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Skatin' Rebels host Midnight Madness game



UNLV fans cheer on the Skatin' Rebels during the intense matchup against the Utah Utes in the Midnight Madness game. Photo by Kayla Faasse

By Kayla Faasse
Sports Editor

For the first time, Rebel hockey worked with UNLV's Greek community to host a Midnight Madness game at City National Arena on Oct. 7, with a puck drop at 12 a.m. on Oct. 8, against the Utah Utes.

The night started off with a free tailgate for all fans, including the chance to win UNLV hockey stickers, mini sticks, pucks and drink coolers. Fans were able to hang out outside of the arena with free beer and pizza while playing games such as cornhole.

"It was really nice that [Rebel hockey] was willing to reach out and do this event for us," said Dominic Merten, Pi Kappa Alpha President and IFC VP of Programming. "I'm hoping to make this a yearly event. I want to hopefully come back multiple times a year and do more games

like this, so tonight is just a feeler process. We'll see how it goes."

The parking lot and arena were flooded with local hockey fans and students looking to celebrate campus Greek life.

"It's Greek unity. We haven't seen each other in 20 months," said Merten. "This one night is for everyone to come together, hang out, do something outside of their house, outside of their laptops, off of Zoom. I've missed my friends. I haven't seen some of them in a while, so it's really cool to see the Greek community have a really good time."

With a screaming crowd behind them, the Rebels went on to defeat the Utah Utes in both games over the weekend, taking the series 2-0 to continue their win streak as they open the 2021-22 season.

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UNLV Wastewater expands testing

By Mark Credico
Staff Writer

A UNLV program that collects and observes wastewater now is expanding its range to also test for the influenza virus, as it proved successful in early detection for COVID-19.

"This is an early warning system for our community," said Edwin Oh, UNLV assis-

tant professor and head researcher on this project. "This is an early warning system that will let us know maybe a few days, a few weeks and depending on the circumstances, potentially a month, before we see spikes of a viral condition due to a certain strain."

The technology allows Oh to know what mutations are present in the community. The

reason they can detect the couple of pathogens in wastewater is because every virus that enters into the system gets shed. *SEE TESTING* on pg. 4



Photo by Jimmy Romo
through fecal matter and will enter into the sewage system, according to Oh.

KUNV membership drive begins

By Alex Wright
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KUNV's annual fall membership drive is underway. For the next three weeks, running until Oct. 30, listeners and members of the community are encouraged to donate to the public radio station.

As a public radio station, KUNV relies on the support from

the community to help support the station's operational budget.

A part of KUNV's station is The Rebel HD-2, which is the student-run radio station that features student operated shows. Students also broadcast live UNLV athletic events and get a chance to work behind the scenes in many different departments.

The Rebel HD-2 is also a registered student organization (RSO), where UNLV students can get involved in the radio station and gain valuable experience on the daily operations of the station.

Donations and support from the fall membership drive will also help support The Rebel HD-2 radio sta-

tion and RSO.

Anyone interested in donating can go to kunv.org where there is more information on how to donate. You can listen to 91.5 FM throughout the day to hear more about the drive and how your donation will benefit the station.

