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Student dies in car accident



Eric Leake / UNLV Rebel Yell

Students hold candlelight vigil Sunday night in the Alumni Amphitheater in remembrance of Aly Christiansen.

By Thomas V. Carrow & Babette May-Herrmann
UNLV Rebel Yell

Eighteen-year-old UNLV freshman Aly Christiansen died in a car accident early Sunday morning.

An oncoming sport utility vehicle hit Christiansen's car after she drove through a stop sign on Spencer Rd. just south of Silverado Ranch in Henderson, police said.

Police explained that Christiansen and a friend were leaving a party in the area when they ran the stop sign at Quartz Landing Avenue. The man that hit them is in police custody for driving under the influence. Police speculate that Christiansen was also under the influence of alcohol.

More than 500 people - mostly students - attended an emotional candlelight vigil at the UNLV Alumni Amphitheater Sunday night.

"I want all of you to do one thing for me . . . make sure to do good on your finals and do the very best you can in college," Christiansen's father told the teary-eyed audience. "Make sure you tell your parents that you love them."

"Thank you for your support," he added.

A friend since childhood reminisced about her friendship with Christiansen.

"We talked on the phone every night. She was the best friend anyone could have," the girl said.

Another friend said Christiansen made the best of every situation.

"She was an awesome person and I know she's watching over us," she said.

Christiansen was initiated into the Delta Zeta Sorority two weeks ago.

She is survived by her parents and her brother Nick, who is also a student at UNLV.

December kicks off National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. The 3D Coalition, a public/private sector partnership, provides a focus for communities interested in participating in the 3D prevention month by sponsoring national campaign activities.

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Transportation, last year alone, 15,935 traffic fatalities were attributed to impaired driving.

Police investigate Tonopah Hall rape

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Campus police are investigating an alleged rape in Tonopah Hall.

The rape was reported Nov. 26 at 5 p.m.

Police were unavailable for comment over the weekend.

This is the third reported dorm rape of the semester, though one reported Aug. 30 in Claudine Williams Hall was determined false upon investigation.

The other rape was reported Sept. 4 in William S. Boyd Hall.

Report: Too many students failing

By Babette May-Herrmann

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Nevada is the second worst state in the nation at producing high school graduates, according to a report released Nov. 15 by the U.S. Department of Education.

The report notes that over one-fifth of Nevada's 18- to 24-year-old population has failed to earn a high school diploma.

Minority students' graduation rate still lags behind that of white students, whose 2000 rate was 91.8 percent. The rate for black students was 83.7 percent, and the rate was 64.1 for Hispanic students, the report states.

Drop-out rates for the poorest 20 percent of students was six times that of the wealthiest 20 percent. Ten percent of the poorest students dropped out of school between 1999 and 2000; however, only 1.6 percent of the wealthiest students dropped out, according to the report.

Las Vegas Academy high school student Fae Dukes-Compton said students at her magnet school must enter and graduate with a high GPA.

"Students at my school want to get into a good college," she said, adding that many students at regular high schools do not care about their GPA.

"Raising the GPA [at Nevada universities] would probably help high school students," she said.

Assemblyman Wendell Williams, chairman of the Assembly's Education Committee,

Early ceremony disappoints grads

By Eric Leake & Jamie Tario

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Expectant UNLV graduates gathered Saturday morning at the Thomas & Mack Center to bid their college years farewell, only to have to return Monday for finals.

UNLV commemorated 700 graduates, a 9 percent increase from last semester. Graduates ranged in age from 20 to 72.

"No day is more memorable than graduation," UNLV President Carol Harter said in her commencement address.

The graduation is the first in recent history held before the end of the semester. The graduation was rescheduled from Dec. 15 to Saturday because of Thomas & Mack scheduling conflicts with National Finals Rodeo.

"I am truly displeased with the fact that I have to return to class," communication graduate Maren Moran said. "Graduation is supposed to be the final chapter in our academic careers, not a preceding event leading up to our final exams."

NFR was held Dec. 1 - 10 last year, and is Dec. 7 - 16 this year. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority estimates that NFR generates approximately \$40 of non-gaming revenue a year.

Public relations graduate Joy B.



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Graduates attend commencement Saturday morning in the Thomas & Mack Center. The Dec. 1 graduation ceremony was before final exams.

Zambarrano said she found UNLV a welcoming community. She transferred to UNLV from Hawaii her junior year.

"I think it was a good experience coming here from Hawaii because of the cultural differences," Zambarrano said. "I think UNLV is appealing because it is cheaper than the University of Hawaii."

"It was easy to get involved in the university community because I already had some friends attending

the school. With small classes, I was able to get to know my classmates really quickly."

She said when she looks back on her college career at UNLV, she'll remember first the new Lied Library that debuted last January.

"It's the nicest library I've ever been in. When you're in it, you don't feel like you're in just another library," she said.

Zambarrano said she plans to move to New York City and pursue a

job in promotions for a record company. She leaves the day after finals.

James Bilbray, Nevada's U. S. representative from 1987 to 1995, was awarded an honorary doctorate of law degree at the ceremony. Bilbray is now an attorney with the law firm of Kummer Kaempfer Bonner & Renshaw.

Local attorney and U. S. Rep. Shelley Berkley and UNLV benefactor Jay H. Borwn were awarded the President's Medal.

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University regents set to discuss more than 40 items

Should the admissions requirements at UNLV and the University of Nevada, Reno increase? Should UNLV reserve an area on campus for the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas? Why should student tuition be used to dissolve administrative debts? Does the student government at the Community College of Southern Nevada deserve financial punishment? Must the student government at UNLV report all its expenses? Is it appropriate for law professors to publicly protest military endeavors?

By Thomas V. Carrow
UNLV Rebel Yell

University regents plan to answer those questions plus more at their meetings Dec. 6 and 7 at UNLV. More than 40 proposals are before the Board.

Admissions

Whether or not regents should raise the admissions standards at both Nevada universities has pitted various minority groups against top administrators.

Minorities and other local advocates label the idea elitist, discriminatory and unnecessary, while administrators see the proposal as a step in the right direction.

"The proposal is a result of years of discussion," President Harter said at a public forum Nov. 27, representing the voice of the university presidents. "It will have a dramatic and positive affect on our students."

Las Vegas-based Regent Linda Howard claims the proposal would negatively impact minority groups and reduce access to higher education, defying the mission of the university system.

She is joined by the Las Vegas Latin Chamber of Commerce and State Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas.

"If the student has a 2.75, then fine, but look at other things as well," Regent Mark Alden said. "The governor told me you got to take care of the students in Nevada first. I think he's right."

Boys & Girls Club

That organization may purchase land at the parking lot east of Paradise Elementary

University Boys and Girl's Club, an organization with a mission to promote leadership, character, health and career development of youth, while emphasizing their social, cultural and educational growth.

The Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Boys and Girls Club plans to raise \$1.6 million to construct the facility.

"I have some concerns about [the proposal]," Regent Tom Kirkpatrick said after being questioned about the viability of using UNLV land for a non-university cause.

If approved, construction will begin by the second quarter of 2002 and completed for occupancy during the first quarter of 2003. A lease would extend through a 49-year period.

Debt to Resolve

Students at UNR might pay an additional \$2 per-credit starting 2003 and an extra \$3 in 2005 to bail the Fire Science Academy out of debt.

The Fire Science Academy in Carlin, Nev. floundered after legal disputes arose between UNR and the investment company that financed the academy's \$27 million relocation.

UNR President John Lilley has asked regents to redirect this semester's \$1 per credit library fee — intended to fund construction of a new library — to the Fire Science Academy.

The proposal calls for a doubling of that fee in 2003 and an additional \$1 per-credit fee increase in 2004 and 2005.

The Fire Science Academy was intended to be a moneymaking institution. Corporations pay to send employees to the academy to learn techniques in combating petroleum fires.

Problems have plagued the academy since its March 1999 opening. The academy suffered low enrollment, construction defects and environmental problems. A consulting firm estimated last year that the academy would lose \$9 million before turning a profit in 2005.

"UNR made some stupid decisions. I hope to hell they find an alternative," Kirkpatrick said. "Why should the students get stuck paying for it?"

Regent Alden said, "I'm not voting [to use] student fees. The students get no benefit. UNR has assets and discretionary funds. They need to look deep

into their own pockets."

However, "this Board has no backbone. You get two or three regents that work hard. They are more concerned about travel and barbecues.

Somebody needs to take this Board and give em a spanking. When there's responsibility to take care of, they run away. It's time for this Board to act like one. It's time for them to stop running away," Alden added.

CCSN student government monies

Regents might revise the student funding structure at CCSN after audits indicated that the student government there used student funds irresponsibly.

Currently, \$2 of the per-credit hour fee at CCSN is allocated to the student government. That amount might drop to 50 cents, corresponding with the funding structure at other community colleges in Nevada.

"Why should they get more money than the other community colleges?" Regent Kirkpatrick asked.

If reduced, the remaining \$1.50 would be added to the General Improvement Fund at CCSN.

"I understand the motivation of the

ture."

Student government accountability

Student governments across the state may need to report all their expenditures to the Board of Regents if a handbook revision is passed.

"I'm confident that our accounts are in perfect order," Moradkhan said last week.

If passed, the revision would require student governments to provide "a report depicting revenues available, detailed expenditures and beginning and ending balances of the association for the immediately preceding fiscal year."

"I understand the fact that it needs to be reported, but the fiscal budget doesn't close until July 30. They want the reports at the end of December and that's in the middle of the year," Moradkhan said.

Professor protests

Regents plan to discuss the controversy that occurred when certain law professors protested the fact that the Boyd Law School allowed military personnel to recruit on campus.

"The professors treated the military personnel absolutely awful," Kirkpatrick said. He is the regent who placed this item on the agenda.

"If they want to protest, do it outside," he said. "They better not do it again."

Kirkpatrick said he respects the freedoms of the First Amendment, but "the professors purposely restricted speech."

Law professor Mary LaFrance and Lied Library employee Matthew Wright showed a film containing footage of discriminatory acts taken by the military. That film aired near the military recruiters, intentionally overpowering their voices, Kirkpatrick added.

Eric Leake contributed to this article.

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Mark Alden,
University regent



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Reimbursing victims of theft takes years

By Jamie R. Homampour
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Whenever an item is stolen or damaged at UNLV, it may take years for the university to reimburse the victim.

According to Assistant Controller John Purvis, a crime is usually reported to campus police, then to the Controller's office and then to the University and Community College System of Nevada. Throughout that time, the campus department that lost the item — an overhead projector, for example — waits.

Some departments have waited almost two years for reimbursement.

It took a year and a half to replace lab equipment taken from the chemistry building and it took that same amount of time to replace a laptop computer taken from the Thomas and Mack Center, campus officials said.

The insurance policy also contains a \$2,000 deductible, meaning a stolen computer worth \$2,100 is reimbursed for \$100.

Of the items stolen this year, only one has completed the claims process.

The two projectors stolen from the Bennett Development Center last July are still pending approval. The projectors combined are worth \$12,000.

The process can be delayed for several reasons. News and Public Information Director Tom Flagg said.

"Sometimes someone specific needs to be called in to assess the value of special equipment," Flagg said.

Follow-up reports and the heavy workload of the UCCSN risk management department could also create delays, he added.

The insurance policy at the uni-



Mike Zigler / UNLV Rebel Yell

Access to buildings is all it takes to steal from classrooms typically unlocked.

versity does not cover items lost due to mysterious disappearance, such as items missing without any reasonable explanation.

Brandon Walters, a sophomore majoring in hotel, asked, "How many items has the university said disappeared in order not to cover them?"

Once an item is considered insured by the UCCSN risk manager, it has to be replaced by the department. Any reimbursement that may happen comes after the item is repaired or replaced.

"Departments should use soft money instead of hard money when replacing items," Purvis said. Hard money is money budgeted by state accounts while soft money is money earned through a departmental program.

"A department that doesn't have soft money would go to their dean," Flagg said. "There is soft money somewhere for them to use."

John Farley, a physics professor, sympathizes with smaller departments when it comes to soft money.

"From the point of view of other departments, that's probably tough to take it (soft money) out of their budget," he said.

Parking garage opens early

By Eric Leake
UNLV Rebel Yell

When UNLV's new parking garage opened Friday at noon, Parking Manager Tom Hudak could not wait to park in it.

"I was the first, I was in there at 12:05," Hudak said. "Today is a happy day for parking."

The garage, UNLV's first, sits just north of Artemus Ham Concert Hall off of Cottage Grove Avenue. Of its 1,600 parking spaces, 1,272 are student, 162 faculty, 74 visitor, 66 reserved and 26 handicap.

Friday's opening is the culmination of several years of planning, delays, changed plans and increased parking fees.

"We've been discussing the garage and the numerous details about it for about four years now ... ever since we started charging the fee," Hudak said.

The \$12.6 million, four-story garage opened on budget and six weeks early of the scheduled January 2002 opening date.

All current parking permits are valid in the new garage, and reserve spaces are on sale for a discounted \$300 throughout the remainder of this academic year. Reserved and non-student permit spaces are located on the first floor of the garage. Student spaces fill the second through top floors.

The garage is paid for through collected and future parking fees, which doubled to \$60 for students this semester. The fees pay off what is essentially a state loan financing the project.

The garage allows the addition of two more floors, though Hudak admits that even at six floors, the garage is not the likely end-all to campus parking pains.

"The university is going to continue to grow and we're going to have to continue to explore solutions to the parking," Hudak said.

For now, Hudak said he expects the new garage to ease parking campus-wide.

"That garage is like the size of one of the Thomas & Mack lots for that side of campus," he said. "By having that many spaces there it should provide some relief throughout the campus."

UNLV President Carol Harter echoed Hudak's enthusiasm.

"We are delighted to be opening our first parking garage on campus," she said in a prepared statement. "The entire campus will benefit from the added convenience this new facility will provide."

Construction crews were still working on the empty garage's finishing details and an adjoining theatre box office late Friday afternoon.

"It looks real nice, very professional," sophomore Jacob Chidester said, eyeing the gray concrete structure and landscaping. "They just need to clean up some of the rest of this nonsense and they'll be good to go."

He predicted the shaded garage spaces would be popular during the summer months.

