program.

#### Michael Harter named dean of UNLV Medical School

Michael Harter, the spouse of UNLV president Carol Harter, was named vice dean of the UNLV medical school Tuesday.

Since July 2000, he has held a dual role in the university system, half with the School of Medicine and half as a health education coordinator. His salary is not available.

### Campus Happenings

#### Opportunities

Jewish students, age 18-26, are eligible to apply for a 10day educational trip to Israel. Deadline is Oct. 5, 2001. For info. www.birthrightisrael.com

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Campus calendar: If you have an upcoming event you want the campus to know about, be sure to e-mail theyell@hotmail.com.

#### Monday, Oct. 29

Real World Speakers Puck, Julie (New Orleans), and Cyrus will be speaking in the Judy Baily theatre/Artemis Hamm Hall.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 30

Poetry Under the Stars hosted by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Open mic is available for anyone to perform an original piece or share a favorite poem. 6:08 p.m. Contact: Ashely Tisdale or email: Kappa\_xi@hotmail.com

Jazz Café 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. MSU Alcove

Wednesday, Oct. 31 Noon Scene 'DJ T.' In the MSU Alcove

Question & Answer: Drug & Alcohol MSU 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. I

Scholarships Informational meeting. Persons

interested in doing graduate study abroad are invited to attend. Applications for scholarships are now are being accepted for 2003-04. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in CBC Room C-313.

Alcohol Screening MSU 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2 Noon Scene 'DJ T.' In the MSU Alcove

Rebel Rally 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

Gate Featuring 'Umbershall' Sam Boyd Stadium Practice Fields

Mountain Man Rendezvous Presentations of primitive camps and events on the colorful life of mountain men and women. Participants in period costume. Meet at Spring Mountain State Park in front of Ranch House.

Opera Goes Prime Time Beam Music Center Recital Hall, 7:30 10 p.m. Contact: Mark Thomsen: 895-3073. Admission Price TBA

#### Monday, Nov. 5

University Forum Lecture The Role of Animals in Ancient Greek Mythology and Life. Barrick Museum Auditorium. 7:30 - 9 p.m. Contact: Kay Williams 895-3401

Communication and Speaking With Authority Motivational speaker and trainer, Deborah Wicker Wright,

Ed.D. Nidetch Women's Center Room 254. 6 - 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jennifer Shadley: 895-

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Noon Scene Featuring Gary Norsigian. In the MSU Alcove.

Health Care Administration Career Night: MSU room 204.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 Movie Night Final Fantasy in the MSU Ballroom

Jazz Café 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. MSU Alcove

#### Thursday, Nov. 8

UNLY Jazz Combos Fall Concert Free admission. Black Box Theatre - Ham Fine Arts Building, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Contact: Stefan Karlsson 895-

#### Friday, Nov. 9

Bangarra Aboriginal Dance Company Thrilling theatrical experience and a compelling means of educating

audiences about this 40,000 year-old culture. Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. 8 - 10:30 p.m. Contact: Myron Martin 895-4711 for ticket info

Noon Scene featuring Billy Lindy. In the court yard.

Shakespeare: A Comedy of Errors Judy Bayley theater. 8 -10:30 p.m. Contact: Linda McCollum 895-3662, \$12.00; \$10.00 seniors, students, handicapped and military.

Up Til Dawn: Campus-wide community service. MSU

Saturday, Nov. 10 Old Bill Williams - Mountain Man Talk in period costume on the colorful life of mountain man Bill Williams, Meet at Spring Mountain State Park, tour gate.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 Movie Night American Pie 2. MSU Ballroom

Thursday, Nov. 15

University Forum Lecture: Medieval Music - A Lecture with live performance of exam-Barrick Museum Auditorium, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Contact: Kay Williams: 895-

### **Conflict Page**

### U.S. Bombs Red Cross Again

Source: Associated Press Photos by Amir Shah & Marco Di Lauro



Red Cross worker Abdul Rashid, right, talks with an unidentified man as flames and plumes of black smoke billow skyward from a Red Cross warehouse, in Kabul, Afghanistan Friday. U.S.-led military strikes in Kabul continued Friday, hitting a Red Cross compound for a second time this month.

The Pentagon acknowledged that US warplanes dropped eight tons of bombs on Red Cross warehouses in Kabul, the same warehouses that were 'mistakenly' bombed less than two weeks ago.

On Thursday night, two F/A-18s dropped two one-ton bombs on the warehouses, and less than eight hours later two B-52s dropped an additional six one-ton bombs on the complex.

One of the bombs missed the International Committee of the Red Cross complex, hitting a residential area 700 feet away.

When the US first bombed the Red Cross warehouses on Oct. 16, the Pentagon claimed that the error occurred because they thought the buildings had once housed Taliban military equipment and claimed that a military vehicle was seen parked nearby before the first raid.

The latest Red Cross bombings were "due to a human error in the targeting process," according to the Pentagon.

The explosions ignited a fire that destroyed humanitarian supplies such as food, tents and blankets, which was to be distributed to over 50,000 people.



Afghans look at debris of a destroyed house in Kabul, Afghanistan after heavy U.S. led military strikes on Oct. 17. A Western diplomatic source said in Islamabad, Pakistan, that the Taliban foreign minister had asked the Americans to slow down the air campaign to allow moderates to reconsider their refusal to hand over terror suspect Osama bin Laden. (AP Photo/Amir Shah)

Residents of Kabul, Afghanistan look for their belongings amid the rubble of their home Oct. 18. U.S.-led military strikes in the heart of Afghanistan's capital continued Thursday. Residents say four children were killed in the bombing of the house.