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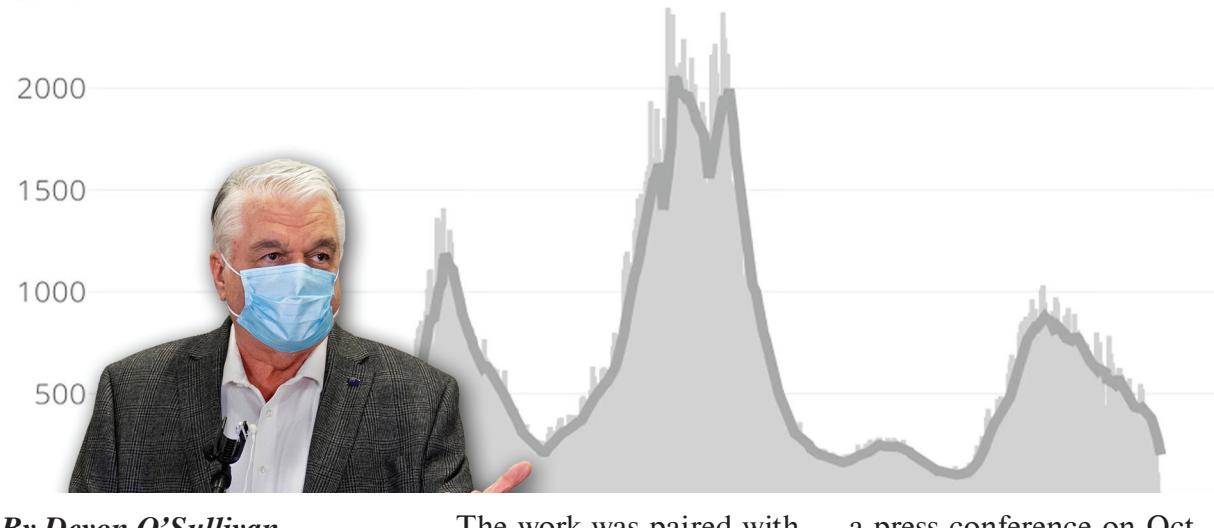
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Proactive efforts lead to large reduction in local COVID-19 cases

Daily COVID-19 Cases
 Clark County, NV



By Devon O'Sullivan
 Staff Writer

Nevada's COVID-19 containment efforts have led to a decreasing number of cases in the Clark County region, according to Gov. Steve Sisolak.

"I'm hopeful that the worst is behind us, but you never know with variants that are coming forward," Sisolak said. "I think that we're making significant progress on the virus as it relates to the delta variant, which caused our last surge."

During the Oct. 7 press conference, Sisolak stated that 63 percent of eligible Nevada residents have started or completed the vaccination process.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and other local agencies are the key contributors to the decrease of COVID-19 cases in Nevada.

FEMA Surge Teams arrived in Nevada in July and have since worked to support local vaccination measures by assisting with vaccination pop-up sites, a call center and neighborhood canvassing, which included door-to-door outreach.

The work was paired with local public health systems and directed efforts toward ZIP codes that experienced low vaccination efforts with high infection rates.

Since July, COVID-19 cases have fallen and is now reported by Sisolak that positive cases statewide stand at a low of 8.5 percent.

The World Health Organization recommended a minimum of five percent positive cases before the consideration of relaxing mandated measures.

With vaccination results indicating lower COVID-19 cases, some states have started to mandate proof of vaccination for social participation.

The Washington Post reported that Nevada's sister state, California, has recently passed strict legislation in Los Angeles on proof of full vaccination for entry into restaurants, bars, gyms, nail salons and sporting events, starting Nov. 4.

This legislation has sparked anticipation over the possibility of similar enactments in Las Vegas.

"I am not anticipating any more mandates, as you're talking about in L.A.," Sisolak said, during

a press conference on Oct. 7, as reported by the Las Vegas Review Journal.

Students attending or planning to enroll in a Nevada System of Higher Education institution are required to show proof of full vaccination for enrollment. The NSHE Board of Regents is also requiring faculty to be vaccinated a month after.

For current and incoming students to successfully enroll in the Spring 2022 semester, proof of vaccination should be provided by Nov. 1. Faculty must also provide proof of vaccination by Dec. 1 of 2021 to maintain an active employment status with their employer.

It is noted that recorded medical or religious exemptions will be accepted by UNLV.

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Events This Week

Monday

Rebel Reset: Trauma Recovery Yoga
 October 11
 7pm-8pm
 Student Recreation & Wellness
 Rm 1010

Tuesday

UNLV Career Studio Pop-Up
 October 12
 10am-3pm
 Student Services Complex
 Bldg C, Rm 201A

Wednesday

Finance Career Mixer
 October 13
 3pm-6pm
 Marietta Tiberti Grand Hall

Thursday

Bouldering Workshop
 October 14
 5:15pm-6pm
 Student Recreation & Wellness

Friday

Hostile Terrain 94 Tag Filling Workshop
 October 15
 10am-1pm
 John S. Wright Hall
 Bldg C, Rm 103

Monday: Our bodies hold on to trauma long after the physical or emotional injury has passed, limiting our ability to properly heal. Trauma Recovery Yoga (TRY) teaches methods of self-regulation, visualizations, and affirmations to release the effects of trauma.