"I had to do some business over here today. If I'd known this was open, I would've parked here," Chidester said.



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UNLV's first parking garage opened early Friday, holding 1,600 parking spaces.

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Lecture: How memories form

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How memories are formed will be the topic of discussion Tuesday during the Distinguished Lecture Series at UNLV.

The lecture will feature two presentations. The first, by John Jonides, professor of psychology and neuroscience and co-director of the Functional Neuroimaging Center at the University of Michigan, will focus on "How We Learn vs. How We Think We Learn: Implications for Theory and Practice."

The second, by Robert A. Bjork, professor of psychology at UCLA, editor of "Psychological Review,"

and president of the American Psychological Society, will focus on "Learning About Working Memory by Studying the Brain."

The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex, Auditorium Room A-107. A reception will be held in the Great Hall following the lectures.

The lecture series is being cosponsored by UNLV's departments of kinesiology, biology, and psychology and is supported through a university Planning Initiative Award grant.

Economic forecasts for Southern Nevada

UNLV Rebel Yell

UNLV's Center for Business and Economic Research will present its annual "Economic Outlook Conference" on Dec. 18.

At the conference, Dr. R. Keith Schwer, director of the center, will review current economic conditions and discuss the 2002 economic forecasts for Southern Nevada and the nation.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the UNLV International Gaming Institute, located in the Stan Fulton Building. The building is located at the southeast corner of Flamingo

Road and Swenson Street.

The cost for an individual to register for the conference, which includes parking, is \$50. Registered participants will receive the publication "Economic Outlook 2002." The publication is on sale for \$25.

"We feel that people will find this conference to be very helpful," Schwer said. "With uncertain economic conditions, not only in Southern Nevada, but throughout the United States, up-to-date information on taxes, possible government actions, as well as foreign policies are all important factors decision-makers must consider for their future planning."

CCSD



Capra Jensen / UNLV Rebel Yell
A Paradise Elementary School teacher helps two students with basic English.

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said that Nevada should not raise academic standards at high schools and colleges without helping students meet those requirements.

In light of the statistics, university regents are slated to meet in Las Vegas on Dec. 6-7 at UNLV to discuss raising the GPA standard from 2.5 to 3.0 for newly admitted students at UNLV and University of Nevada, Reno. If regents vote in favor of the GPA increase, students entering Nevada's universities in fall 2003 must either have a GPA of 2.75 or be selected for special admission. In 2005, it would increase to 3.0.

Williams and many other opponents of the GPA increase argue that retention efforts need to be addressed before raising the GPA standard.

In addition to the high school dropout rate, Clark County rated 196 out of 216 heavily populated counties ranked by the percentage of residents with at least a bachelor's degree, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau survey.

Observers attribute the recent statistics to Las Vegas' service driven, blue collar local economy.

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Library hours change for finals

By Nora Vinh
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Lied Library has extended its hours until 2 a.m. seven days a week during study and finals week.

Wendy Starkweather, director of Public Services, said that use of the Lied library is higher than at the former Dickinson Library, and if enough students need the library 24 hours a day, then the university is more than willing to accommodate students.

"We try to find a balance for students and library staff and security," Starkweather said.

Plans for next semester include designating a study room next to the Lied Library café, which will be available to students around the clock.

Students with an Internet connection may also use the library website at any hours for renewing books, searching the library catalog, and researching academic articles.

The library will also be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during holidays, winter and spring break.

The reason why the library is not currently open 24 hours a day, is based on a student count of entry and departure by sensors at the library entrances.

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Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 22-23
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Monday, Dec. 24
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Tuesday, Dec. 25
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Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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Monday, Dec. 31
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Tuesday, Jan. 1
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Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 2-4
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 5-6
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday-Friday, Jan. 7-11
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 12-13
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday-Friday, Jan. 14-18
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday, Jan. 21
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Lied Library Exceptions and Closings

Extended Hours For Finals

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10:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Sunday, Dec. 9
11:00 AM - 2:00 AM
Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 10-Dec. 12
7:30 AM - 2:00 AM
Thursday, Dec. 13
7:30 AM - Midnight
Friday, Dec. 14
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Dental school could take a bite into student fees



Kathleen Pearce / UNLV Rebel Yell

The future buildings of the UNLV Dental School, located at 1700 W. Charleston Blvd., sit on an 18-acre property. The three-building complex was purchased in late October for \$13.5 million. An additional \$18.75 million of student fees dedicated to capital improvement will be used to renovate the property. The dental school is scheduled to open fall 2002 with 75 initial students.

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THEFT Larceny - Petit NOV 26
Location: HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING
Summary: REPORT TAKEN REGARDING A STOLEN MICROPHONE.

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Location: MCDERMOTT PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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SEXOFC (Rape) NOV 26
Location: TONOPAH HALL
Summary: REPORT OF AN ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT WAS TAKEN.

THEFT Larceny - Grand NOV 27
Location: TONOPAH HALL
Summary: REPORT WAS TAKEN REGARDING THE THEFT OF A BOOK BAG CONTAINING A CELL PHONE AND SEGA DREAMCAST.

BURGLARY No Forced Entry NOV 27
Location: OTHER ON CAMPUS LOCATION
Summary: REPORT TAKEN REGARDING THE THEFT OF MONEY AND A CELL PHONE FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER.

SEXOFS Indecent Exposure NOV 27
Location: CAMPUS SERVICES BUILDING
Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT

OF A MAN MAKING LEWD GESTURES.

VANDALISM Tampering With Motor Vehicle NOV 28
Location: LOT E - EAST OF MSU BY BOOKSTORE
Summary: REPORT TAKEN REGARDING THE VANDALISM OF A VEHICLE.

TRESPASS NOV 28
Location: FLORA DUNGAN HUMANITIES BLDG
Summary: INDIVIDUAL WAS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING A TRESPASS ORDER PLACED ON THE INDIVIDUAL BY THE UNIVERSITY.

INCIDENT Suicide Attempt NOV 28
Location: JUANITA GREER WHITE LIFE SCIENCES
Summary: OFFICERS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST A SUICIDAL SUBJECT.

ASSIST Person Sick/Injured NOV 28
Location: PAUL B. SOGG ARCHITECTURE BUILDING
Summary: OFFICERS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING FROM RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS LATER TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

ASSIST Person Sick/Injured NOV 29
Location: CBC CLASSROOM BUILDING
Summary: OFFICERS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING FROM AN ASTHMA ATTACK.

INCIDENT Suspicious Person NOV 29
Location: LILY FONG GEOSCIENCE
Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF AN INDIVIDUAL MAKING THREATENING GESTURES TOWARDS A STUDENT.

NOV 29
Location: HARMON AVENUE
Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A FIGHT BETWEEN A MALE AND FEMALE. THE ARGUMENT DID NOT RESULT IN A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION OR INJURIES.

NOV 29
Location: MOYER STUDENT UNION
Summary: A REPORT WAS TAKEN OF A SUBJECT LOSING A WALLET.

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Eugene police ignore justice department

By John Liebhardt
Oregon Daily Emerald

(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. — The Eugene Police Department has decided it will not conduct any interviews of foreign visitors for the federal anti-terrorism task force until legal questions regarding the investigation of the Sept. 11 attacks can be answered.

On Tuesday, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers ruled that Oregon State Police can legally participate in the interviews of nearly 200 people in Oregon, including 50 in the Eugene area. However, EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said no interviews will be conducted until concerns are cleared up. Those concerns involve how the criteria used to create the lists was determined, and what exact questions investigators plan to ask interviewees, EPD has asked the Eugene city attorney's office to resolve the legality of the interviews.

"We are not conducting these interviews as requested," Alejandre said, pointing out that the EPD is not



ignoring the investigation altogether. "If assistance is needed, we've always made every effort to cooperate."

Alejandre said the department is worried about the criteria used to create the list of interviewees.

"Each person on the list is essentially from a Middle Eastern country," she said, which raised red flags at EPD about possible forms of racial profiling, which could be deemed illegal under Oregon statutes. Since receiving the list, EPD has tried to learn the criteria behind the names, she said.

"We have the responsibility to

ensure that all of our activities fall within the guidelines of Oregon State law," she said.

Alejandre said EPD is also worried about the context of some of the sample questions to ask the interviewees.

"If some of the questions are not worded correctly, they could provide the assumption of guilt," Alejandre said. Neither Alejandre nor members of the U.S. attorney's office would provide the list of questions.

On Nov. 9, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft directed all United States attorneys to coordinate anti-terrorism efforts with state and local law enforcement agencies. U.S. Attorney Michael Mosman asked EPD, as well as other local departments, to help interview people on their knowledge of terrorist elements in the United States. After the request, the Portland city attorney's office warned the Portland Police Department not to participate in the interviews because some questions used by investigators could be considered unconstitutional

in Oregon.

Members of the U.S. attorney's office in Portland defended the practice set up by Ashcroft and the Justice Department, noting that the interviews will be conducted with or without help from local police.

"We have to get them done regardless," said U.S. First Assistant Attorney Barry Steldahl.

Civil liberties groups are concerned that the secrecy surrounding the investigations will strike fear in those interviewees, especially because they are resident aliens.

"These will be perceived as threatening visits, [they won't] be received as a request for help," said David Fidanque, executive director for ACLU of Oregon. He pointed out that while the interviews are voluntary, people who refuse the interview could find themselves under greater scrutiny than before.

"If people refuse to ask questions or limit their answers, they may find themselves under investigation because of their refusal," Fidanque said.

WU cited for animal testing complaint

By Rajas Pargaonkar
The Student Life

(U-WIRE) ST. LOUIS — National animal rights watchdog Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! (SAEN) has filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture after compiling an audit report of 50 of the nation's leading research institutions, including Washington University School of Medicine (WU/SM).

The complaint stems from SAEN's allegations that primates involved in the institutions' studies, mostly rhesus and squirrel monkeys, were being denied adequate food and water in addition to being

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Supreme Court to rule on drug tests

By Jamie Meltzer
DC BUREAU

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Earlier this month, the Supreme Court agreed to decide whether school districts have to show that a student has a serious drug problem before testing the individual.

The Supreme Court decided in 1995 that school districts were allowed to test athletes, because school officials had blamed drugs for disciplinary problems. This contradicts the recent ruling of an Oklahoma Court of Appeals.

The court decided the Tecumseh school district violated the Constitution by conducting random drug tests of students involved in extra-curricular activities. Those in favor of the testing thought it was acceptable because activities represent the school publicly.

"Athletes are looked at as leaders of the school, and if they do drugs maybe others will follow," said Erik Smokeler, a sophomore at George Washington University.

School officials tested about 500 students from 1998 to 2000. Some results were positive for marijuana and painkillers, according to Tecumseh Superintendent Tom Wilsie.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a suit to stop the practice that they saw as an infringement of the Fourth Amendment protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

Graham Boyd, an attorney with the ACLU, believes this case is one example of how the war on drugs targets people of color and young people.

Boyd thinks this is the result of young people's lack of involvement in the political process. High school

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Pressure mounts for Taliban leaders

By Ken Campbell

Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — The pressure on the Taliban and al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan is mounting, as U.S. warplanes attacked several cave and tunnel complexes around the cities of Jalalabad and Kandahar, according to Pentagon sources.

The Defense department also denied reports that 160 prisoners were executed by the Northern Alliance.

"The reports are just not believable. A U.S. liaison team is on the ground with opposition forces in the area," said Victoria Clarke, assistant secretary of Defense. "The team has not reported the capture of more than a handful of prisoners."

"Additionally, the team has not reported any information about improper treatment of prisoners, and would certainly do so, if they had witnessed that or learned of these sorts of deaths," Clarke added.

Defense officials also confirmed that the military is trying to establish a northern airbase, although they suggest that it would be used primarily for humanitarian purposes, which are "continuing."

"Two C-17s [dropped] about 34,000 humanitarian daily rations," said Rear Admiral John Stufflebeam, of the Joint Staff. "That brings our total now to date to more than 1,970,000."

Stufflebeam described Wednesday's air strikes, which targeted eight areas.

"We're continuing to focus the pressure on al Qaeda and the Taliban through strikes on fixed and emerging targets," Stufflebeam said. "Most of our effort was against emergent targets, including Taliban command-and-control facilities and military forces in the South and in support of opposition group efforts there."

"We used about 120 strike aircraft again yesterday, which includes about 100 tactical sea-based platform aircraft, 12 to 14 land-based tactical jets, and between six to eight long-range bombers," Stufflebeam added.

Secretary of Defense Donald

HUNT FOR BIN LADEN

The United States focused its hunt for Osama bin Laden on eastern Afghanistan as tribal warriors closed in on the last redoubt of his Taliban protectors in Kandahar in the south



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The United States focused its hunt for Osama bin Laden on the caves of eastern Afghanistan Friday as tribal warriors closed in on the last redoubt of his Taliban protectors in Kandahar in the south. Bin Laden, wanted for the September 11 attacks on the United States, is probably hiding in the Tora Bora region southwest of Jalalabad, according to U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney.

Rumsfeld told reporters on Tuesday that the Marine deployment was going as planned.

"My understanding is that the deployment is going along very well and it's continuing. They're there to establish and secure a temporary forward operating base," Rumsfeld said. "Is it conceivable that some day some one of that group could be used for some other purpose? The answer is: it's conceivable. Is it

intended at the present time? No."

The Pentagon declined to confirm reports that the Northern Alliance had invaded the southern city of Kandahar, although the troops may be in the province.

"We can't deny that, I guess, is a better way to put that," Stufflebeam said. "But I could not confirm, and I've not seen any reports that any opposition groups have entered Kandahar City at this point."

Stufflebeam did confirm that the city itself was surrounded, but would not say it was under siege.

"The city of Kandahar is in a large way relatively surrounded by opposition groups. The major road that goes to the south towards Quetta is controlled by opposition groups," Stufflebeam explained. "So the city is somewhat ringed by opposition

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Device will allow police to safely stop hijacked truck



courtesy photo

California Gov. Gray Davis introduced a new device to strengthen homeland security amid fears of further attacks in the U.S.

By Rong-Gong Lin II

Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) OAKLAND, Calif. — California Gov. Gray Davis and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists unveiled a new anti-terrorism device Tuesday that could safely stop a hijacked truck.