### Bombers kill Kabul family

Kabul- A US bomb flattened a mud-brick home in Kabul Sunday morning, killing seven children as they are breakfast with their father. "They killed all of my children and husband," cried the wife of Gul Ahmad as remains the bodies of her children were pulled from the smoldering wreckage. "The whole world is responsible for this tragedy," she said, "Why are they not taking any decisions to stop this?"

The blast also demolished the neighbor's house killing another two children, making the total civilian death toll 12 in two bombing raids.

The bombing has outraged many Muslims, evidenced by the murder of 15 Christians in a church in Pakistan later on Sunday.



Cutting through the ruins Iron workers use a torch to cut through the twisted steel beams as they continue their search through debris at the site of the World Trade Centre.

Plumes of smoke rise over the village of Darya Taliban controlled area close to the Bagram airport, 20 kilometers north of Kabul, northern Afghanistan, Saturday. U.S.-led military strikes continued in Afghanistan Saturday.



### Bill may block access to biological weapons

By Brittany Adams

Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - Lawmakers in Congress are considering a sweeping antiterrorism bill that would bar all non-U.S. citizens, including international students and faculty, from conducting research with certain biological microbes and chemical toxins.

The proposals have brought criticism from college lobbyist groups, which say restricting all non-U.S. citizens from working with threatening biological or chemical agents would impede scientific research at universities nationwide.

The House passed a version of the bill Tuesday that gives senior federal officials discretion to grant waivers to non-U.S. citizens on a case-by-case basis, said Janet Schumaker, an official with the American Society of Microbiology.

The Senate is expected to consider a similar version of the bill in the next few weeks.

"We assume that there will be a broad list of people who can receive the waivers, but we have no assurance," Schumaker said,
"We are concerned for example
about Canadian lab (workers)
who work with these agents."

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Attorney General John Ashcroft created the list of restricted biological agents, including smallpox, anthrax and plague.

Currently, 250 to 300 institutions are conducting research programs using such agents.

Background checks on each of the employees working on the projects could cause possible delays in the research. This research is extremely important in light of recent bioterrorist threats, Schumaker said.

This anti-terrorism bill denies restricted biological agent access to the same people who are currently not allowed to purchase guns, including persons with a criminal record or history of substance abuse.

College lobbyist groups in Washington say they are working to protect scientific research, but did acknowledge the necessity of anti-terrorist legislation. "We understand the momentum that has built up in Congress and want more attention paid to select agents in the universities," Schumaker said. "We need to balance protection with research."

People who use dangerous biological agents and do not register them are also subject to severe penalties under this legislation.

In a separate, less sweeping bill, the House and Senate passed a measure this week barring any foreigner from a nation known to harbor terrorism from handling restricted biological agents.

"If you have an Iraqi researcher by birth (who is not a U.S. citizen), he cannot get access to these restricted substances," said Peter Smith, a spokesperson for the Association of American Universities.

Under this bill, no waivers can be granted to those who are citizens of countries that are known to harbor terrorism.

This legislation is part of an overall bill, dubbed the Patriot Act, aimed at combatting terrorist attacks against the United States. The bill includes provisions to In creasing government scrutiny
Hards Poli results on American support for increasing the U.S.
government's survettance powers:

Law enforcement monitoring of internet discussions in chat rooms and other forums

Oppose 32%

Expanded government monitoring of call phones and e-mail to intercept communications

Expanded camers Favor 35%

Use of facial-recognition technology to scan for suspected ferrorists

Oppose 11%

Source: Harris Interactive

increase protection on the northern border of the country, to improve intelligence and to provide financial support for victims of terrorist attacks.

Adoption of national

system

President Bush is expected to sign the legislation at a ceremony today.

University of California-Berkeley senior Asson Azu, who is from western Africa, said Congress should not be prejudiced against foreigners simply because of their origin.

"I believe international students have good intentions," Azu said at the International House, "(Congress) shouldn't judge people based on where they are from."

### Hostile atmosphere in Midwest



Courtesy Photo

UW-Madison Chancellor John Wiley speaks to students during a listening session in Witte Lounge Thursday. Wiley solicited comments and suggestions from participants on how to address increased racial tensions on campus.

#### By Jessica Peterson

The Daily Cardinal

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis, - While no incidents of harassment have been reported to campus police, the university has received 18 reports of verbal or physical assault since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison John Wiley. The university has made no policy changes in response to the incidents, but Wiley said officials are following up on the reports.

Roughly 25 people attended the last of three listening sessions intended to solicit public comments and suggestions on campus climate. After Wednesday's discussion, Wiley said he received three more reports of harassment or assault. But he said it is difficult to gauge just how much harassment is occurring on campus because many incidents go unreported.

Wiley also emphasized that the campus atmosphere has become increasingly hostile for people of color.

One university employee has taken to eating in his office during lunch because of the unease he feels walking around campus, Wiley said.

"People are changing their behaviors not because something happened to them, but because they are afraid something will," he said. "I am very concerned about the students, especially the international students, who seem to be the most targeted across the country."