Tuesday: The Career Studio teaches students and alumni how to create a life and career with a growth mindset and life design frameworks.

Wednesday: The Finance Career Mixer will be hosted by the Career & Professional Development Office in Lee Business School. Employers and professionals who have open positions that require a finance background or who want to network to meet current Finance students will be in attendance.

Thursday: Join us at our Bouldering Wall for a workshop on basic bouldering skills such as climbing techniques and foot placements.

Friday: The installation represents the recovered bodies of ~3200 people who have died between 2000 and 2020 crossing the US/Mexico border through the Sonoran Desert. Each individual is represented by handwritten toe tags, whose information will be filled out during these sessions.

TESTING

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"This has been an extraordinary resource for us to be able to get a sense of the health of a community," said Oh.

This program has allowed Oh and his team to detect spikes, along with new variants of COVID-19 in communities before official cases were found through testing.

In December of last year, they detected the Alpha variant of COVID-19 in samples at least a month before the first human cases were observed in January and February.

Recently, collaborators in Reno were able to detect the new Lambda variant in their population. However, this stain lasted a short time because it was overtaken by the delta variant, showing

just how dominant this variant of COVID-19 is.

"It's a program that was originally designed for the simple purpose of detecting the absence or presence of a pathogen like SARS-CoV-2 in Southern Nevada," said Oh. "Over the last 12 to 15 months, we've improved our technology to the point where we think we can not only detect this pathogen called SARS-CoV-2, but also other viruses and bacteria, and drugs of abuse. In this case, we're specifically targeting influenza."

The lack of a flu spike earlier this year was likely due to COVID-19 restrictions, and with those restrictions beginning to lift, we are at risk of a future spike in influenza, according to Oh. He also expressed concern over the possibility of catching both COVID-19 and the flu at the same time, which "preliminary data" suggests could lead to a more severe outcome.

Oh also noted the benefits to

the flu vaccines that the program's expansion could bring. The analysis of the entire genome of the virus allows for researchers to view which specific strains are prevalent, and also how well the vaccine is stopping them.

This is particularly relevant for influenza, since seasonal flu vaccines are often developed a year in advance and only have an effectiveness of 40 percent to 60 percent, according to Oh and an official UNLV news release.

As the project moves forward with the addition of influenza testing, Oh and his team look forward to future expansion.

"We've coined this idea for our group, in that we want to develop a program that focuses on urban pandemic preparedness," said Oh.

"We want to be ready when the next pathogen enters our system. The amount of chaos that has occurred over the last 12 to 15 months resulted because, in part, we weren't ready to be able to detect this virus in our community."

As well as being an early detection system for the next global pandemic, the program can also serve as a monitoring tool for drug abuse in various communities.

This program was made possible through the collaboration with pillars of public health like the Southern Nevada Health District and the Water Authority, according to Oh.

"In addition to the community partnerships, none of this work also would have been possible if it weren't for the undergraduates in the lab," said Oh. "A lot of our undergraduates went out and lifted these manholes and went down with a stick and sampled that water and brought it back and processed that information... If it weren't for folks at UNLV, we wouldn't have a program."

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2020 Annual Security Report recap



UNLV Scarlet & Gray Free Press file photo.

By Jimmy Romo
News Editor

University Police Services demonstrated a reduction in all crime, except alcohol violation arrest, in the annual security report, looking over a nearly vacant 2020 school year.

"To say that we caused all that, I can't support that, but to say we had reduced traffic on campus because of COVID would be a true statement," said Tod Miller, University Police Services, UPD, Assistant Chief. "Our stats did go down while our campuses were only partially open, but we also improved patrols, performance, and we had folks out there doing more active things for the community as well."