"This is a wonderful tool for law enforcement to be able to stop trucks hijackers have overtaken," Davis said.

A California Highway Patrol car can bring a stolen truck laden with explosive materials to a stop in seconds, using a police vehicle to "tap" the truck's rear. The truck's rear bumper is attached to a device that, when triggered, automatically activates the brakes and brings the vehicle to a stop.

"This lets the cop (from a separate patrol car) step the brake pedal on the truck, and the truck driver can't do anything about it," said Bill Wattenburg, the Livermore lab engineer who developed the device. The lab is run by University of California.

The invention was developed with the CHP and the governor's counterterrorism task force that was formed after the Sept. 11 attacks.

CHP officers said they have been wishing for a way to safely stop a stolen or hijacked truck for years. Davis said this device could have allowed a patrol car to safely stop the tanker truck that crashed into the state Capitol last January.

"A hijacker can turn a big rig into a motorized missile," Davis said. "Because of the potential of a hijacker wanting to perform a terrorist act, the need for this technology looms larger."

CHP and Livermore lab officials conducted several live tests while Davis spoke Tuesday at Oakland Coliseum's parking lot. The patrol car closely followed a speeding tanker truck and used its front bumper to tap the truck's rear.

When bumped, the device's knife — located on the bumper's interior — cuts through an

air hose to the break. When severed, the trucks are designed to lock their brakes, which brings the vehicle to a quick halt. Officials tested the device at 10 mph and 30 mph.

The devices cost only \$200 to \$250 for each truck. The truck is not likely to jackknife, because the mechanism only brakes the rear wheels of the trailer, Wattenburg said.

If the device is accidentally activated, truck drivers can repair the device in about three minutes, but would need to leave the truck's cab and walk to the rear bumper. If the truck driver is a hijacker, police would be able to take the assailant down while he attempts to repair it.

Before the device can be used on a wide scale, there need to be a few more weeks of high-speed testing, Wattenburg said.

Trucking industry and union officials have been involved in the device's development and have supported the idea behind it. But they don't see the device being approved too quickly, saying it needs full field testing and input from truck manufacturers, trucking companies and unions before it can be put in widespread use.

"While we all want to move expeditiously to counter threats to terrorism, we want to make sure we're not going to rush into something that doesn't make any sense," said Barry Broad, who represents the California Teamsters on the governor's task force. "There's going to have to be a broad consensus that it's safe and effective."

Some worries include how to make sure the device cannot be triggered in a normal accident, said Warren Hoemann, vice president of the California Trucking Association. Another concern is ensuring the device will not be used by terrorists to hijack the trucks and to make it only accessible for police use.

For the device to be effective, it would be necessary that rules about installing the device are applied nationwide, especially since trucks often cross state boundaries, Hoemann added.

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ANIMAL: Official surprised with results

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held in painful restraints.

It is the single largest animal testing complaint in U.S. history, alleging violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

Michael Budkie, author of the report and executive director of SAEN, argued the invasive nature of primate experimentation has resulted in universities underreporting on the number of these projects.

"If [laboratories] are using painful or stressful techniques without the benefit of anesthesia — it has to be reported as such — that's not something a lot of these laboratories want to do, and as a result, this kind of experimentation is underreported," Budkie said.

Budkie stated SAEN came to this conclusion after investigating many of the reports published by researchers who were involved with aspects of primate research such as brain mapping, drug addiction tests and primate vision tests.

"When we started cross-referencing all of the information from USDA inspection reports and [the National Institutes of Health] databases with the reports universities were filing, we found that 94 percent were not reporting accurately," Budkie said. "We also found out that at least 40 percent of these laboratories are routinely depriving primates of food and/or water."

Budkie additionally claimed an "insider" photograph was smuggled out of a lab at Massachusetts Institute of Technology that showed researchers using painful restraints on primates during experiments.

"We went through the process of verifying that these pictures could be accurate. We then checked with research projects going on at MIT and found that this type of research could be going on [at MIT]," Budkie said.

Budkie stated many primate experiments used highly invasive implants. He cited the procedure of WUSM researchers in a primate experiment, during which they implanted a plate directly under the skull.

"Juvenile rhesus monkeys were chronically implanted with a circular, molded, acrylic ring that was anchored by a T-bolt under the skull," Budkie said.

He noted the research being performed might not be useful in studying animals, due to the highly stressful conditions under which they are placed during experimentation.

"[The research] may not be relevant to primates for a number of reasons. Having the animal confined in a lab is very stressful and when you take added steps of bolting devices into their



The Rhesus, left, and Squirrel, right, monkeys were reportedly denied adequate food and water at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Reuters Graphic

skulls, doing this puts the animals under stress and modifies their body chemistry," Budkie said.

When asked why universities would continue to perform such experiments if there was no benefit to the canon of medical knowledge, Budkie cited financial reasons for their persistence.

"I think they are being done to keep money coming into the universities. A tremendous amount of money comes into the university in the form of federal grants," he said.

But Vice Chancellor for research at WUSM Dr. Henry Cicero expressed surprise at the inclusion of WUSM in the SAEN report.

"I was a little distressed particularly since we didn't participate in any survey. The survey itself looks as if it was conducted by looking at what was available as free information as a part of the Freedom of Information Act," Cicero said. "I was a bit surprised to see us listed there."

Cicero stated the university does conduct experiments that involve the skull implantation technique SAEN noted, adding such experiments are rare and done only with the animals under full anesthesia.

Most of the research involving primates at WUSM, according to Cicero, deals with mapping the brain, particularly the functional areas that control cognition and memory.

Cicero dismissed SAEN's claim that institutions would deprive primates of food and water for hours or even days, stating food and water deprivation are done sparingly.

"They are often withheld water overnight for training purposes. They learn to press a bar for water or food. They may be deprived for eight to 10 hours [maximum], but then they are fully allowed to feed and take water on," said Cicero.

In response to SAEN's allegation that

researchers often used painful restraints, Cicero commented restraints were used at WUSM, but not for the extended lengths of time as SAEN claimed in the report.

"The only restraint would be for procedures during the day for one or two hours. The animals would be taken out of their cages and put into a chair that just keeps them from interfering with the experimental equipment. The animals are immediately released and spend 22 hours a day living free in a cage," Cicero said.

SAEN claims all animal experimentation was unbeneficial, and that the country at large would be better off with a comprehensive ban. Cicero noted that the researchers would disagree.

"Most of us would ascertain that the use of animal models in particular help us understand human diseases and human function. We have a very stringent review process, and protocols are only approved under the supervision of strict veterinary care," Cicero said.

The SAEN report also accused research institutions such as WUSM of carrying on animal experimentation to keep employees paid and to keep federal funding flowing into the institutions.

"That's simply not true. We get as much money doing research with humans as we do with animals," Cicero said.

Cicero added that animal rights groups like SAEN were too critical of medical research and were attacking what he believed was a very limited use of animals.

"With all the causes one can go after with respect to animals, such as food consumption, furs and those type of things, they focus on a very small use of animals, and I stress how small this use of animals is for medical research," he said.

Cicero stated in general WUSM and similar institutions were not abusing the rights of animals, and claiming such was a gross misstatement.

"I think that there is always a position for us to debate in an open forum. We are very much for the welfare of animals. At the same time we have to balance the welfare of animals with the welfare of people," he said.



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students, he pointed out, are too young to vote and college students are often away from home, preventing active participation in elections.

"I don't know who came up with the rule that high school students have no rights. What upholds this? What distinguishes a sports player from a regular student?" said Laura Heller, a sophomore at George Washington University.

Boyd compares random testing in schools to a member of the Drug Enforcement Agency knocking on every door and asking "Mr. Jones" if they can have a cup of his urine. In this way, according to Boyd, everyone must prove his or her innocence, a contradiction to the constitution.

The Tecumseh district, and others like it, believes they have the right to drug test because students involved in extra-curriculars represent the school publicly.

"I think that athletes have a certain responsibility to remain pure, in a sense, a commitment to preserve their bodies and to be decent role models," said Jessica Burgan, a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh.

Linda Meoli, an attorney involved in the case, was unable to be reached for comment.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear *Earl v. Tecumseh* next March.



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groups."

The situation in Kandahar is complex, and negotiations between the opposition forces and Kandahar's defenders are on going.

"They're very active in negotiations from those who are within the city and those who are outlying," Stufflebeam said. "We know there are Taliban forces that are digging in, intending to fight, would be my assumption. We know there are non-Taliban forces there as well, who have already broadcast their intentions to dig in and fight to the death."

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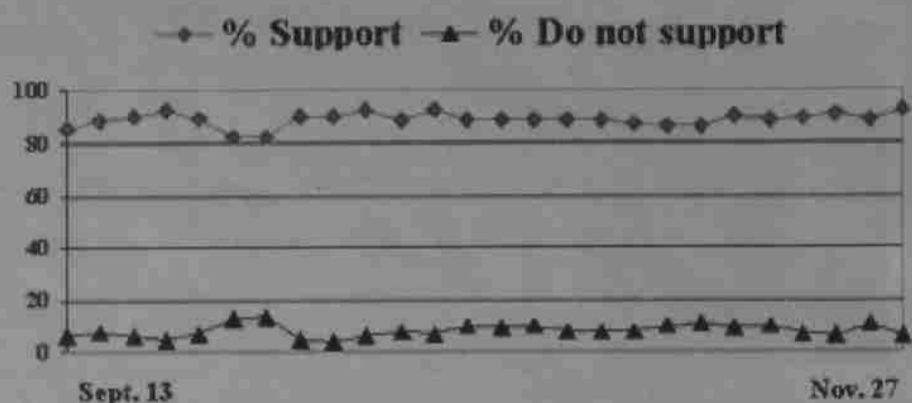
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Poll: U.S. is winning terror war



By Brian Marshall

The Round Up

(U-WIRE) LAS CRUCES, N.M. — More Americans think the United States and its allies are winning the war on terrorism, according to a recent poll.

Fifty-three percent of Americans said they believed the United States and its allies were winning when polled between Nov. 8 and 11. That is an increase of 11 percentage points since the same question was asked in an October poll.

Edgar Ramirez, a sophomore majoring in computer science at New Mexico State University, said he thought some people changed their mind because of the gains made by the Northern Alliance. Thirty-three percent said that neither side has an advantage.

"Nobody is winning the war because both countries are suffering," said Ramirez.

Many Americans may not believe the United States is winning, but the large majority does approve of the military action, according to an early November poll. Eighty-six percent of Americans said they approve of the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan. Of that 86 percent, 71 percent said they strongly approve of the military

effort. Eleven percent disapproves, with 6 percent strongly disapproving.

Approval continues to be strong. Eighty-nine percent of Americans said the United States did not make a mistake by sending troops to Afghanistan, in a recent poll.

Henry Benoit, a graduate student in sociology at NMSU, said the U.S. must "go all the way" to stop the terrorists. He said that includes going into other countries if necessary.

In an October poll, 80 percent of Americans favored "the U.S. using ground troops in Afghanistan." To see how the answer would change, the negative consequences of ground troop involvement were varied for each question. The answers varied somewhat with the change in question, but overall the majority of Americans still supported the use of ground troops.

"When you're in war casualties happen," said Benoit.

Following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, President Bush's approval rating increased from slightly more than 50 percent to about 90 percent. Since the later part of September, his approval rating has dipped slightly. In the two polls conducted in November, Bush's approval rating

has held steady at about 87 percent. This rating is for his overall performance and for how he is handling the U.S. military action abroad to fight terrorism.

Congressional approval followed the same pattern. The rating increased from slightly more than 40 percent to more than 80 percent following the terrorist attacks. In November, that rating has dropped to slightly more than 70 percent.

American concerns about terrorism have dropped in the last month. In an October poll, 46 percent of Americans said terrorism was the most important problem facing this country. When asked the same question in November, that number dropped to 37 percent. It is still the number one reason cited as the most important problem. The percentage of Americans that said the economy was the top concern increased three percentage points from 13 percent in October to 16 percent in November.

The polls were conducted by the Gallup Organization October 11-14, Nov. 2-4 and Nov. 8-11. A randomly selected national sample of between 1,005 and 1,012 adults, 18 years and older were interviewed by telephone. The sampling error is plus or minus 3 percent.

Radical author discusses war

By Joy Schaeffer

Campus Times

(U-WIRE) ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Historian, activist and author Howard Zinn spoke to a large diverse audience Wednesday night in Strong Auditorium at the University of Rochester.

Zinn is most famous for his book, "A People's History of the United States," and has recently written articles for The Progressive magazine opposing the bombings in Afghanistan.

"We need to live in a world where we don't pledge our allegiance to one flag, but where we pledge our allegiance to the human race," he said.

He explained why he's a historian.

"I wanted to change the world, and history's a good place to start," he said. "If you don't know any history, authority can tell you anything and you have no basis for questioning it."

He said that the U.S. Constitution was intended to set up a government protective only of Western expansionists and privileged citizens.

"The Constitution was not a perfect document — it was a class document. It was set up for class interest," he said.

The speech had an air of a fire-side chat, with a comfortable audience laughing at Zinn's more humorous points, and clapping enthusiastically at the serious arguments.

He also had some advice for college students.

"I learned very soon that the best way to educate yourself is to cut class and go to the library."

That way, he said, one is able to come across readings that are not on the reading list. Zinn talked about his realization that there was a large omission of facts from the history books he read in school, and that these books mainly focused on America's economic growth and rarely concentrated on the history of the working class.

Zinn's speech also touched upon his participation in World War II, where he saw action as a bombardier in the U.S. Air Force.

Though he was in "the best of wars," he said that "war is a quick fix, but war doesn't solve fundamental problems. One year later, two years later, five years later, the world hasn't changed and you go to war again."

The audience's biggest reaction came when Zinn said, "War can no longer be a solution to any of the problems we face in the world today."

He said he learned to look at history from a black point of view, a woman's point of view and a Native American's point of view because of his diverse life experiences.

"I learned most about democracy," he said. "Democracy was not what was taught to me in high school. Democracy came alive when the citizens got together, organized and did something."

Zinn, who is professor emeritus of political science at Boston University, was involved in founding the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was an anti-war activist during the Vietnam War.