He pointed to the responsi-

bility community members have to improve campus climate.

"I think the people that do care and think the climate needs to be improved cannot just sit back in silence," he said, "We have to become more engaged. It's everyone's responsibility ... Everyone who is not a member of a targeted group has the responsibility to make sure those people don't feel uncomfortable."

A representative of a student organization said he knew of several unreported instances of harassment. He said the campus has become very uncomfortable for students of color, particularly students attired in traditional Middle Eastern garb. He said he has taken to listening to his Walkman wherever he goes to lessen the uneasiness he feels walking around campus.

"[Eighteen incidents] is a pretty low estimate I think," said Vinai Gondi, a member of Student Action for Indian Volunteerism and Aid. "And there are overt situations, a lot of staring and uncomfortable situations ... I've come to deal with the fact that I look like a terrorist in Madison,"

Gondi said while the listening sessions are well-intentioned, he is skeptical they will do any good.

"Wiley has done the first step," Gondi said. "But I think whatever the university does, it won't make a difference. He can have a million listening

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### Universities help Mexican laborers



By Bill Larkin

Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. - Pressure applied by U.S. colleges and universities has alleviated stifling conditions at an export factory in Atlixa, Mexico, that produces collegiate sweatshirts for American clothing manufacturers Nike and Reebok.

On Sept. 21, 450 seamstresses and machine operators at Mexmode, a Koreanowned apparel maker, won the right to remove corrupt labor leaders and form the Independent Union of Mexmode Workers (SITE-MEX). Their victory followed a pressure campaign begun in February by colleges and universities affiliated with the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), a factory watchdog.

"We're extremely happy

that the workers at Nike's supplier plant have been able to form an independent union of their own choosing," said Scott Nova, executive director of the WRC. "This is an unprecedented success that began with the workers' courageous protest, followed by appropriate responses from students and labor rights activists, WRCaffiliated universities, Nike, Reebok, and plant management."

In January, four Mexmode workers complained to the WRC after factory management harassed and fired employees who participated in a three-day work stoppage on Jan. 9-11. In response, the WRC sent six investigators to inspect the factory, where they observed nine violations of Mexican labor laws.

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### MEXICAN: Workers unionize

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According to the WRC's report, Mexmode managers and unlawfully supervisors employed children, refused maternity leave and benefits to pregnant workers, and paid workers less than minimum wage. In addition, Mexmode fired workers for engaging in union activity unrelated to the company's old union, the Revolutionary Confederation of Workers and Peasants (CROC), which the company established before hiring any employees.

"The protection union discouraged worker complaints to bolster support for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)." Nova said. "Although the 2000 election of President Vicente Fox ended the PRI's seventy year domination of Mexican politics, they still control Atlixa's government."

After their visit, the WRC urged its affiliate schools, including the University of California-Berkeley, Indiana University and the University of Massachusetts, to ask Nike

to pressure Mexmode managers to guarantee fair conditions for workers. According to Nova, officials from 85 universities sent letters to and telephoned Nike executives, asking them to adopt conduct of conduct established by the

"As universities lobbied Nike to adopt codes of conduct, they altered the debate by generating negative publicity for the company," Nova said. "This never would have happened five years ago, before the codes were introduced."

By mid-February, both Nike and Mexmode launched investigations into labor abuses at the factory. Over the following months, Mexmode began improving the conditions faced by its workers, Nova said,

"The burning question on many American campuses for the past several years has been whether pressure from colleges and universities can really make a difference in overseas factories," Nova said. "We now know the answer is yes."

Over the past six months, Mexmode rehired the employees fired for promoting independent unionization and participating in the January work stoppage, ceased hiring workers below the age of 15, and stopped closing the factory gates during lunchtime. When the company signed a contract with SITEMEX in September, management agreed to pay seamstresses the minimum wage required under Mexican law, improve the quality of food at the cafeteria, and cease the verbal and physical harassment of workers.

According to Nova, SITE-MEX limited their demands due to Mexico's flagging economy and the factory's reduced production following the negative publicity generated by the pressure campaign. When SITEMEX's contract expires in April, the factory's peak financial season, the WRC will support the union's request for a wage increase.

"Although the workers settled for modest concessions, I cannot overestimate the importance of their independent unionization," Nova said, "Hopefully, their first agreement will lead to more concrete gains."



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sessions, but the problem is not going to be solved in the next couple of months."

Phil Hansen, a first-year student, said he felt the discussion was helpful, but said he is uncertain how effective it will be at alleviating racial tensions.

"For the people that showed up it gave a much more color and depth to the issue," said Hansen, "But it seems a little like preaching to the choir."

Wiley said more listening sessions will be planned for later this semester,





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# Opinion

### Health Center wastes time

By Elaine Vigneault

UNLV Rebel Yell

The UNLV Student Health Center offers a variety of services, including pap smears and STD checks.

However, according to their Web site, in order to receive these services, students must attend a "Body Talk" seminar. This seminar takes about 45 minutes and must be scheduled during very specific, limited times. Students should be educated about their sexual wellbeing, but forcing them to attend "Body Talk" is too much.

This is because the "Body Talk" seminar is almost all about STD prevention. A student receiving a pap smear may not even be sexually active. Pap smears are recommended as standard yearly procedures for all women over 18 because a gynecological exam checks for signs of cancer and overall reproductive organ health, not just STDs.