The annual report is a lengthy document that includes a variety of resources for students to use if

found in a number of unfortunate circumstances. This report is prepared to comply with the Jeanne Clery disclosure of campus security policy and crime statistics act, where the statistics come from other departments on campus.

The report, specifically for UNLV, highlights the many resources available, mainly by the Care Center, which is located on the second floor of Student Services Complex-A, room 255. They advocate for prevention and awareness of sexual assault and their 24-hour hotline, (702) 895-0602, gives students a chance to speak with trained volunteer victim advocates. The hotline works with the police department, social services, campus organizations and the administrative office.

A majority of the reports defines and describes what sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking is. Addi-

tionally, they've included how a report may proceed and what evidence would be ideal to support their case.

While sexual assaults were at a low in 2020, with rape, statutory rape and incest at zero, there were still 10 cases of fondling on-campus and in student housing, compared with the 25 cases in 2019. Domestic violence has hardly changed. In 2020, there were nine cases, while in 2019 there were 11.

Burglaries have gone down every year since 2018, according to the report. In 2018, there were 57 burglaries, and by 2019, there were nearly half the amount of cases with 30 burglaries. In 2020, there were eight burglaries that took place. Miller would like to see all the case numbers at zero, but he believes the added patrols and presence has something to do with the reduced case number.

"Everything went down," Miller said. "Some of that is resulting from increased patrol areas as well as limited people on campus."

With the discrepancy of occupation compared with 2019, Miller suggested accounting for occupancy as only case numbers are reported and not looked at alongside with the population in their jurisdiction.

Miller would still suggest that the data collected can be compared to a semester that was in full-swing, like in 2019. The only caveat would be to explain that there were some differences in the campus population.

The report did show an increase in alcohol violation arrests on campus and student housing. In 2019, there were eight arrests, but in 2020, there were 18 arrests.

"Folks who are drinking in the dorms or underage drinking and then have a party, for example, we get notified of a noise complaint, we show up, knock on the door, and lo and behold, there's a bunch of folks and alcohol," Miller said. "We look around the room and go, 'Well, some of you folks don't look 21, let's check some ID's.'"

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Aggravated Assault :

2020 – 2
2019 – 7
2018 – 8



Burglary:

2020 – 5
2019 – 23
2018 – 44



Domestic Violence :

2020 – 5
2019 – 6
2018 – 7



Rape :

2020 – 0
2019 – 15
2018 – 18



Stalking :

2020 – 4
2019 – 15
2018 – 10



CSUN head of elections talks about senate experience ahead of this year's election

By Mark Credico
Staff Writer

With CSUN senate elections less than a week away, Robert Bellucci, head of CSUN elections and current senator for the College of Liberal Arts, talked about the experience of running for CSUN senate and the prospects of the incoming senate class.

"For me, it was a little weird," Bellucci said. "I mean, I just post my story, sometimes send out messages to my classes, then talk to my friends and have them become registered supporters and then have them talk to their classes to get votes out. It was a lot of impersonal messages."

Bellucci ran for office when classes were still completely virtual. This meant that he had to reach students without being able to talk to students face-to-face. For Bellucci, this meant that he was only able to campaign from the comfort of his own home, but also he was never sure whether his messaging was reaching voters.

Bellucci prefers the return of campaigning on campus. He emphasized how important it is to physically go to classes.

"What I like about it is it shows the candidate that you actually have to make those connections to get elected into your position," Bellucci said. "You actually have to make that effort and you have

to talk to the students because at the end of the day, we're the voice of the students."

For the election itself, Bellucci said that the level of competition for each seat in most colleges lends to the highest level of competitive campaigning. Each seat has only about two to three candidates vying for the spot. Candidates this semester have a higher chance of winning than losing.

"When it's so close, I can lose by one or two votes, so it's really about pushing people to get out there and campaign," Bellucci said. "Encourage people to talk to people they have never talked to before."