Zinn was reunited with Senior Information Analyst at the UR med-



Howard Zinn, Author

ical center Bob Good Thursday night. Good was part of the "Camden 28," a group of Vietnam war protesters from Camden, N.J. that illegally dodged the draft. Good's brother had been killed in the war years before, and their mother, Betty Good, believed that her son died for a just cause.

At the group's trial, Zinn testified for the defendants and spoke of the government's lies concerning Vietnam War. Mrs. Good broke out in tears at this truth revealed — because of Zinn's testimony, she realized her son had died for an unjust cause.

"History of social change in this country is a history of citizen action in face of government inaction," Zinn said. He said that the government controls the media, and that the media in turn willingly lets itself be controlled by the government. Journalists, he said, are supposed to be independent and question government instead of merely falling in line like a bunch of sheep.

"If we are citizens in a democracy, we have to think for ourselves. We have to ask ourselves if the bombing of Afghanistan is right," Zinn said that nobody wants to examine the reasons behind terrorism. "Unless we change, we'll be stuck in the same endless cycle of war after war."

"We have to stop being a military superpower in the world. Maybe should use our immense wealth to do something about disease and hunger in the world."

In response to a question asked by an audience member, he somewhat jokingly proclaimed himself to be a "democratic anarchistic socialist." The audience laughed.

Audience members had diverse reactions to Zinn's speech.

"He's a good thinker, but people should level with him more — they shouldn't look up to him as much. [People like Zinn] shouldn't be on pedestals," said Arthur Klinkon of the Rochester School of the Arts.

"I think he wants to have his cake and eat it too. He's a looter. He wants to have the products of capitalism while condemning capitalism at the same time," said freshman Cedric Logan, who is a member of UR's College Republicans.

"It's funny that the people who speak the truth are the ones that are labeled as radicals," said Tim Beideck, a Rochester community citizen.

Zinn is the winner of the 1991 Thomas Merton Award, the 1998 Eugene Debs Award, the 1998 Lannan Literary Award and the 1999 Upton Sinclair Award. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Paris and the University of Bologna.

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Lawmakers explore national identification cards

By Jeff Sonderman
The Mancater

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Recent talk of creating a national identity card for all U.S. citizens has some people praising the security it may provide and others worried about Big Brother's intrusiveness.

U.S. Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., is the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations. He recently held a hearing to explore ideas for a national identification card.

"Representative Horn will be introducing a bill in the next couple days that would establish a commission that would be looking at a national identifier among other homeland security issues," said Bonnie Heald, spokeswoman for the subcommittee.

Another recommendation came from the state Senate of New York.

The state Senate formed an anti-terrorism subcommittee shortly after Sept. 11 to recommend steps to improve preparedness. Among the committee recommendations released by state Sen. Roy Goodman, R-Manhattan, was to create a "universal identification card system."

The proposed card would hold fingerprints and eventually photographs and eye retinal images, which would all be in a digital format.

Supporters say the cards would reduce racial and ethnic profiling and let authorities know who is in the country legally.

Larry Ellison, founder and CEO of Oracle Corp., has offered to provide database software for a national identity system at no cost to the government.

But some people are uneasy about putting so much information in a centralized government system.

Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., does not support any type of national identity card, spokesman Ernie Blazar said.



U.S. Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., left, recently held a meeting to explore ideas for a national identification card that would contain fingerprints and eventually photographs as well as eye retinal images, which would all be in digital format.

"Senator Bond believes that American citizens do not need a national identity card," Blazar said. "Citizenship is something you carry in your heart, not in your wallet."

Bond feels it is better to focus on identification for non-citizens to make sure they are here legally, Blazar said.

Matt LeMieux, executive director of the Eastern Missouri American Civil Liberties

Union, said he agreed.

"As it is, the government already has a lot of information," LeMieux said.

Despite good intentions, he added, a national identity system could be abused.

"Our main concern with this is how it might be misused," LeMieux said. "Who is going to be asked for their IDs? Is this going to lead to more racial profiling and ethnic pro-

filings?"

If a system is developed, privacy activists will probably demand a large security benefit before relinquishing personal information, he said.

"We think it's the burden of the government to show that any piece of legislation that infringes upon our rights will give us national security," LeMieux said.

Oil trade shapes relations with mid East, Central Asia

Oil is plentiful at the moment, keeping prices low, but analysts warn that intensified conflict overseas could mean a spike in prices



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By Margo Beth Crouppen
The California Aggie

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — Twelve weeks after Sept. 11, many Americans are re-examining their government's relationships with the Middle East and neighboring regions. Some are questioning whether or not the United States' dependence on foreign oil is fueling Operation Enduring Freedom.

Today, the United States is the largest oil consumer in the world according to Lowell Feld, a representative from the Energy Information Administration who specializes in international energy issues. America uses 25 percent of all the oil produced each year, while having less than 4 percent of the world's known reserves. About 28 percent of U.S. oil imports this year have come from the Persian Gulf, noted Feld.

America's economic reliance on the Middle East has led the U.S. government to take a political interest in this region as well Central Asia.

"All things in the world are extraordinarily interconnected," said Hunter Lovins, co-chief executive officer of the Rocky Mountain Institute, which encourages the use of more efficient and renewable resources.

The formation of the state of

Israel and the Gulf War both illustrate how America's connection with the Middle East sometimes muddles the line between politics and economics.

America complicated its relationship with the Islamic nations when it supported the creation of Israel after World War II. While this move created significant tension, since Israel is built on Islamic holy ground, it did not have a notable, lasting impact on the oil trade, Tom Nicholson, a citizen who closely follows energy issues, said in an e-mail interview.

Randy Hays, president of the Rainforest Action Network, a preservationist organization, said that as the United States continued to import Middle Eastern oil thereafter, those involved in the industry accumulated incredible wealth. Some Muslims morally disapproved of the "oil princes'" affluent lifestyles and directed their animosity toward the Western world, as its business had made such wealth possible.

Furthermore, the U.S. and Saudi governments created a supportive relationship via the oil trade that some Muslims disliked because that relationship has helped the House of Saud — which is viewed as a moderate Muslim government — stay in power, according to Daniel Sperling, director of the Institute of

Transportation Studies.

The Gulf War is a more recent and equally prevalent event. While America entered the war in part to protect Kuwait, Lovins noted, "If Kuwait grew broccoli we wouldn't go to Kuwait." America did not want to see Kuwait's oil supply fall into the hands of Saddam Hussein. Furthermore, Iraq wanted to undermine the Saudi monarchy. Knowing that, Saudi Arabia asked the U.S. government to intervene.

After the war, American troops remained stationed in Saudi Arabia, Osama bin Laden's homeland. Having U.S. troops so close to sacred Islamic sites upset many citizens, including bin Laden, said Hays.

"Osama did not have it in for the U.S. until the U.S. military had large numbers of personnel in Saudi Arabia," Nicholson stated.

While the United States did not directly give rise to the Taliban or al Qaeda, its political actions during the Cold War did play an indirect role in their ascent, he said.

The mujahideen, Afghan freedom fighters — who actively opposed the communist government that came into power in 1979 with the help of the Soviet Union — gained U.S. backing in the form of covert Central Intelligence Agency assistance that included weapons and training in 1984, according to the Department of State Web site. The Taliban, comprised in part of former mujahideen, dedicated itself to providing order through a system of its interpretation of Islamic law.

Pakistan supported the Taliban as did bin Laden, who fought with the mujahideen, according to the website. Bin Laden's contacts from his involvement in the Soviet-Afghan war provided the foundation for al Qaeda.

"Unfortunately for the West, he

[bin Laden] had enough foresight to record the name and contact information for every Muslim that based through his camp. The list became known as 'the base' and now has a rather nasty terrorist organization named after it," Nicholson said.

Currently, Americans are contemplating the reasons behind the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"Clearly, bin Laden's principle concern is Islam," said Sperling. The attacks were retribution for American actions defiling Islamic holy lands because of the United States' vested economic interest in the Middle East, said Lovins.

Moreover, observers are attempting to delineate the motives behind Operation Enduring Freedom — the U.S. military actions in Afghanistan.

Hays said the U.S. government is carrying out this effort because America needs oil — particularly from Saudi Arabia. While the oil trade can proceed without any Afghan involvement, Afghanistan is significant because of "its geographical position as a potential transit route for oil," according to the EIA's Web site. This would be particularly helpful in transporting oil from the resource rich countries of Central Asia, like Kazakhstan.

The construction of an oil export pipeline was considered in the mid-1990s. However, after Afghanistan fell under the control of the Taliban, the negotiations halted, said Feld.

On Feb. 12, 1998, Vice President of International Relations for Unocal John J. Maresca expressed interest in this venture to the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, a division of the Committee on International Relations. Maresca said successfully implementing the pipeline would require "U.S. support for international and regional efforts to achieve balance in the region

[Central Asia], including Afghanistan."

Pakistani journalist Ahmed Rashid writes in his book "Taliban," "The USA now wants stability, for it is concerned about the repercussions of the continuing Afghan war on its own policies in Central Asia." He continues, "Only an end to the Afghan civil war would give the CARs (Central Asian Republics) and oil companies the confidence to go ahead with pipeline projects."

According to Lovins, the military effort is designed, in part, to break down the Taliban and put a moderate government in place.

Others, like Lovell S. Jarvis, a University of California-Davis economics professor who specializes in international trade and agricultural development, said there is no connection between the American need for oil and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ron Planting, manager of information and analysis for the American Petroleum Institute — a trade association representing the U.S. petroleum industry — agreed with Jarvis, saying he does not see a connection between the two.

The U.S. dependence on oil is, in fact, limiting the country's efforts in the war against terrorism, said Nicholson.

"You can bet we would be going after Iraq right now if we did not want to get the other Arab states in lazier," he said.

As Americans debate the connection between U.S. oil consumption and the current war on terrorism, other questions come to the table. One such query is whether or not the United States should continue to buy Middle Eastern oil — or any oil. Perhaps more importantly, how many choices does America have when it comes to energy?

January

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\$58 million Lied Library opens with 300,000 sq. ft. after more than two years of delays
UNLV's \$2.9 million Barnes & Noble bookstore opens

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After speculation, former Boston Celtics' coach Rick Pitino met with Athletic Director Charlie Cavagnaro in Miami to discuss UNLV's head coaching position

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University regents respond to picketing teachers upset with their pay, which was not raised in more than 10 years, by creating a task force to investigate pay standards

19
Students and Alumni voice anger to university regents over the lack of development with the school's radio station, KUNV 91.5 FM. Urban Affairs officials suggest establishing classes to develop a credited internship.

22
Governor Kenny Guinn budgeted \$756 million to higher education, including \$228 million for Nevada State College in Henderson after omitting such funding from earlier budget drafts

23
UNLV graduate and Las Vegas Metro officer Jon Aaron Brown was acquitted on felony drug charges after a nearly fatal night with Ecstasy and GHB

31
Linebacker Tyler Gnoekel found guilty of misdemeanor domestic battery for attacking his girlfriend; she denied him sex

5
Promisec controversies for Rebel Palooza settled after her original appointment was debated. Involvement in sexual meeting was violations

12
Bouncers at Tom & Jerry's Grub and Pub attack student Jason Mattson, leaving him hospitalized

16
NCAA deny UNLV's appeal to a one-year ban on postseason play for the basketball team, stemming from recruit Lamar Odom, who accepted gifts from a booster
Construction on the 1,600-space, \$12 million parking garage begins

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Several minority organizations publicly express frustration at the way the university has handled recent complaints of discrimination
State lawmakers question if NSC is a reasonable way to cure Nevada's teacher shortage

22
Laura Green letter-to-the-editor regarding "faggoty is wrong" sparks controversy on campus as the debate leads to hate e-mails to an unrelated Laura Green in Montreal

28
Part-time teachers hold "teach-out" despite light rains to protest their pay scale of \$2,000 per class

Information compiled by Mike Zigler

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March

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Rick Pitino chooses to coach at Louisville University instead of UNLV, leading to criticism of the school's president and athletic director

12
University awards former head basketball coach Bill Bayno \$400,000 as a way out of his contract to avoid a threatened lawsuit

19
Student justices award Student Body President Paul Moradkhan a second term after the incumbent contested that 48 "none of the above" votes did not count
Attorney General's office releases a seven-month investigative report that leads to nepotism charges against NSC's two top officials for actions during their tenure at CCSN

22
Student Allison Branton was hospitalized after being struck at the Maryland Parkway crosswalk, following criticism of one sergeant's decision to lighten enforcement at the sight

29
Charlie Spoonhour named new Running Rebel head coach

30
Parking department officials conclude increasing parking fees by 100 percent to build more parking garages is the best solution to alleviate parking problems

3
Senate President Steph Davy retains her seat after opponent Sanira Dayani withdraws her name from the ballot one day before elections

5
Campus police cite Lady Rebel Courtney Swanson with battery for striking a female student several times in the head

6
Construction costs for Nevada State College at Henderson revealed to cost \$1.3 billion over the next 16, causing many to wonder what will happen to existing institutes if such a state amount is spent to simply build a school

18
Three students attempt to associate a Phoria man in a campus parking lot, but were unsuccessful. The students were awarded for their rescue attempt in November

20
University regents name Rebecca Mills as the school's new vice president for student life after she acted as the position's interim, replacing Terry Piper

27
After expectations of Nelly Furtado to appear, Black Eyed Peas headlines Rebel Palooza, where DJ Motivate marries his girlfriend Sheila Africa and police cited several students for a brawl that involved a police horse getting slugged

30
Concerns arise after the Lied Library sets record-level usage at 100,000 visits per month. NSC students are expected to use the facility for research.