I attended the seminar and didn't learn a thing. All it did was waste my time and provide one more obstacle between the exam and me. It almost encouraged me to go elsewhere for a check-up. Clark County Health

doesn't require a similar seminar, they just give the check-up and you're out the door. Scheduling and attending UNLV's seminar is a hassle, especially when you have class at the time "Body Talk" is offered.

Also, the seminar isn't fair because only certain types of check-ups require informational seminars. A regular physical doesn't require a seminar about general health issues such as diet, exercise and sleep. That information is valuable and potentially lifesaving, but the Health Center only requires seminars about sexual health. Furthermore, "Body Talk" emphasizes STD protection and minimizes other sexual health information. In other words, the seminar does not take a holistic approach to reproductive health.

The fact that the seminar only reaches those who ask about STD checks, pap smears or birth control suggests the seminar is "preaching to the choir." I think people who receive regular health check-ups are generally better informed about reproductive health than people who do not. Likewise, most college students had comprehensive STD awareness programs in high school. If their education is lacking, it's likely in other areas of their reproductive health. For the educated, the system is an unnecessary roadblock to health services.

The system targets women, making it more difficult for women to receive standard health services than men. Remember, pap smears are standard for women; there is not an equivalent annual exam for men's reproductive health. Though women generally are more at risk from STDs, both men and women need to be informed about STD prevention. Gay men are at similar risks for STDs as women. Heterosexual men need to be aware about STD prevention because it's easier to convince an educated man to wear a condom than an uneducated one.

Therefore, I suggest that "Body Talk" either be required of all students or that it be voluntary. It is an unfair impediment to female students' reproductive health. I wonder how many women opt out and don't receive reproductive health services because of this needless hindrance.



### lanted news slants thoughts

By Leandra Binder

UNLY Rebel Yell

Like many Americans, I grew up thinking that if it was on TV, then it must be true. Now I know that's just the type of naive thinking that gets people in trouble.

were watching the news and a story about the Taliban swamping the Middle East with anti-America propaganda came on. There was footage of some poor little kid, bandaged and bleeding, supposedly because of misplaced American bombs. The first thing my dad said was, "Look at that. Lies. And the people believe every word of

And many of them do helieve every word of it. Do you

disagree? You may think that no one is that ignorant, no American can be so easily swayed. I think they probably can - just look at my dad.

The whole story about Taliban propaganda was nothing but American propaganda intended to make Americans mad about the lies being spread about us, thus increasing our hatred of those snakes. This is not a conspiracy theory.

Educational films about World War II that were made at time were shown to American soldiers before they were sent overseas. The films reek of pro-American, anti-German propaganda. The "Good 'ol Boys" vs. the "Goose-stepping Nazis." Scary music plays anytime Hitler has

a close up, and I'm surprised Churchill and Roosevelt don't have halos.

As innocently as these films may have been produced, they have one purpose: to brainwash soldiers into reducing the enemy to sub-human status. Why? Because it's harder to kill a human than an animal.

Propaganda is a powerful tool, used to manipulate great numbers of people. Hitler did it to Germany and the Taliban is doing it to the Middle East. Is it really such a stretch to imagine it could happen in America? Most people scoff at the idea that the media could still get away with that kind of manipulation. Nevertheless, Americans should be on guard, not to be swayed by slanted news.



**Lewis Whitten** Lew the Libertarian

### Being a patriot

Many students that are distraught by the attack on Sept. II are also convinced that the tragedy could have been avoided. By having our military spread worldwide, including a strong presence in the Middle East, the United States undoubtedly made some enemies. This line of reasoning deserves serious thought. Instead, most seem to label them the "unpatriotic, blame America crowd."

These people are the patriots. Long before the attack, they were politically aware and questioning U.S. foreign policy. Unfortunately, many of their fears have become reality. For years I have read that the United States should bring American armed forces home to protect our borders. The warnings from these libertarian-minded individuals were scoffed at, and the morning of Sept. 11 millions of foreigners abroad were better protected by our troops than we were at

There are dozens of places overseas where a commercial jet straying off course would have been met by American fighter planes. That fateful day the Iraq-Kuwait border, areas between North and South Korea and the skies over Serbia were better defended by the American military better than any city or border here in the

After countless years of U.S. foreign intervention, it should be clear, now more than ever, that playing the role of world police is not making us safer. Consider countries like Sweden and Australia that keep to themselves; they don't have the problems with terrorists.

We don't need to pump more money into the military. Right now the financial security of U.S. taxpayers is in danger. As with any national crisis, the vultures are circling Washington D.C. and the politicians are handing out big chucks of money. What needs to be done is bringing our troops back home to defend Americans, cut government spending drastically and restore our lost civil liberties.

As for the terrorist problem, it would seem that America wants to blow up a few places in the Middle East, and we are currently at war, so I guess that makes sense. But after the war we have to make some changes to government. Don't let this tragedy ever slip your mind.

First off, students have to start voting - we could decide elections. Second, don't vote for the party, vote for the candidate and do your research. Undoubtedly there will be candidates on your ballot that the media won't tell you about. Lastly, educate yourself to learn what it really means to be a patriot.

#### the Editor Letter to

To the Editor:

I'm all for keeping lawyers at arms' length - in the courtroom, but not before they've taken the State Bar Exam. Yet that is exactly what exists now on the UNLV campus with a brain dead dry wall sub-contractor afraid to let employees vote on whether to organize.