In his time as a voice of the students, Bellucci recalled the creative solutions that he and his colleagues found for problems that they came across. He recalled specifically the collaboration with the president and the Ways and Means Committee to allocate extra funds beyond the \$10,000 limit for student organizations who needed it.

He remembered his class of senators had "hit the ground running" when entering office. That group of senators did not come into the senate with a shyness that often comes with being new to the position, according to Bellucci. This is also a quality that he sees in this incoming class as well.

"From what I've seen from the



A CSUN election booth will be in the Free Speech Area in front of Lied Library on election days. Photo courtesy of UNLV libraries official website.

newer candidates, I have a lot of faith," Bellucci said. "I really have a lot of faith that most of them coming in are going to make an immediate impact and they're going to stand out and really hit that ground running."

Voting will be held online on Oct. 13 and 14 at the UNLV Involvement Center's website. Students will receive a link to the voting page in an email to their Rebel email accounts. Voting will open at 9 a.m. Oct. 13 and close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 14.

CSUN will operate two voting booths on campus for both voting days. These booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both voting days. At these booths

CSUN staff will assist you in finding your email link and voting on the involvement center. One of these booths will be located in the free speech area in front of the library and the other will be at the Student Union.

A voter's guide will also be available online on the voting days to find information on your college's candidates.

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UNLV COVID-19 Drive-thru clinic has moved



Photo by Jimmy Romo.

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The UNLV Paradise campus is now home to the drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinic, where the National Guard

and local firefighters aid in administering the services.

On Oct. 4, the UNLV Stan Fulton location closed down to move the community service to a less popular entrance at the Paradise campus. According to a firefighter on location, they were serving over 100 people a day, but now, roughly about 30 people are coming by to get tested or vaccinated.

The Community Ambulance, the National Guard, Clark County Nevada, the Southern Nevada Health District and other community partners are involved with this site. All three vaccines for COVID-19 are offered. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses while the Janssen vaccine requires one shot.

The swab test is self-adminis-

tered, with someone there to help explain how to best test yourself. Results should come back in about 72 hours of testing, for the PCR test.

There is no appointment necessary for either getting tested or receiving a vaccine. Booster shots are available for those who have the Pfizer vaccine and are at risk.

Currently, drive-thru hours are Sunday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The site is open to all members of the community and the entrance is located on the side of the Paradise Campus on 900 Radkovich Ave. and 4900 Bock St.

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Vaccine hesitancy in black community

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The black community has been disproportionately vaccinated at a lower rate and demonstrates their hesitancy for vaccines, according to a recent study by UNLV.

In the sample size, there were 428 unvaccinated blacks that represent the population. 48 per-

cent of the unvaccinated that are hesitant are also younger than 40 years old. Most are either republican, have lived in the North-East, or of Christian belief. Researchers pointed out that in 13 studies have found that there is overall a 26 percent hesitancy in all Americans and a nearly 42 percent hesitancy in the black community.

A similar hesitancy was present

in 2009 when the influenza vaccine was introduced due to a lack of distrust, according to the study.

The study conducts a 28 questions survey that later showed that 48 percent of the population is hesitant to receive the vaccination. They indicate that there seems to be no statistically significant difference in gender, education, employment status, material

status, and location of residence.

The vaccine hesitant group was concerned about the lack of long-term studies. Blacks have distrust in the medical profession and research, explaining the hesitancy, according to the study.

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Mandate protest takes up space at UNLV



Protesters occupy a corner of the Free Speech Zone of UNLV. Photo by Jimmy Romo.

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Protesters at UNLV's free speech area held their signs in protest to the student and faculty vaccine mandates imposed on Nevadans in education.

"Fight possible tyranny through socialism and communism," said Alexander Nelson, veteran and local, was in attendance of the protest. "Not that we're there yet but, this is the first step, okay. And overall I think nobody's negating the facts of COVID or the severity of it but we're fighting against a mandate that would create a division between individ-

ual soul liberty."