April

May

Student Body President Paul Moradkhan finds an annual \$358,000 shortfall in the student government budget, beginning a three-month negotiation and investigation process with campus administrators

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\$16.8 million Cox Pavilion opens with 78,000 square feet of space

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Director appointments lead former E&P Director Sean McClenahan to file a complaint against Student Body President Paul Moradkhan, claiming Moradkhan purposely lied to students and misled a student government colleague, which contributed to McClenahan not being reappointed to his post

14
President Carol Harter becomes the highest paid university president in Nevada with a \$224,000 annual salary, including a \$26,000-car and -housing allowance

20
Athletics Director Charlie Cavagnaro announces his retirement, despite his contract extension in mid-April

4
The ongoing debate over Yucca Mountain takes a turn when UNLV receives a \$3 million research grant to help reduce the radioactivity of nuclear waste

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Campus Community Development Director of six years passes away at the age of 45

11
George W. Bush nominates UNLV law professor Jay Bybee as assistant attorney general, a position underneath Attorney General John Ashcroft

16
Jim Schlessnegle is named head baseball coach after holding an assistant coaching position at Tulane University. That school went to the College World Series in June

20
A handful of the students complain that department leaders conduct unjust audition processes and fail to provide effective training, as non-students tend to cast larger parts than the students

23
Rufus W. Elnow, Louisville lawyer, files suit regarding former Entertainment & Programming Director Sean McClenahan's complaint against Student Body President Paul Moradkhan, and closes the session upon the advice of system attorneys. The results of the hearing are unknown. The UNLV Rebel Yell files a complaint in September, claiming student senators violated the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

25
Rebel Palooza expected opening of Aug. 27 is pushed to mid-September, delaying the project again. It is expected to debut at the start of the spring semester

30
Administrators promise the student government a settlement of \$500,000 over two years after almost two decades of a misinterpreting a bylaw and shortchanging the student body

\$8 million Lee & Thomas Beam Music Center receives finishing touches in preparation for fall semester

June

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Former U.S. Senator Richard Bryan joins UNLV staff, teaching political science in the College of Liberal Arts

27
Head football coach John Robinson scores a second job, as he is set to replace Athletic Director Charlie Cavagnaro, who hired him three years ago, Jan. 1

28
UNLV Rebel Yell uncovers that accountant for student government and the student newspaper James G. Moore pleaded guilty to burglary with intent to commit forgery, filed bankruptcy and negotiated a settlement to avoid a lawsuit claiming he embezzled more than \$180,000 from a former employer. Moore was moved to another position on campus three weeks later.

29
Regents review President Carol Harter behind closed doors following complaints from prominent donors that she discourages many other donors from contributing to the university. No action is taken.

30
A community member collapses in the McDermott weight room while working out and later dies at Desert Springs Hospital

4
CCSN Associate Vice President of Athletics and Development Mike Meyer resigns following reports that he called a prospective student, wife of Assemblyman Wendell Williams, by a racial slur. Meyer was interim President of that institute until July.
Estimates indicate that UNLV enrollment increased 7 percent

11
A handful of senators from the community date changed from Dec. 15 to Dec. 7, which is one week before finals, but some literature shot down changing the venue, saying the event is a privilege, not a right

13
Faculty Senates are passed - two crashing into New York's World Trade Center Twin Towers, one into the Pentagon and the other at Washington Pennsylvania - sparking candlelight vigils and support for America from all over the globe

17
Faculty Senate passes resolution urging an immediate address of library acquisitions, which calls for that budget to be given an extra \$3 million

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President Carol Harter and other campus leaders speak to a large crowd gathered at the Alumni Amphitheater in memory of the attacks
Defensive Back Joe Hunter is arrested on two counts of sexual assault and indefinitely suspended from the team

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UNLV catches complaints from community members for offering an Islam course that analyzes the religion's political impact

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Joyce Mack and the Thomas family donate \$2 million to the Boyd Law School

Small group of professors hold forum, discussing the ramifications of war in the Middle East

Estimated 10,000 Las Vegas workers, including UNLV students, lose their jobs due to the slow economy
Accounting Finance Honor Society places second in regional competition, claiming a spot in the 2002 nationals

4
UNLV Peace Coalition members receive threats
Bill passes that may freeze student visas

6
D & K Drywall strike begins, potentially delaying construction on the new law school building - the old Dickenson Library

10
Rebels win first game of the season over UNR, keeping the Fremont Cannon in Las Vegas

11
President Carol Harter delivers university address expressing the importance of keeping free speech alive on campus

15
Nearly 900 students attend Rebel Ruckus event, headlined by Afroman

17
Nevada State College President Richard Moore raises \$500,000 in a single day to avoid requesting money from regents later in the week

18
UNLV secures home for a dental school located on West Charleston Boulevard. Funding for the school may come from capital improvement funds created by student fees

24
University regents postponed a decision on whether or not to raise UNLV's and UNR's GPA standards from 2.3 to 2.5 by 2005
Law professors protest military recruitment on campus

29
Former 'Real World' cast members speak to audience of 159 community members and students after student government spends \$14,000 for their appearance

Annual campus police report released
Student government files accusations to 12 of 18 applicants

Part-time teachers protest pay again after receiving a standard 4 percent increase

University Regent Linda Howard holds a forum in North Las Vegas to discuss admission standards, calling the idea elitist and discriminatory

National Political Science Honor Society holds debate between campus political parties regarding civil liberties

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Random Rebel Thought of the Week:

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."
-Muhammad Ali

College postpones real world

By Elaine Vigneault
UNLV Rebel Yell

Some of my friends just graduated. I am happy for them, but I am also jealous. I could have been graduating now, too. Instead, I chose the scenic route. As a senior, I added a second major and another year to my program. Am I stalling? Am I afraid of the real world? You bet.

I never planned on going straight from UNLV into the land of decent paying jobs with insurance and paid holidays. In fact, I've already been to that land, and I'm in no hurry to get back. A year ago my plan was to earn a Ph.D. in Philosophy, become a professor and change the world 30 college students at a time. The land of academia seemed perfect, at least in comparison to the land of manual labor. But the idea of five more years of intense intellectual pursuits turns my stomach. Ignorance is bliss. Well, sometimes anyway.

What to do? Now I can stand neither the idea of real work nor the idea of real study. So I choose to extend my time as an undergrad, claiming that I'll be better prepared for grad school. Really, I'm just

afraid to leave. I've grown attached to UNLV and to Las Vegas. I even have some roots planted here, and I don't want to leave just yet. My cats really don't like moving either.

Instead of dreaming what I'll do with my degrees, I often have fantasies of starting my own business or writing a book. In my dreams I own a store with stylish, unique clothing in the widest range of sizes imaginable. Or a woman-only sex shop, specializing in educational books and non-penis shaped vibrators, because, sorry guys, the penis isn't exactly the best shape to stimulate the clitoris, no offense. Sometimes I develop a prestigious magazine or I write an awesome computer program that earns me mucho dinero, which I use to build a radio station and an animal shelter.

Then I remember that when I finally do graduate, I will be in debt at least \$20,000, and I wonder if what I've learned in school has been worth it. Certainly I could have learned just as much by reading on my own and from discussions online in topic-specific chat rooms and newsgroups. Borders, Barnes

and Noble and Amazon would have cost me less than college. And without the grade game, I would be free to follow my own interests and study at my own pace. I wouldn't fear a challenge because I wouldn't have to worry about a poor grade.

But college hasn't been a colossal waste of time. I have made friends that I wouldn't have otherwise. I have been given many opportunities simply by virtue of being a college student: travel abroad, write for the school newspaper, learn about computers from a UNLV student job, get discounts at local stores and, of course, the free exams at the Health Center. I'd probably be dead if it weren't for the Health Center. Also, a few teachers have made an impact with their deep knowledge and caring teaching styles.

So, though I don't exactly adore UNLV, a strange combination of real world fear and those few treasures offered by college will keep me here another couple semesters.

See you in the spring.

Off to Grandma's house we go

By Leandra Binder
UNLV Rebel Yell

The smell of pine fresh Lysol and burnt turkey ... ah, it must be Christmas. Year after year, my family makes the pilgrimage down I-15, over Cajon Pass, and straight into hell for the holidays. Yes, it's Grandma's house of terrors.

After seven hours of driving past picturesque sand and cacti, my family's car pulls into the driveway of an innocent looking blue house. The initial feeling of dread grasps at my throat immediately after I step into the jungle of plastic plants, dubbed "the breezeway" by my dad. The cracks are nearly six inches deep, but, thanks to my keen vision, I've only twisted my ankle once. I long to turn and run, to follow my instinct to flee, but then my grandma comes to greet us and I know I'm committed to play the thing out.

Within 15 minutes she'll have commented on how much weight my dad needs to lose and how fast I talk. Then she'll start in on the chores my dad needs to complete before we've earned our release. Meanwhile, my mom and I huddle under blankets trying to keep warm in the house, which has to be at least 10 degrees cooler than the howling wind outside.

One year we asked if we could turn on the heat only to be shown to pile of wood in the backyard.

In their unquestionable wisdom, my grandparents built their house on adobe in southern California. There is another deep crack in the kitchen, and everything north of it is sinking. It's been shored up twice, but Mother Nature is relentless. My parents sleep in the far north bedroom, with their feet involuntarily elevated above their heads. They don't seem to mind, though, I think all the blood rushing to their heads helps to keep them warm through the long nights.

I, on the other hand, am forced to align my six-foot frame on an "L" shaped couch and fend off Jody, the were-cat, who hates all living creatures under the age of 60.

Aside from the lack of heating, there is also the plumbing, which

cannot tolerate anything solid. For three days we commute to the drug-store, the Jack in the Box, the supermarket and anyplace else that is open to wandering toilet users.

Showering is reserved for only the hearty and speedy. No one can take more than a five-and-a-half minute wash or my dad will drive them out in a rage of fury. You see, after that time the shower suddenly becomes a spider-ridden and old hair-infested bath. In reality, though, the allotted time is far too long because the hot water will run out after three minutes.

When we emerge shivering from the last shock of ice water, our thoughts turn to towels, which are coated with lint and cat hair, and the hair dryer, which cannot be plugged in without the risk of death by electrocution. The wires, like the rest of the house, are 50 years old. Sometimes I like to put my hands on the wall outlets to keep warm.

Occasionally, we are allowed to emerge from the house to go look at yard sales. This is a family tradition that involves my grandma purchasing still more coffee cups - she has an impressive collection of around a thousand - and repeatedly reminding my dad of the speed limit while pointing out parking spaces, signs and red lights. Sometimes we go to the recycling center, where my grandma's months of saving soda cans and washing plastic containers are instantly redeemed for a solid \$17.50 - pure profit, mind you.

Recycling is one of her habits, which I should commend, but have grown so warped and indignant of digging through her trashcan in search of a battery wrapper I threw away that I can no longer be rational about its value to the environment.

The high point is Christmas Day, which is celebrated with no tree, no stockings, no snow and not nearly enough eggnog. My dad returns everything a week later, and I get a lot of soap.

Yes, I'm just counting down the days until Christmas rolls around again.

Appreciate the simple things

By Jeremy P. Young
UNLV Rebel Yell

I was sitting in the MSU last week when I heard a cell phone rendition of a familiar highland ditty; "Scotland the Brave." That song always reminds me of a friend of mine who was born in Glasgow and immigrated with his wife to the United States about 20 or 25 years ago. His name is John, and he has a very simple outlook on life.

"The two most important things in life are these," John says to me when I get overly stressed about something. "Rangers beating Celtic on New Year's Day, and Rangers beating Celtic for the League Championship."

Rangers and Celtic are the two top clubs, and most intense rivals,

of the Scottish Football Association's Premiere League. Now, this may seem over simplified to some, but think about it. All that matters is that the team wins. The rest of the world could be in total upheaval, which is not that far off right now, but it's all OK if Rangers win on Jan. 1. It's just that simple.

The simple things in life are what please us and comfort us the most. Right now, it's the simple things that we used to take for granted that we appreciate the most. Being able to put as much sugar and cream as you want in your coffee. Eating all the bacon and sausage and other fattening foods your stomach can handle. Being able to walk around campus and tell those pushy guys handing out pocket-

sized bibles that you plan to enjoy spending eternity in Hell as long as it's far away from them.

This holiday season, and even, beyond, let's not forget the beauty inherent in simplicity; the little differences that set us all apart and make our lives worth hanging onto for another day. I enjoy being able to choose which radio station I'm going to be annoyed by on my way to school each day. For me, it's no longer about the grades and the events and the "parties of the century," it's about sitting in my chair against the wall and having the freedom to challenge my professors for one more week. And maybe, if I like the interaction, it'll be my pleasure to take another of their courses the next time out.

UNLV needs work

By Hubert Hensen
UNLV Rebel Yell

This week the Board of Regents will meet to possibly decide whether or not to raise the GPA requirement needed for admission into UNLV and UNR to a 3.0. I think it is important to raise the GPA, but first the university needs to focus on the real problems the university is having regarding retention rate and the askew view people in the community have on this topic.

The thing that annoys me most about this issue is that people, like Regent Linda Howard - who is an idiot by the way - keep on whining that raising GPA standards would lead to a decrease in minority enrollment. If minority enrollment goes down, it is only the fault of those students. Say minority enrollment dropped with current standards, does that mean we should lower the standards to 2.0? The university cannot be blamed if people are too stupid to be accepted,

whether they are minorities or not. This is just another form of affirmative action, which is reverse racism, and it should have died many years ago. People should not be admitted to the school on account of their skin color, only on their merits. The fact that people bring up the issue of minority representation in this case is unfortunate.

Retention is also important. In order for UNLV to be considered a good school, it cannot constantly lose students at the rate which is does currently. Although the school cannot keep everybody due to certain people's distaste for Las Vegas and Nevada, it could sure do a whole lot more to improve retention.

This is a big responsibility for student government, as well. Instead of throwing thousands of dollars away for no name acts, they should keep the money in the school. Encouraging a more active student body by spending more

money on things such as student organizations will keep students more interested in UNLV. It will also put the school on the map. Spending more on the arts at school will help, too. I mean all kinds of art, excluding Afroman. It's not that I do not like Afroman, he just does not do anything for the school.

These types of things do not have to be expensive. For instance, if an art show is in town, the school should invite them to the campus to hold the show. The campus can also double as a convention center for the smaller shows and broaden their moneymaking abilities. UNLV must think bigger than the boundaries of the campus. UNLV is the local university. It would benefit everyone, including the students, if we also catered to the Las Vegas populous.

If people are looking for a better UNLV, it will take a lot of work. But if student government does its part and works with the school they can accomplish this goal.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Joy to the world, the blues are here

By David Himmel

UNLV Rebel Yell

It's depressing when you see a couple holding hands, sharing a candy cane and giving each other Eskimo kisses curled up in front of the fireplace on a bear skin rug in the man's house.