The tactic being used is wait them out in economic hard times and hope they fold. It's a narrow-minded, shortvision tactic - but one we've come to expect when yuppies and boomers are given the family business then proceed to screw up a good thing. All

in the name of the almighty bottom line and stockholders' investments.

Why hasn't the long arm of the Nevada State Government stepped in here, mediated the grievance then let the workers get on about building the Boyd School of Law?

Why? Because to do so requires exercising compassion and gray matter between the ears something the State of Nevada's Guinn Administration seems absolutely devoid of showing in these hard times.

> Emphatically, David C. Phillips

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# Features

### **Alcohol Screening Day comes to UNLV**



UNLV Rebel Yell

#### By Evelyn Turner

UNLV Rebel Yell

More than 300,000 of today's college students will eventually die of alcohol-related causes, such as drunk driving accidents, cirrhosis of the liver, various cancers and heart disease, according to the Core Institute, an organization that surveys college drinking prac-

On Nov. 1, The UNLV Student Psychological Student Services is hosting an Alcohol Screening Day Thursday. Students can visit the department and speak with trained counselors who will assess their relationship with alcohol.

Alcohol Screening Day is a collaborative effort by organizations including the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the World Health Organization.

"For the entire month of November, UNLV students can come the department to be seen for drug and alcohol treatment and for educational purposes and it's free," said Arlene

Maurer, substance abuse and prevention coordinator.

You don't have to get drunk to make your college experience memorable. One in five college students don't drink at all, according to factsontap.org.

One night of heavy drinking can impair your ability to think abstractly for up to 30 days. This can limit your ability to relate textbook reading to class lecture, or to think through a football play.

Researchers define binge drinking as the consumption of five or more drinks at one sitting for males and three or more drinks at one sitting for females.

"Two out of every five college students engage in binge drinking," said Senator Joesph Biden, D-Del, an advocate for National Alcohol Screening

"It is estimated that between 75 and 90 percent of campus violence is alcohol related. It is critical that students go to screening centers to educate themselves on alcohol," Biden

College binge drinkers are more likely to damage property. have trouble with authority, miss classes, suffer hangovers and be injured than those who do not binge drink, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Drinking too much too often can put a dent in your dreams of academic success or even your dreams of graduating.

According to the Core Institute, 159,000 of today's first year college students will quit school next-year for alcohol or other drug-related reasons. The average student spends about \$450 on books. and roughly \$900 on alcohol

Don't let drinking get in the way of your dreams.

You'll have many more memories of your years in college if drinking isn't a central

So don't let peer pressure or college folklore influence you to make bad decisions, and don't be a statistic.

# visit campus

By Domonique Turner

UNLV Rebel Yell

It is very easy to become complacent with the monotony of everyday life. You can get lost in the shuffle of getting up, going to school, going to work, going home and doing it all over again. Fortunately, UNLY is hosting a variety of literary events to revitalize your sched-

We all have ongoing concern and need for understanding of the events of last month. Nobel Laureaue and Elias Ghanem Chair in creative writing Wole Soyinka will give insight to this topic in a public lecture for the office of President Carol Harter and the university community Monday.

Wole Soyinka, author of the play "Death and the King's Horseman," is a renowned playwright, poet, novelist, essayist and theater director. Entitled "Faith, Rights, Terror," the address will be held in the MSU Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

If you are an avid reader or simply want to try something new, author Alicia Steimberg is giving a reading of her latest novel "Call Me Magdalena," Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Beam Hall room 241, Steimberg will read an English translation of her book, which was originally written in Spanish. She is the author of seven novels and two collections of short stories, and is an active voice for literary culture and the rights of women.

Publisher's Weekly said of "Call Me Magdalena, "Steimberg's simple and evocative prose distinguishes this 1992 Planeta Prize Winning-novel."

Sponsored in association with the UNLV M.F.A. Program, the Jewel Box Theatre at the Clark County Public Library will host a reading by poet Gerald Stern on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Stern is a teacher at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop and author of numerous collections of poetry including "Last Blue"

Deborah Garrison of New Yorker Magazine said, "It is not often that you come across poetry that makes you want to turn to the stranger next to you on the bus, grab him and say 'You have got to read

Stern will be on our campus earlier in the day at FDH 201 for a craft conversation at 12:30 p.m.

All events are free and public, so try something new.

### Famous authors Latino group recognized

#### By Michael Lundin

UNLY Rebel Yell

Extensive hard work and determination finally paid off for a young group of Latinos at UNLV when the university officially recognized the League of American Citizens Sept. 21.

Although brand-new organization on campus, LULAC existed nationally 1929. Founded in Corpus Christi,

Texas, it remains the largest and oldest Hispanic organization, with over 115,000 members nationwide, including

LULAC proudly serves all Hispanic nationalities and reaches out to all members of society. Its mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population in the United States.

The UNLV chapter has approximately 25 active members and has already made its presence known on campus, in the Las Vegas Valley, and most importantly, at the national offices in Houston, Texas.



Upon hearing the news of the chapter's recognition, Juan Garcia, vice president of LULAC Youth, proudly contacted Nicole Cordova, the president and brainchild behind UNLV's LULAC chapter, and arranged a visit to Las Vegas to officially welcome the group in a formal ceremony.