He said that he's not there to throw facts at facts or argue science. He mainly wanted to express that if the public doesn't have individual liberties to make decisions for themselves and accept consequences for our own decisions then the public is allowing the state to take control over our lives.

"When I first got the shot, my heart palpitations came back from when I was younger," said Patrick Woodruff, a fully vaccinated UNLV groundsman. "I wake up aching. Every day I wake up every day, even more tired than I used to. But yeah, I honestly

think that it should be everybody's choice,"

Woodruff has had to comply with the Nevada System of Higher Education mandate for all employees to be fully vaccinated. He believes that the COVID-19 vaccine impacted his health in a negative way rather than a positive way.

"When I got it, it was before the reports of like the enlarged heart and everything," Woodruff said, "So my decision was misinformed. If I didn't know what I knew now I probably would not have gotten it."

For Woodruff, he said he's delved into a ton of articles, mostly stuff sent to him from the group that is against the vaccine,

but he's done some of his own research on alternative medicine and a transfusion of antibodies.

"Mandates in general, particularly for medical are unconstitutional. I told people that I don't think that institutions have the authority to do that," said Richard Gomez, a veteran. "That should be challenged legally and as well as the federal government for misrepresenting the vaccine."

Gomez wants those that are facing termination to get the threat on paper and get a lawyer to defend them

When asked about the medical and religious exemptions, Gomez at first seemed to agree with the exemptions, but later switched perspectives because of the principle of the mandate.

The Patriot Providers United was at the table to speak about how spending money on companies that don't support the mandates helped the movement.

Sean Colett, a CSN film professor and protester, will not be getting vaccinated which leaves him for future termination on Dec. 1.

"I mean I have a master's in film studies and I'm sure I can find something but it won't be here," Colett said. "This is crazy. It's absolutely insane. I still don't understand it."

His daughter who attends CSN is not going to receive the vaccine and will be forced to leave Nevada to pursue her studies elsewhere, like her father where he'll search for employment.

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Top five picture perfect spots: UNLV Edition

By Ashleigh Liebig
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As UNLV students, we live in a city of high life, full of picture-perfect moments. The fantastic thing about UNLV is that you do not have to go to the Strip to capture amazing pictures with unique backgrounds. This is the rundown of the top five most Instagram-worthy places on campus.

Starting strong, we have Gym Drive, the long road coming from the Tropicana parking garage to the Lied Library. This road is perfect for anyone wanting to show off the UNLV pride or just their college student fit. If you are more experienced with photography, you can capture good photos of someone riding down the road on their skateboard.

Next on our list is the Hospitality Hall, located down Gym Drive. The Hospitality Hall is full of intricate architecture that is perfect for anyone's Instagram page. Whether you are inside the building or outside, there are plenty of excellent spots to cap-

ture your morning coffee from Rebel Grounds or a cram study session on the roof.

Coming in hot at number three is outside the Student Union. With the perfectly symmetrical outside staircase and the superb cobblestone road leading to all your stomach's desires, anyone can gain an ideal post.

With graduation being prevalent in all of our senior Rebels' minds, a fantastic spot to take photos would have to be the Pascal rose garden right outside the Alta Ham Fine Arts building. This garden is a memorial to Elaine Wynn's mother.

Last but certainly not least is the flashlight in front of Ham Hall. The flashlight is one of the many staple monuments that UNLV has to offer. Some fantastic photo ideas would be to have a group of friends within each slot of the flashlight's base. Regardless of how you position your friends or group, the flashlight is a must-have on any Rebel's Instagram feed.

UNLV is full of so many photo-ops that would grace anyone's



Visitors Riley Chrisman and MiMi in front of the Hospitality Hall. Photo by Ashleigh Liebig.

feed. Since the campus is lush with trees, grass and intricate architecture, Instagram would be lucky to see this beautiful campus we call home.

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A beginners guide to hiking in Las Vegas

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If this semester is your first time experiencing the weather in Las Vegas, you'll soon start to see the temperatures drop to low 70 degrees and the sun begins to set much sooner. At the same time, various hiking trails and camping sites begin to open up as summer comes to a close.