It's even more depressing when they call the cops and have you arrested for invasion of privacy.

It strains your heart to see the special holiday episode of "7th Heaven" because you know your family will never get along that well or be that Christian. Especially for me ... my family is Jewish.

It tears your eyes knowing you don't have enough money to buy gifts for anybody, let alone a \$25 Secret Santa gift for the annoying guy at work with a tie for every holiday. (The one he wears for Christmas lights up, and he's been

wearing it since Thanksgiving.)

Ah, the Holiday Blues. They're not quite depression, but just as bad. Clinical depression is an everyday thing - the Blues come and go with the season. So don't jump out of the window just yet. Like all good things, this too will pass.

The memories of holidays past, when loved ones loved you back and liked ones knew you existed, is enough to send anyone into the abyss of hot toddy. The trick is to set realistic goals for yourself. If you haven't gotten along with your family for 13 years, chances are that this year's Christmas dinner will be no exception. Don't expect an apology from anyone. "White Christmas" is just a song, and aside from northern America, heavy snow on Christmas day is not common.

If you are alone, get a puppy. That will give you about 15 years of joy before it dies and leaves you alone again.

It's a popular rumor that the suicide rate skyrockets during the holiday season. This is not true. In fact, the rate goes down between Thanksgiving and Christmas according to some research. It does, on the other hand, go up on New Years Day. Researchers believe this is because people fear having to go back to their dull lives of work and all around normal. If the holidays are that bad, kill your family, drink too much and then hang yourself next to the mistletoe on New Years.

Kiss under that, you happy couple.

Well, anyway, I love this time of the year. Happy holidays everyone.

Electronic wishes made easy

By Nick Mojave

UNLV Rebel Yell

'Tis the season,' and in a few short weeks, friends and family will be reading letters, opening cards and getting gifts from long-lost relatives, spread far and wide across the land.

While most of us still prefer to take care of this business the old-fashioned way, by sending those cards and letters through the postal mail, a growing number of people will be sending their holiday best in the form of 0's and 1's, through e-mail and e-cards.

I'm a notorious e-carder, and my friends frequently find stuff from Bluemountain.com in their box for any excuse I can find to send it. They're cute, they make you feel good and, best yet, they're free. But they don't let me send a terribly long message to the recipient, so for the

holidays, I tend to stick to a mass e-mail to everyone.

But there's a problem with that, as evidenced by a horror story I experienced this week. A company I had done business with sent a thank you/happy holidays e-mail to its loyal customers, which was great. Unfortunately, it sent the e-mail as a CC: a carbon copy, and not a BCC: a blind carbon copy.

"What's this alphabet soup you're talking about, Nick?" you say. When you CC: an e-mail to someone, thereby sending the same e-mail to a number of people, every recipient's e-mail address shows up on the e-mail. That's great if you live in Hollywood and you're trying to show off that you know Shannon Elizabeth and Julia Roberts' personal e-mail addresses, but this is UNLV. You don't need to brag about having Nick Mojave's e-mail

address to your friends, and there's a very good chance I don't want your friends to know my e-mail address. If you BCC: it, you still send it to the whole cacophony of people, they just don't know the other recipients.

The best part about BCC-ing is that it makes everyone feel special, like they're the only one that got the message. Putting in a generic salutation like 'Hey' can compound this. It works.

And if one of your friends happens to work for a spam company that is desperately trying to tell me that I can make \$10,000 in two hours by sitting naked on my toilet - I actually got that in an e-mail once - I won't have to deal with it.

It's your choice to make, but if your friends accidentally send you a virus over New Year's, don't say I didn't warn you - always BCC for the holidays.



Lewis Whitten

Lew the Libertarian

Things back to normal?

Lewis Whitten

UNLV Rebel Yell

This has been quite a semester. The one image that will really stick in my mind about the last couple months is the American flag. Of course I'll never forget waking up on Sept. 11. Old Glory; however, will forever remind me of fall 2001. The Stars and Stripes were everywhere: on cars, on every casino marquee, outside retail shops, on T-shirts, broadcast on every TV station, at Web sites and for sale at every store.

But just as leaves slowly disappear before winter, so have the flags. Stores are unloading their patriotic items at 50 percent off. Web sites related to Sept. 11 have been forgotten and lost in cyberspace. Broadcasters are again debating over who delivers the best weather report. Festive sweatshirts have replaced the red, white and blue T-shirts. Retail shops have replaced their flags with Santa Claus. Marquees are again promoting buffets and the flags on cars have been removed after becoming shredded and worn.

Everything is back to normal. Or is it?

Military guys with machine guns are standing around in airports. Compliant citizens joke and laugh while being searched prior to boarding a plane. That's not normal.

Big businesses have wrapped themselves up with the American

flag while asking politicians for taxpayer money. Their lobbyists have successfully robbed taxpayers of billions of dollars. One culprit, United Airlines, was given close to a billion dollars and used the first chunk of it to buy a fleet of luxury planes.

Rather than receiving millions of taxpayer dollars, United Airlines should be held liable for the Sept. 11 tragedy. Airlines should have never lightened up on security after all of the hijackings in the 1970s. Do you think that if United Airlines was held liable and went out of business, other airlines might beef up their security without government intrusion?

Instead the government took the blame and apologized by passing the new anti-terrorism bill that further deteriorates our civil rights. Only one senator voted against the bill, though he later said he agreed with 90 percent of it. I guess the merger of the two major parties is complete; they've created a monopoly on bureaucracy.

There is some good news though. The Nov. 6 elections were extremely successful for the Libertarian Party. They set a new record with 58 wins, including two mayoral victories and 11 city or town council seats. The true freedom fighters are making progress, so in that regard things are getting back to normal, but we've still got a long way to go.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing this on behalf of myself and my family. We would just like to say thank you to Domonique Turner. She did UNLV students a service with her article: "Brain on club drugs, any questions?"

About two weeks ago we spent almost four days in the ICU of Sunrise Hospital waiting to see if our loved one was going to recover from a near death reaction to ecstasy. We have never been so scared. Hopefully the article educated some drug users about the

seriousness of these club drugs - they are not fun and games. We would also like to commend Chris Alhambra for having the courage to tell his story. Thank you.

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by Mark Parisi

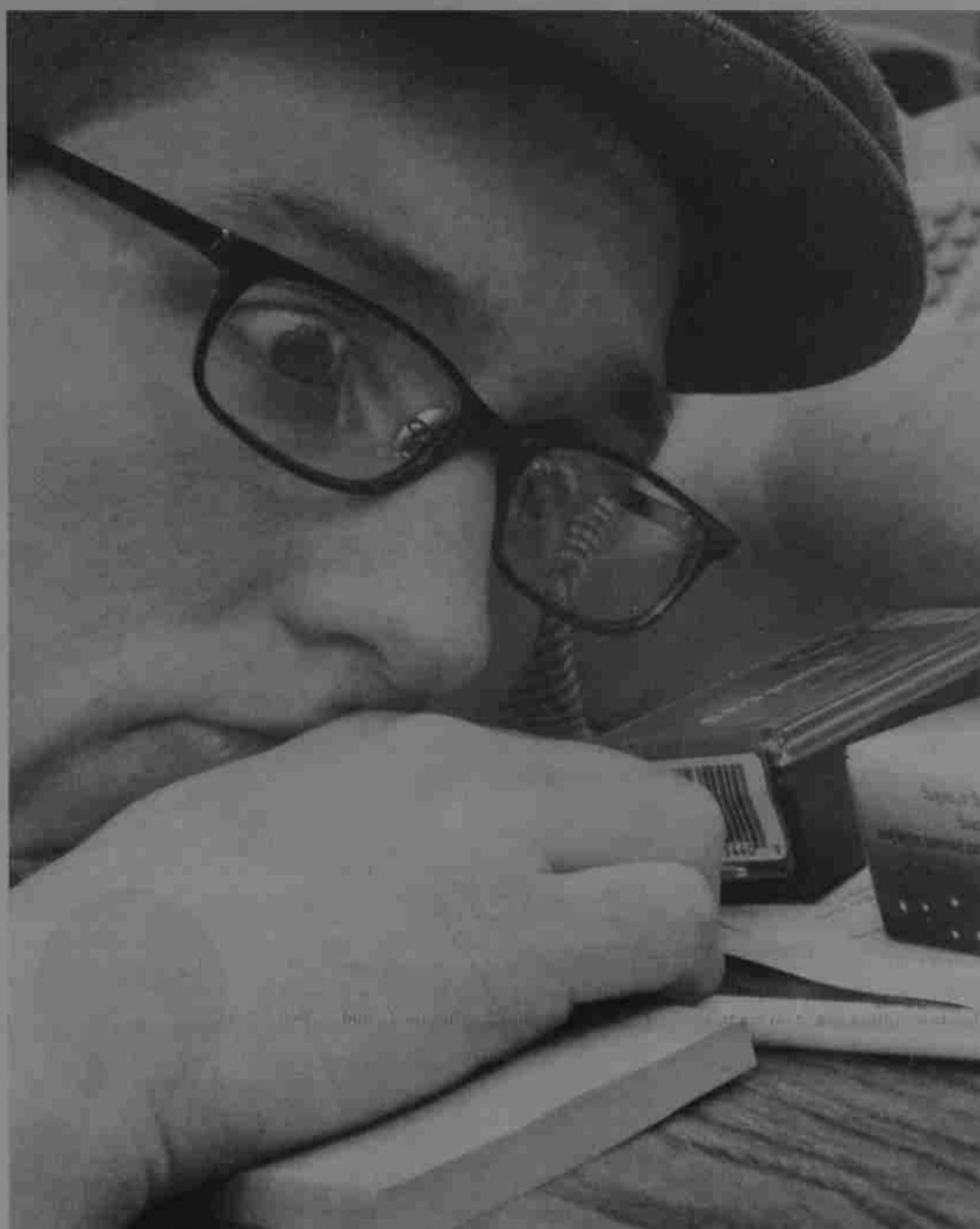


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Relieve stress before finals



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Relax before finals at UNLV's "Chill Out in the Stress Free Zone" Dec. 4-5 in the MSU.

By Evelyn Turner
UNLV Rebel Yell

With the onset of finals and all-nighters, many students are buying coffee and energy drinks, which can raise your stress level. However, there are many ways that one can combat the high stress levels of finals through very simple study skills and the right mindset.

The most important rule of studying is to have the right mindset, i.e. being alert. Most students drink lots of coffee, but not everyone enjoys the taste. The best alternatives for non-coffee drinkers are energy drinks.

Energy drinks give you a jolt, but the effects do not last long. Red Bull and Energy are the most popular, and they can be found in any convenient or grocery store. Despite the quick buzz, the effects of energy drinks vary, they usually don't taste very good and can give you a stomachache if drunk on an empty stomach.

"I had a Red Bull before an exam once, and it made me really

nervous and jittery," said Anita Moreno, a UNLV student.

Smoothies are meal replacement drinks that taste great and can now have supplements added to them for energy. Smoothie King offers the energy choices of ginseng, complex carbohydrates, caffeine charge and B-6/B-12.

"The effects vary from person to person, but I have had people tell me they felt the energy right away," said Suede, an employee of Smoothie King. "The Power Punch is a customer favorite."

Finding a place where you can make the most of your study time is also important. The Lied Library, the student lounge and the private rooms around campus are good alternatives to studying at home, which holds many distractions.

The times you choose to study also affect your success. According to adprima.com, begin studying no less than 30 to 90 minutes after a meal, and never study within 30 minutes of going to sleep.

Studying in 30 to 40 minute intervals is highly recommended, as is taking five-minute breaks between those intervals. This helps you to retain information better. According to indiana.edu, 10 hours of continuous studying with no breaks is equivalent to one hour of studying.

Meditation during those breaks can help you maintain a clear mind and reduce your stress levels.

Using index cards with red and blue ink also helps with memorizing pertinent information. The color red helps your eyes tell your brain that the information is important.

Whatever your study method is, remember to study smart by studying how is best for you.

For those who want to be de-stressed for finals, take advantage of the "Chill Out in the Stress-Free Zone" Dec. 4-5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MSU. There will be free massages and aromatherapy as well as stress management and study skills information.

The naughty things of Christmas



Mike Teemant

Q: What is the worst Christmas gift you have ever received?

A: "A magnetic book marker from the 99 cent store for 60 cents."



Amanda Clement

Q: What is the worst thing about Christmas?

A: "The worst thing about Christmas is when everyone gets you the same thing because they know you like it. Opening up 15 candles on Christmas morning isn't my idea of good present giving. Give things to people that they wouldn't normally get for themselves. Be creative. Give unique gifts."



Mike

Q: What do you dislike about Christmas?

A: "Getting the identical gift as my identical brother."

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM
THE REBEL YELL STAFF**



GEORGE HARRISON 1943-2001



"A sunrise doesn't last all morning,
A cloudburst doesn't last all day,
Seems my love has up and left you with no warning,
But it's not always been that grey.

All things must pass.
All things must pass."

-George Harrison

The Ball Point

Do not take Christ out of Christmas

By Erik Ball

UNLV Rebel Yell

This built up frustration is enough to shout, "I don't care who you are, fat man! Get those reindeer off my roof!"

I bet if Good King Wenceslas looked around today, he would see a whole lot more than the feast of Steven. With the amount of tradition bashing and faith dodging everybody does to avoid offending anyone is enough to leave you less than jolly.

"Happy Holidays" used to mean "Happy Thanksgiving," "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" collectively. Now, the phrase is being used as a device to lump all religions together in a sorry effort to make sure the Christian faith remains politically correct.

Red Robin restaurants, among others, are concerned about offending non-Christian religions, and they are backing away into Happy Holidays marketing schemes. How passive. Being sensitive to another person's faith is polite. Perhaps it's because some Christians believe it is the honorable, nice thing to do. Well, with all due respects to all other religions, I want to voice my religious celebrations just as loudly as you do.