Garcia gave an eloquent and informative presentation on the numerous benefits of LULAC and proceeded with swearing in the newly elected officers.

"LULAC will provide an opportunity for students on the UNLY campus to be a part of an organization that promotes higher education, multi-cultured understanding and unity," said Cordova, a junior psychology

National programs the LULAC UNLY chapter participates in include corporate alliance, immigration, leadership, scholarships and voter registration.

Like all organizations one longs to be a part of, it takes a while to find your footing when there are so many to chose from." said Jesse Lujan Gonzalez. a sophomore international business major and the chapter's histo-

"I am proud to say I have found my footing in UNLV LULAC because I know I am among strong-willed and devoted students like myself." Gonzalez said.

Promoting their motto 'Uniting con Fuerza for Justice,' the chapter's members extend a cordial invitation to all those interested in becoming a member to help them make a profound difference in our communities,

Their next meeting will be Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in room 201 in

For more information on how to become a member, visit the LULAC Web site at www.unlvlulac.8m.com, or email Cordova at mijabear@hotmail.com or Gonzalez at imlatino@vahoo.com.

### UNLV professor receives \$500,000



Courtesy Photo

By Erik Ball UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV's very own professor of art theory and criticism has a big smile on his face after receiving the news that he had just won MacArthur Fellowship Award, with a cash prize of

Dave Hickey, a freelance writer, curator and lecturer at UNLY, received the news on Oct. 23.

"I am delighted with the award," Hickey said. "My plans include completing several books that I have begun writ-

The award will be distributed over five years with "no strings attached," and grants permission for Hickey to pursue any creative endeavor he

Jonathon Fanton, president of the MacArthur Foundation, notes, "The announcement of the MacArthur Fellowship offers an opportunity to focus on the importance of the creative individual in society. Whether working alone or

"[We are] thrilled to have Dave Hickey as part of the Fine Arts department at UNLV."

Jeffrey Koep, Dean of the College of Fine Arts

within an organization, these are the people who provide the imagination and fresh ideas that can improve people's lives and bring about movement on important issues."

According to the MacArthur Foundation, Hickey generates "outmoded notions of beauty, artistic vision and the virtues of the marketplace."

Hickey wrote an essay on Norman Rockwell, for example, and argued that the artist remains influential and alive in the American public's imagination. He notes that the Rockwell's grace, humor and precision are free of any pretension, and should be enjoyed by readers approaching his work on their own terms.

Hickey, who received a B.A. Texas Christian from University and an M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, is no stranger to awards. Just last year he received the Regents Creativity Award. Hickey also recieved the National Endowment for the Arts grant in 1969 and

Jeffrey Koep, the dean of the college of Fine Arts, said he is "thrilled to have Dave Hickey as part of the Fine Arts department at UNLV."

#### Rebel Picks



"The Last Castle" (R) Robert Redford, James Gandotfini - A highly ranked military official confronts the bursh realities of being sentenced to a maximum security prison. The men within the prison have been told that they are no longer soldiers, but they are still willing to fight a \*\*\*

"Riding In Cars With Boys" (PG-13) Drew Barrymore, James Woods - A girl who reaches for stars as a teenager finds her grown-up life a failure due to her weakness for boys in this romantic comedy. Finding the strength to succeed through adversity is the moral lesson in this Penny Marshall flick.

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"Bandits" (PG-13) Bruce Willis. Billy Bob Thornson - A true story about a hypochondriac, a suave two-timing brother and the girl they both love. Follow their bank-robbing blunders as they attempt to become the most successful bank-robbers in U.S. his-\* \* \* \*

"Corky Romano" (PG-13) Chris Kattan, Vinessa Shaw Vetermarian by day and superagent by night, Corky Romano must bamboozel the FBI and smuggle away evidence that is holding his drug-lord, long-lost lather in prison. Will the goody nerd succeed? Come on.

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"Don't Say A Word" (R) Michael Douglas, Britishy Murphy - A child psychiatrist must retrieve a critical piece of information in order to locate his kidnapped daughter. Where is this info? Inside the mind of a catatonic, beautiful woman.

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"Serendipity" (PG-13) John Cusack, Kate Beckinsule - Set in New York, two strangers meet in the hub-bub of holiday shopping and fall in love. Supposedly, fate is the reason they met, and if they are to remain together forever they will have to find their way back into each other's lives.

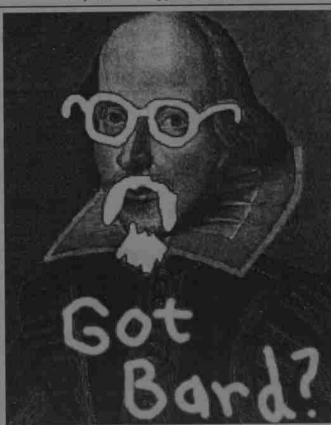


Serendipity

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### the ball point

Willy Wobbledagger lives at UNLV



By Erik Ball

How realistic, or probable for that matter, is it that one set of twins has another set of twins as their servants? How probable is it that they all enter a game of switch-a-roo only to find themselves victim to mistaken double identities at the same place at the same time? Almost as probable as Nicolas Cage and John Travolta switching faces, right? Shakespeare, however, seems to put the situation to a poetic prose that is a hilarious masterpiece.