I can't imagine why people are so freaky about saying Jesus Christ. The negative connotation of the name is used with more vigor than

shouts of praise lately. The name is losing weight, and my English teachers continue to ask me why I keep capitalizing pronouns when talking about Him. For those who worship Jesus Christ, Christmas should be a huge day of celebration. Every time I see "X-mas" I cringe. Yet, people today use this borderline sacrilegious term all the time. Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day, and the true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of his birth and the life He has provided for all Christians. It is too bad this holy day has become so materialistic. It is a day of worship, love and faith. Instead it has been slowly transformed into day where people fret over gifts and who will get the last piece of grandma's fruitcake.

My colleague, and good friend, Lisa Platt says that all Holiday oriented radio stations play Christmas songs. I disagree. I've always found that radio stations, like any other medium, play down any religious ties to the holiday and opt to release "Jingle Bells" and "Deck the Halls" so no one will be offended. I would love to meet the group of people that is consistently getting offended by playing Christ-related songs. I recognize all religions, and I say "Happy Chanukah" to my Jewish friends without pitching a fit because they worship differently.

I was watching "The Muppet Christmas Special" and although Kermit and Fozzie didn't dance



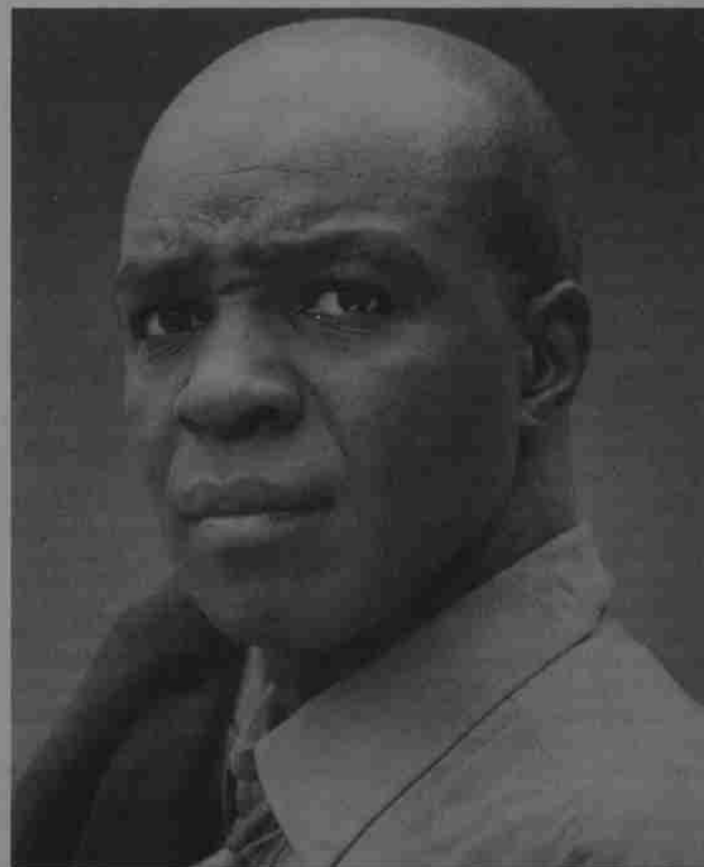
around to "Little Town of Bethlehem," I also know that they made it quite clear that it was a Christmas special. Ernie and Bert even said, "Christmas is all about family and friends and being together." No it's not. Ernie and Bert are dead wrong!

I'm not suggesting that we segregate every religious occasion, but I want to buy Christmas cards, and I can't! Kwanza cards, Chanukah cards, even Ramadan cards (simply because we're bombing Afghanistan) fill the aisles. You really have to look for a biblical message on a card.

If we never celebrated Christmas, would everyone still be walking in a winter wonderland with Bing Crosby, or rushing through the streets of Bedford Falls with Jimmy Stewart? With the exception of music video award recipients, celebrities on television avoid the subject of God altogether. This political correctness makes me wonder just what star they are following.

Coming from a red-blooded Lutheran guy, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your family during Christmas break. For those of you that are easily offended, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May God bless you and your family during Christmas break.

Heavenly Role



courtesy of Nate Bynum

Associate professor of theatre, Nate Bynum will be making his second appearance on the CBS network show "Touched by an Angel" on December 16. Bynum, who first appeared in an episode last year, is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and a working professional actor. In this episode "I'll Be Home For Christmas," he plays a minister having to deal with the loss of a church member due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.



Yule love the LV Philharmonic

By Erik Ball
UNLV Rebel Yell

The holiday season is never complete without the sounds and songs of Christmas. The glorious holiday melodies enchant us on the radio and in the shower.

The Las Vegas Philharmonic, partnering with the Green Valley High School Concert Choir and the Brass Ensemble of the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, are performing a musical extravaganza at UNLV's Artemus W. Ham Hall. This celebration will bring new meaning to holiday cheer.

"This is a concert for the community," Maestro Harold Weller said. "Our ultimate goal is to create community. It is a true celebration of ourselves."

Given the Philharmonic's established record of memorable performances, this concert will undoubtedly be comparable to past performances.

The performances will be under the direction of Weller and Associate Conductor Richard McGee. Performances will be held on Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the UNLV Performing Arts Box Office, or you can call 895-ARTS (2787) for more information.

This year marks the third occasion that Weller and McGee will conduct the 75-member Philharmonic.

Christmas favorites you can look forward to include "Sleigh Ride,"



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"Twas the night Before Christmas," "Christmas Festival" and excerpts from various Chanukah songs and Handel's "Messiah."

The setting, sponsored by Ralph Jones Display and FAO Schwarz, will feature a multitude of holiday decorations.

The amazing 105-member Green Valley High School Madrigal Singers will offer Christmas melodies to an approaching crowd before the performance. Ed Jackson's Brass Ensemble will also offer a variety of magical tunes through his 10-member Brass Ensemble.

"The something-for-everyone approach, which is so appropriate for

a holiday performance, is an opportunity to make the Philharmonic and its music more accessible to the entire community," Weller promises. He looks forward to seeing attendees of all ages, including his grandson, who will observe grandpa directing for the first time.

The LV Philharmonic encourages you to visit their Web site as well at www.lvphil.com.

With turmoil and confusion lingering in the air after a very saddening fall season, lift up your spirits and enjoy the masterful music presented by the LV Philharmonic. The festive music and holiday sights are sure to help you approach Christmas with a refueled spirit.

Chanukah section located in the back

By Lisa Piatt
UNLV Rebel Yell

Before the onslaught of political correctness hits, I still had to be part of Christmas pageants during my elementary school years. You all remember these: mom-made costumes, tone deaf kids and tissue paper on the floor to mimic inside snow. I do remember being put in a blue and white dress and being forced to sing "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel" by my teacher. Since I was my school's token Jew, I stood there alone every year and sang my little heart out.

Las Vegas radio station 100.5 fm has been broadcasting all holiday music around the clock, and will do so until Christmas. Unfortunately, holiday music equals Christmas music. Where are all those Chanukah songs? There is the hilarious Adam Sandler "Hanukah Song," parts one and two and the old standby "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel," but hardly enough to permeate the airways for a whole month. I guess "South Park" was right, maybe I am "A Lonely Jew on Christmas."

My roommate has been decorating our apartment for Christmas, and I wanted to join in the fun and put up some Chanukah decorations. I went to a nearby Target and found myself at a loss. I called other Target stores and inquired if they had anything pertaining to Chanukah. I was told that they had blue and silver wrapping paper and blue and silver Christmas tree ornaments. Last I checked, Christmas trees were not part of the Chanukah celebration, but thanks anyway.

Last year my mother ran into this same problem and wrote a letter to Target. They did not dignify her with



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A traditional menorah.

even a form letter response. I know we are not the only family out there who would like to have their religion represented, but maybe not enough of us write letters.

Hilary Moskowitz, education major, was holiday shopping and asked a sales associate where the Chanukah section was located. The sales associate informed her that there wasn't one, and Moskowitz left her full cart there and exited the store. Another customer lost. Regarding the incident, Moskowitz said, "It is very frustrating. I can't just go into any store and find stuff for Chanukah. How am I supposed to do my holiday shopping? I thought that stores were supposed to cater to all religions, not just the dominant one."

For students who are interested in finding decorations, gifts and wrapping paper for Chanukah, check out Judaica Las Vegas, located on Desert Inn and Pecos. They have something for all budgets.

Before we leave school for Christmas, holiday or winter break, I want to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. See you next semester when we get to do it all over again.

Video game systems top wish lists

By Jeff Hoyt
UNLV Rebel Yell

The shopping frenzy has begun, the holiday wish lists have been scrapped in favor of what's on sale and Joe (or Jane) Q. Gamer is huddling in the corner of an overly wired room with visions of Halo and nightmares of Glover filling the thought processes of what awaits in the soon to be arriving packages. Remember, non-gaming gift givers, if it's on sale for \$5, and surprisingly enough there is still 50 copies of a game on the store shelves, there's probably a good reason! Said reason being the game, in most cases, sucks harder than a Hoover stuck on over-drive. So for the uninformed, informed and anyone willing to lend an eye to this page, here is a holiday buyer's guide of what's hot in the gaming community this holiday season.

First off there are the systems. Nintendo's Game Cube, Microsoft's X-box and Sony's Playstation 2. As of right now, the PS2 has the most games available, which makes for easier purchasing decisions, especially due to its backward compatibility, which means it can play games made for both the Playstation and the PS2 games. The X-box is second in running for games, but the choices fit more of a niche market in players with titles such as Oddworld and Dead or Alive 3. Both these systems also feature DVD playback for any film-gamer hybrids. They are set top boxes designed to eventually be a major part of any home entertainment center.

The Game Cube, on the other hand, is strictly a game-only machine. It's much smaller than either of the other two systems, and runs about \$100 cheaper than the others. There's no DVD playback, but if the intended owner already owns a DVD player, this might not be that big of a factor.

For bargain shoppers, Sega Dreamcast systems are retailing now



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For a mere \$6000, you too could be the proud owner of this lovely arcade game.

for around \$50. The system is no longer being made, and there will be no more new games. However, there is an excellent library of existing games to choose from.

Games, of course, will be on the top of everyone's list. Whether they already own a system, or hope to get one as a gift, there is most certainly a game that they have written down right below it. For those who frequently enjoy company, the Game Cube offers some of the best multiplayer gaming around with Super Monkey Ball and Super Smash Bros. Melee. "Star Wars" fans will lose themselves for hours in Rogue Squadron 2: Rogue Leader while thinkers should enjoy Nintendo's strategy game by the name of Pikmin.

X-box also offers multiplayer madness in the forms of Fusion Frenzy, Cell Damage and the FPS (first person shooter) favorite Halo. Fighting game fans should get a "kick" out of Dead or Alive 3.

Playstation 2 holds gobs of game offerings, from Devil May Cry to Grand Theft Auto 3. Those out for blood shan't be disappointed. For the sport enthusiast, SSX Tricky offers uber snowboarding, and Gran

Turismo A-spec entails highly detailed racing action. And lest I forget Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty, and Dragon Warrior 7. Let us all be grateful that, unlike movies, video game sequels greatly surpass the originals!

Gamers on the go should keep an eye out for Golden Sun, the Game Boy Advance's latest foray into RPG's. It should bode well for any excessively long road trips.

But what good are games if you can't get the most out of them? For the gamer who has the top two categories covered, peripherals might be the way to go. Controllers, controllers, controllers. While playing games of great difficulty, these necessary objects might suddenly find themselves embedded in walls, TV screens or, in the case of sports games, your best friend's head. Especially with the aspect of 4-person multiplayer added to recent systems, one can never have enough controllers.

Memory cards are also a huge plus, as one generally has to save progress somehow on all these games. For those who want the "complete experience" Logitech has a force feedback steering wheel designed specifically for play with Gran Turismo. To quote Sammy Sosa, "It's so reeell!"

With most Americans wanting to stay close to home and inside during the holidays, there has been a large increase in interest toward video games. However, unlike last year's fiasco with the PS2, there are plenty of games and systems to meet the demand, and by checking on-line, it might be possible to save some money in the process. Those who want the ultimate stocking stuffer can even purchase a complete Dance Dance Revolution Fifth Mix imported arcade machine on E-bay for a mere \$6,000!

Happy holiday and good gaming. Until next semester, Sore Thumbs signing off.

100 UNLV students were asked the following questions.



The North Poll

1.) Do you think the UNLV G.P.A. should be raised to 3.0?

49% yes 50% no 1% Indifferent

2.) Do you like eggnog?

55% yes 43% no 2% Indifferent

3.) How about "real" eggnog? You know, the good stuff.

55% yes 40% no 5% Indifferent

4.) If student-body President Paul Moradkhan dressed up like Santa, would you sit on his lap?

5% yes 90% no 5% maybe

5.) Will you be using issues of the Rebel Yell to wrap presents this year?

10% yes 85% no 5% What's the Rebel Yell?

Sidewalk Talk: 5 Golden Rings



Jennifer Vaughn & Wendy Nelson



Christian Hall



Scha Larson



Siri Taylor & Marcy Fox



Dr. Steve Duffy

Question

Who would you like to kiss under the mistletoe this holiday season?

Answer

Jennifer: "My husband!"
Wendy: "My husband!"

Question

If you had to spend the holidays with one T.V. family, who would you choose?

Answer

"Ah, the Bundys. I don't know!"

Question

What would you like to see stuffed in your stocking this year?

Answer

"A blonde girl with big breasts and long legs."

Question

Who would you say you are most like?

- A. Cupid
- B. Prancer
- C. Vixen

Answer

Marcy: "I'd say Prancer because I'm skippy and happy all the time!"
Siri: "I'd say the same. We're both dance majors."

Question

If you could give Osama bin Laden a present for the holidays, what would you get?

Answer

"I think the man is a sick individual, and I truly believe only people who are really hurt themselves, hurt others. If he is the one who is responsible for the disaster, I would want an opportunity for him to receive some sort of healing process, be it therapy or counseling."

Center Stage

By Jessica Aronsohn
UNLV Rebel Yell



Ebenezer Scrooge

Hometown

Sussex, England

Favorite movie

"Rush Hour"

How he spends his

Friday nights

With package of Top Ramen and a bottle of Boone's

Little known fact

Scrooge never misses an episode of the "Real World"

Latest celebrity sighting

Gambling at the Hard Rock Hotel with Ben Affleck

Where to find him

Christmas day

Vacationing on a private beach in Tahiti, sipping on Pina Colodas and listening to Bob Marley.

Hobbies

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in five years

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Sister Act serves UNLV well

By Ben Turner
UNLV Rebel Yell

It's that time of year again. The time where every student is cramming for their finals so they can finally go home and deck the halls, trim the tree and eat fruitcake. Yes, it's winter break time again for UNLV students.

While most of us will be home watching bowl games and trying to get those Christmas carols out of our heads, a small group of students will still around Las Vegas not because they live here, but because they have to be: the athletes.

Over the break the UNLV women's basketball team will stay in town and play 10 games before students return on Jan. 21. Winter break is a tough time for most athletes because the only family they see is their teammates over the holidays. In the case of the Lady Rebels, they get just three days to travel home, celebrate Christmas and travel back, which doesn't give them a lot of time with their families.

There is one special case on this year's team. Dishawn McCracklin, a junior from the Chicago area, has spent the last two winter breaks by herself here with just her team. That changes this year as her sister, Sherri McCracklin, is a freshman on this year's team and will spend the break with her sister. It makes the time easier for both.

"We have always been close, and now it's like having a mother and a sister all in one here with me," the younger McCracklin sister said of the unique situation.

Dishawn says that she is doing her best to make her sister feel at home.

"I always try to help her, and we talk a lot together, so it makes it better," she said.

Dishawn, who has had to be here over the last two breaks by herself, said it was tough at first.

"I deal with it better now in my junior year compared to my freshman year," she said. "I wouldn't see my family at all because they don't fly a lot, but now it's not really that bad."

With the addition of her sister, the older McCracklin is getting help not only off the court, but on it as well. The two sisters split the



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Junior forward Dishawn McCracklin has her family with her for the holidays this year as her little sister Sherri is also her teammate for the Lady Rebels. The two have shared time at power forward and are a big reason for the early success of the team.

power-forward spot for the Lady Rebels and are combining for 10 points and 11 rebounds a game.

So this year the holidays won't be quite as lonely for the McCracklin sisters who will celebrate the break by spending quality time with each other. After all, that's what the holidays are all about.

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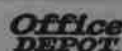
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Intramural action heats up Frohlich nears UNLV history

By Adam Ciepiela
UNLV Rebel Yell

As the Rebel football season comes to a close, and as the Lady Rebels and Runnin' Rebels take to the court, the Rebel Intramurals' season will continue through the end of the spring semester. With over 26 sports and activities, they constantly supply ample opportunity for Rebel clubs, groups and Greeks to get involved. Campus Recreational Services runs the intramural operations for the university and with the recent referendum vote coming up in the student body, they will be able to expand further.

The current system allows all those currently enrolled as a full-time student with a valid UNLV I.D. to participate with their respective group. There are three divisions of play, and there are three sub-divisions within each division. The men's, women's and co-ed divisions allow each organization to showcase their athletic prowess. The most well-known of the groups is the highly competitive Greek league where fraternities and sororities play for the Rebel Cup, which is awarded to the champions of

both the silver and red divisions under the Greek division. The open divisions are highly competitive and are enjoyable, and no intercollegiate-athletes can compete in intramurals.

The funding come from the \$30 per team registration fee, which is little or nothing for the department. "We actually lose money on the whole deal," said Mike McIntire, recreational activities coordinator. "That fee, combined with the little money we get from the state, goes toward operations." The budget will have more in it this year as turnout for intramurals has seen an increase, which McIntire feels is a positive for the university.

"There has been a great turnout this semester," McIntire said. "The turnout has actually caused problems due to the lack of facility space to run them all."

According to McIntire he has seen at least a 7 percent increase in the number of participants that he hopes will encourage the voters to approve the upcoming referendum that is being proposed by the Senate. The referendum is going to allow the students to vote on several options concerning the expan-

sion of both the Student Union and the McDermott Athletic Complex. The referendum is still being debated and when it will be presented is still unclear due to the time the Senate is spending on it.

The upcoming spring schedule includes such sports as basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball and floor hockey. The schedules and results are posted on the glass window of Campus Recreation, located directly across from the Rebel card center in the MSU.

Next semester the schedules will be followed precisely. However, due to the increase of participation, the events may take longer to complete.

The Rebel Cup is still up for grabs, and the results of this fall's winners will be posted at the McDermott complex and the upcoming issues of the Rebel Yell.

The first event in the spring is racquetball and the sign up date is from Jan. 22-30. Any questions or comments regarding any intramural, visit the Intramurals office located at the McDermott complex, Room 308.

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By Ben Turner
UNLV Rebel Yell

Four years ago the Lady Rebels got a new coach, a new attitude and with a new star player: Linda Frohlich. Frohlich excelled from the beginning, garnering national attention when she won the freshman of the Year award. She earned more awards the past two years, receiving honorable mention All-American status and Mountain West Conference player of the year.

With all those honors as well as being scouted by the WNBA at numerous games the past two seasons, Frohlich hasn't really been able to reflect on where she stands with regards to the UNLV record book. This season all that is changing as she nears the all-time UNLV scoring record which was set in 1986 by Misty Thomas.

The record is 1892 points. Thomas played 114 games in her career and scored 16.6 points a game. Frohlich, on the other hand, has played 89 games with a 21.2 PPG average for a total of 1890 points. Frohlich probably could have had the record this past weekend against Central Connecticut State, but she was pulled with eight minutes left in the game. Barring the unseen she will break the record next Sunday against Reno against UNR.

Frohlich said that until recently she wasn't aware of the importance of such records.

"I didn't even know stuff like that existed because in Germany we don't keep stats like that," she said.

For those who know her, Frohlich

is an unselfish player who has bounced around in different positions at UNLV, going wherever head coach Regina Miller needed her.

In her freshman year she was a wing player on the outside. During her sophomore and junior year she was needed inside due to the Lady Rebels lack of size in the middle. This season she has returned back to the wing position and is familiarizing herself again to playing outside. Wherever she went she has put up numbers, and it was evident early on that this day might come even to the current record holder Thomas. While in Canada after her freshman year, Thomas told Frohlich that she was going to break her record.

One reason the scoring record will fall to Frohlich is the fact that she plays all of the other facets of the game well. She has led the Lady Rebels, and the MWC, in rebounding for the past two seasons and has been consistently in the top five in the MWC in steals. Her rebounding has put her on pace to break another milestone, Pauline Jordan's rebounding record of 1094 rebounds. Frohlich needs 200 more rebounds and is currently averaging 10.85 rebounds a game.

"I am not one of those players you notice when I score 30 points, because I score a lot off of put backs and with my rebounding, which really helps a lot," she said.

When it finally does fall, the record Frohlich ends up with should stand for years to come as she has 21 more regular season games and potential tournament games to add to her total.

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What does Pearson want for Christmas? "A win. A win against Texas, a win against Old Dominion and a win against the other teams we play between the 20th and 30th of December," he said.

In a 10 day span, the Rebels will

play four home games including UNR, Tennessee State, Old Dominion and Texas.

A good thing for the Runnin' Rebels is the absence of school-work.

"It helps because you don't have to worry about class and I'll be able to focus on basketball," Turner said.

"There will be a lot less pressure and a lot less stress, and I can sleep in a little bit later," Pearson added.

Would these guys give it up though? No, they wouldn't. Each of them is happy to be here and to be able to play basketball at the collegiate level.

"I'll deal with it," Turner said.

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Rebels come home to win after bad trip

By Adam Ciepiela
UNLV Rebel Yell

The Runnin' Rebels entered Wednesday's game on the heels of a brutal road trip from Cincinnati and Washington. Inability to produce in key situations and the lack of consistency were the name of this road trip and the Rebels looked to finally play a solid, consistent game as they returned home Saturday night to take on Georgia Southern. They turned their attention to the Eagles, as the opponent came in sporting solid guard play, which was a concern coming into the contest.

"We knew this wouldn't be an easy game for us because they have guards who can pressure you, and we're still learning to deal with that," UNLV head coach Charlie Spoonhour said.

The Eagles did just that as the Rebels were pressed most of the night. The constant pressure made the Rebels uneasy as they gave up a season high 24 turnovers en route to a sloppy 79-64 win. The 24 turnovers could have been enough for Georgia Southern to take over, yet the Eagles seemed to self-destruct and commit 20 turnovers of their own.

The first half was as sloppy as

it could get as the Rebels seemed to be confused and impatient with the press of Georgia Southern and forced unnecessary shots.

UNLV played well enough in the first half to lead 39-31, despite being very close for most of the early stages of the game.

Early in the second half, the Rebels started to open up their lead and eventually pulled away for the 15-point victory.

Four Runnin' Rebels scored in double figures, led by Lou Kelly's 19 points.

Kelly struggled mightily from the field, making just 4-of-17 shots, but connected on 9-of-11 from the free-throw line. He made two three-pointers and added six assists.

Marcus Banks put up some impressive numbers with 13 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals, but also committed eight turnovers.

The Rebels were able to get away with their mistakes in this game, but they've got to find a way to take better care of the ball.

As they get into conference play, the mistakes will be amplified and will be tough to overcome.

Vince Booker and Omari

Pearson each added 12 points for the Rebels.

Dalron Johnson had a very strong game overall scoring eight points and grabbing 12 rebounds before fouling out.

The win came on the heels of an 0-2 road trip, with the worse of the two losses coming Wednesday night at Washington.

Curtis Allen scored a career-high 21 points for the Huskies in a 77-64 victory.

UNLV held a 50-47 lead with 12:10 remaining in the game, but Washington stormed back with a 22-6 run over the next nine minutes to take control.

Dalron Johnson scored 23 for the Runnin' Rebels, including nine of their first 11 points of the second-half, but did not score in the final 14:45 of the game. Chris Richardson added 11.

UNLV shot 39 percent and had only two steals.

The teams battled back and forth with neither holding a lead bigger than three points over the first 15 minutes. There were 15 lead changes during that stretch.

The Rebels will play again Saturday when they travel down south to play Alabama-Birmingham.



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UNLV senior forward Chris Richardson goes up for a dunk during Saturday's 79-64 win over Georgia Southern.

Frohlich and Lady Rebs fall short

By Ben Turner
UNLV Rebel Yell

The Lady Rebels were full of confidence last weekend as they defended their Cox Communications/Lady Rebels Shootout and prepared to face no. 13 Georgia in the Oakland Tribune Classic.

The Lady Rebels got off to a great start in the first half against the Lady Bulldogs leading by as much as 11, and led by nine points at the half.

The Lady Rebels kept that lead until 13:11 left in the second half. Then Georgia went on a 15-4 run to gain the lead at 53-51 with 10:13 left in the game.

Georgia got back into the game by using their post people down low. Kara Braxton, a 6'6" freshman, scored 19 points and added 9 rebounds to lead the way for the Lady Bulldogs. Forward Linda Frohlich said the Lady Rebels needed to keep doing what worked in the first half to win but UNLV couldn't maintain their level of play for 40 minutes.

"We got big points against them, and we just played harder in the first half than in the second half," she said. "The first half was great, and we need to build and learn from that."

Georgia finished off the game with a 25-11 run and ended the game with a final score of 77-62 handing the Lady Rebels their first defeat of the year.

Frohlich had 27 point and 10 rebounds to lead UNLV in both categories.

With the loss the Lady Rebels record fell to 4-1 and faced off against the Blue Devils of Central Connecticut State who lost to host Cal.

On Sunday, UNLV faced off against a lesser opponent in CCSU. The Lady Rebels quickly led the Blue Devils 38-10 at halftime.

With the lead never in doubt



Jummel Hidrosollo / UNLV Rebel Yell

Senior forward Linda Frohlich has done a great deal for the Lady Rebel program in her four years at UNLV and now sits just three points away from the scoring record.

UNLV poured it on with stifling defense and good execution on the offensive end winning 83-28. The 28 points allowed were a season low for the Lady Rebel defense. UNLV had 14 steals and forced 34 turnovers.

Frohlich led all scorers once again with 20 points, leaving her just three points shy of Misty Thomas's school record.

Three other Lady Rebels scored in double figures as Petra Glaser had 12 points and both Talisha Mitchell and Courtney Swanson added 10 points. Swanson and Mitchell had career highs in points as well as Casey Homan, who added four points of the bench.

All in all it was a disappointing

road trip, but the Lady Rebels have seen where they want to go in Georgia, and now know how close they are to getting there.

"By playing Georgia we saw that we were right there, and we will gain confidence from it," said Frohlich.

Frohlich was also named to the All-tournament team along with Braxton, Tawana McDonald of Georgia and LaTasha O'Keith and Ami Forney of Cal. McDonald was named MVP of the tournament.

In the final of the tournament final Georgia beat Cal 54-48 to maintain their unbeaten record of 5-0.

The Lady Rebels next game will be next Sunday in Reno against UNR at 7 p.m.

Players work hard while you rest

Randall M Larson
UNLV Rebel Yell

The pencils will be put down, the last scantron bubble will be filled in and students all over UNLV will get to go home for the holidays. They will get to spend time with their families and participate in their own special family traditions. For some, however, the end of the semester only means less work.

"I'm a little disappointed not to be home with family, but I have to be here playing basketball. It's my job," freshman Runnin' Rebel Louis Amundson said.

While most UNLV students are taking it easy, relaxing or vacationing, the Runnin' Rebels will be practicing in the basement of the Cox Pavilion or traveling to basketball games. And it isn't easy for them either.

"It's definitely tough because I'm very family oriented, and I am

here playing ball. It's tough not being around my family," fellow freshman Ernest Turner said.

For Turner, Christmas always meant a big breakfast followed by opening gifts with his family.

"My mom has a big breakfast every year. All of my family comes over. Then we open those presents," said Turner.

"Chicago at Christmas was beautiful: the snow, family presents and all that good stuff. We always wake up at five in the morning. I would wake everybody up, and then we'd open presents," sophomore Omari Pearson said.

Pearson is lucky though. His family is coming out to Las Vegas to spend Christmas with him.

"My family is coming out here. I am going to have it in my apartment. We are going to have an apartment Christmas," he said.

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Omari Pearson is one of the few lucky Runnin' Rebels who will get to spend the holidays with his family.