"The Comedy of Errors," the first play, some say, written by the brilliant William Shakespeare, is a slapsticky tour de force of humor that is always a pleasure to watch. What is even better is the fact that the show is playing on the Performing Arts Center's stage Nov. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. with matinees at 2 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 18.

The department of theater claims that it deals with some "serious issues" as well as the broad humor, but anyone who has ever seen the show will know that it is overwhelmingly funny and full of Shakespearean wit.

This is the one show written by the immortal bard that I would love to perform for the simple fact that it is pure fun - fluff, if you will. Some professors might consider it an insult calling this

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### Local band welcomes popularity

By Lisa Platt

UNLV Rebel Yell

Neveready never knew they would become one of Vegas' favorite local bands. The three members, including Bryan their large fan base. Bruner on bass, All three mem-Matty Campbell contribute on drums and various parts to C a s e each song. No Newcomb on guitar, knew they had original a n d tinct sound, B u 1 their popularity con tinues people. finding

The band's sound is mostly punk, but their talents allow them to incorporate other influences into their music. They sound similar to punk acts Lagwagon and Unwritten Law,

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These boys deliver a powerful stage show. For them, music is still fun. It is a way to release stress and get out emotion.

They have opened for bands such as | Save Ferris, Home Grown, Sprung Monkey and Handsome Devil. They played UNLV's first tailgate of the

year, opening for Ton Loc. Las Vegas is not the only

city entertained by Neveready. They have performed a handful of times in Arizona and California, helping to create

one person writes everything. It is collaborative effort. Their songs tackle real issues such as relationships. divorce and fake or greedy band's first album "What About the Kids?" can be found at any of their shows, Odyssey Records, Wow Superstore or

Neveready not only supports other local bands, but support the music scene in general. They play a wide variety of venues that make them accessible to all ages.

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Neveready will play at The Boston, located at Spring Mountain and Jones, on Nov. 2. Their Web page is www.neveready.net.





#### **SHAKES**

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masterpiece fluff, but it is. There's nothing wrong with good clean fun. (And there's more to come! Wait till you see "How to Succeed..." later on in the year. Talk about Broadway fluff at its finest!) But this show is indeed fluff. And that is not a

I have said it a million times, you should always go to the theater to escape reality. That's why actors love the theater, it is a place where they can transform into anything! Audiences can swan dive into the center of the hopelessly romantic relationship of two lovers, or the desperate condition of a failing business without suffering any sort of long-term emotional repercussions. Theater is an avenue where you can dodge the newspaper headlines and images of bin Laden. Theater is a great place to bring a date and secretly place your hand on her thigh during Act three and hope she won't swat it away.

"The Comedy of Errors," lead by cast members Jonathan Schultz, Kris Pruett, Steve Booth and Clayton Chauvin, takes direction by Michael Lugering and Phil Hubbard of

UNLV's theater department. With the theater department's overflowing schedule, and the introducing of the new Nevada Conservatory Theatre, it's a wonder they are able to string together performances in this fashion without a hiccup. What do you do when you've had too much to eat? Shakespeare of course! Dessert.

I'm highly impressed with the quality of theater UNLV produced, and I believe credit is not always given where credit is

The theater students at this university are extremely enthusiastic and passionate about their art. True, they do sit in the wings at times, but even I would watch the upcoming "Comedy of Errors" from backstage.

Tickets are \$12.00 - a good cheap date. For more information or ticket reservations regarding this farcical romp, call 895-ARTS (2787).

Although the plot may be, as Spock says, "highly illogical," or even improbable, it is great fun. And for the majority of the students who are not so into Shakespeare, it is extremely approachable.

After all, do we want logic everywhere we turn?

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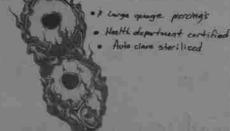
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### Rebels run to 47-26 victory over Cowboys

By Adam Hill

UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV's struggling football team did what it needed to do Saturday as it easily handled the Wyoming Cowboys in Laramie, Wyo, 47-26.

The Rebels came into the game in desperate need of a confidence-building victory, and that's exactly what they got as they built a big lead early and never looked back in route to evening their conference record at 2-2

The running game was again the story, but this time it was Joe Haro alone as the team's leading rusher posted the best game of his career with a 22-carry, 226-yard, two-touchdown performance in the absence of backfield mates Dominique Dorsey and Steven Costa.

Haro deflected much of the credit elsewhere.

"I come into every game just trying to run and follow [the offensive linemen] because they've been doing great all year long, and things are just happening," Haro told the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

"They were creating some big holes for me tonight, and a couple of times I got out there in the open," Haro said, "That's a credit to those guys."

Rebel Football head Coach John Robison said he was very pleased with the effort and at the progress his junior is making.

"I think the thing that's so impressive about it is he's making great option runs," Robinson told the Review-Journal.

"Before, he was slamming into the area that we were supposed to slam in. Now he makes it so much harder to defend him, and he's so damn fast. That's the thing 1 think we all forget," Robinson said.

Jason Thomas added 97 yards on the ground, while Jabari Johnson scampered his way for 84 as the Rebels posted over 400 rushing yards, and held the Cowboys to just 72.

Thomas threw for only 123 yards, but connected on three touchdown passes.

He didn't need to do much the way the Rebels were running the ball.

The Cowboys had no answer for the Rebel rushing attack during the game, but they certainly had something to say about it afterwards.



Capra Jensen / UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV junior tailback Joe Haro (34, pictured against CSU) rushed for a career-high 226 yards during UNLV's 47-26 victory over MWC rival Wyoming.

"Their running game was the most dominating running team that we've faced," Wyoming Coach Vic Koenning told the Review-Journal.

The scoring started early for UNLV as DeJhown Mandley caught two touchdown passes from Thomas in the first five minutes to open a 14-0 lead.

After a Wyoming field goal, Johnson ran in a touchdown and Kevin Thomas took back an interception 58 yards to give the Rebels a 27-3 advantage after one quarter.

It was the most first quarter points UNLV has ever scored.

Haro's first touchdown run made it 33-3 before 13 unanswered Cowboy points made it 33-16 at halftime. The only real negatives in the first half were two missed extra points. Wyoming cut the lead to 33-19 early in the third quarter, but it was all Rebels after that.

The win means that UNLV can still be bowl eligible if they win their remaining three games, starting with a tough home game against Utah Saturday at Sam Boyd Stadium. Utah enters the game fresh off their first Conference loss of the year against Colorado State Saturday.

### Leiana 0swald helps Lady Rebels reach for success

Randall M Larson

UNLV Rebel Yell

When the UNLV volleyball team steps on the court for a match, they are lead by sophomore outside hitter Leiana Oswald.

Oswald said she prepares herself, and her team, for the challenges they will face in the second half of their season and the Mountain West Conference Volleyball Tournament in November.

The first half was not easy, but she is striving to be an example and hopefully become a positive influence on her team.

"I'm just trying to stay positive and just always push myself to do my best and be an example," Oswald said.

She knows, though, that some of the troubles the Rebels faced this season are on her shoulders, and that she hasn't done an adequate job all the time this year.

"I feel pretty responsible. The role of a captain is to keep the team together, and in some games we have played completely as individuals, so I am not doing my job," Oswald said.

But now that the second half of the season started. Oswald and the rest of her teammates have a renewed energy, and she is challenging this Rebel team to go undefeated at home for the rest of the season.

The team accepted that chal-

lenge and beat Air Force Academy soundly before beating New Mexico two nights later.

Oswald said she realizes that it is just a start, and that those are the two weakest teams in the conference, but hopes that a tradition of winning will fall into place as the Rebels struggle to find a place in the postseason.

"We are on an uphill climb, and if we keep going in the direction we are going, then we will peak at just the right time for conference," Oswald said.

As for herself, Oswald needs to continue to play well at the position of outside hitter. She is one of the few players who doesn't get rotated in and out during a game, so she knows the pressure is on for her to perform every time she steps on the court.

"Outside hitters are in every service rotation. We're the go-to hitter if there is a bad pass or the go-to hitter if a middle has pulled the other middle away. I think, although I haven't done the best job of it, it's the player to put a play away," she said.

Last year, she led the Rebels in kills with 307. This year, she has a goal to improve upon that and raise her attack percentage from .176.

She was not always an outside hitter. In high school, she was a middle blocker but was forced to move because she wasn't tall enough. It was hard for her to switch positions, but she credits playing with all kinds of players as having helped her with the move.

She also struggled with the high school to college transition.

"Coming to college from high school was a really hard step for me," oswald said. "The game was so much faster.

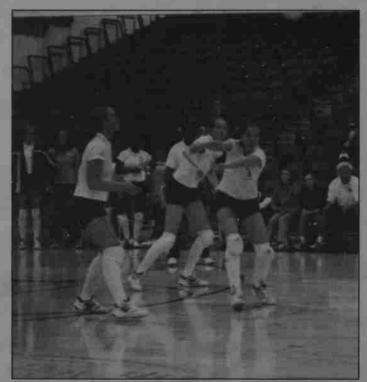
"Everybody was good. I was no longer the best player on team. I struggled every day in practice to make it through."

But she has since matured as a player to become a team leader

Oswald came to UNLV from Notre Dame High School in Vancouver, Canada, where she played volleyball, basketball and track. It was the advice of her coach and her parents that swayed her from attending Michigan State University or Eastern Washington University.

"My high school coach was concerned about the schools that were recruiting me. She was friends with and played on a team with Shan McDonald (UNLV softball coach). She called the softball coach and asked about the volleyball program. I came on a visit and liked it." Oswald said.

Now she is here and is the backbone of the Rebel volleyball team according to head coach Deitre Collins. She acted as a leader this weekend when the Rebels faced No. 8 Colorado



Jummel Hidrosollo / UNLV Rebel Yell Leiana Oswald digs a ball as teammates look on during a recent match against New Mexico.

State University and the University of Wyoming, Friday night, the Rebels lost to the Rams of CSU in three games; 30-15, 30-27 and 30-22.

They rebounded Saturday night, however, in a thriller against the Cowgirls of Wyoming UNLV won in five games; 30-24, 20-30, 30-32, 30-28 and 16-14.

Patricia Assunçao led the Rebels against Wyoming with 23 kills, but it was the defense of freshman setter Nikki King who had 15 digs and racked up 60 assists which was a key to the Rebels victory.

Now the Rebels come home for a single game this week. Friday at 7 p.m. they square off against the Aztecs of San Diego State University in a battle for fourth place in the Mountain West Conference.

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