"Las Vegas has some of the most gorgeous trails available for all skill types and now is the perfect time to get out and get some fresh air," said Francine Summerville, graduate assistant of outdoor adventures at UNLV. "Hiking is one of the best ways to experience the outdoors and can be one of the most rewarding experiences."

Whether you were a seasoned hiker back home, or just starting out on your very first hike, here are some tips to keep in mind as you make your way to the trails this fall season, as well as a few good places to start off. Here are some of the more notable hikes in Las Vegas:

It is always recommended to download the All Trails app on both the iOS App Store and Google Play Store. This app has over 20 million users and 100,000 trails that are searchable based on difficulty, length, elevation gain, type of route and ratings based on users.

Mary Jane Falls is a popular trail that is located near Mount

Charleston and ends with a waterfall. While it is steep, there are plenty of rest stops on the way and the view is very worth it. It is only a four mile hike but give yourself about two hours to complete it.

In Red Rock Canyon we have the beginner-friendly Calico Tanks Trail. This one is only 2.5 miles long but you will be following beautiful sandstone formations throughout the hike. All culminating in a great view of the Las Vegas Strip. There are very few uphill climbs on this one.

A local favorite has to be the Gold Strike Hot Springs Trail. As you can probably guess, this trail leads to a hot spring and is located in Lake Mead. This trail is considered difficult as the path can get steep and you will have to use rope to climb in some sections of it. It is six miles, but I would consider taking all day on this due to the difficulty of it.

When going out for a hike, Summerville said check the weather and dress accordingly. She noted the temperature in Las Vegas can change in an instant and drastically impact hiking activities.

Also, pack the essentials when you are hiking, items like extra food and water are at the top of the list, according to Summerville. Hikers should also bring first aid supplies, sunscreen, and a map or compass, among some of the more essential items.

"Make sure to bring the essentials," Summerville said. "Make



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a list and check it twice...Test out what works best for you depending on the difficulty and duration of your hike, but remember it's better to over prepare than under prepare."

And don't forget to wear proper shoes. The longer and more strenuous the hike, you would want to wear tennis shoes that are broken in and comfortable. Above all, Summerville said that everyone should remember the golden rule of hiking.

"Lastly, the golden rule of all hikers is to leave no trace. Whether that is a granola bar wrapper or an empty bottle of water, help preserve the beauty

of our trails by leaving it the way you found it, as pristine as possible.

UNLV's own Student Wellness and Recreation Center has an Outdoor Adventures group that has hiking trips, camping, canoeing and a myriad of other outdoor activities planned for fall and spring. For more information on Outdoor Adventures such as workshops and planned hiking trips, you can visit <https://www.unlv.edu/campusrec/outdoor-adventures>.

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Live like a local: Discover Nevada's history

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History might not sound too appealing after a long week of school, but Las Vegas has a way of infusing excitement into every subject. Head over to Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas for a day and check out these historical museums.

Just over a century ago, Las Vegas was founded as a small Old West-style town predominantly populated by railroad workers along the main rail network that connected the East and West Coasts. The entertainment industry and casinos quickly took off and thrived as a form of leisure for the railroad workers. The early venues and casinos opened up on Fremont Street, adorned with flashing, glittery signs.

When gambling was outlawed in 1910, it continued in illegal speakeasies and casinos, drawing organized crime to the city.

Located right across from Fremont Street, The Mob Museum boasts a "provocative, contemporary look at" the history of organized crime in Las Vegas and across America. The museum illustrates the stories of infamous mob leaders "Bugsy" Siegel and "Lucky" Luciano, who played a pivotal role in transforming the entertainment industry landscape in downtown Las Vegas.

In addition to the typical museum experience, The Mob Museum offers three interactive experiences to explore history in a hands-on way: Distillery Tour & Tasting, Crime Lab and Firearm Training Simulator. While these experiences are not included in

the initial museum entry fee, you definitely do not want to miss out on doing at least one of these.

If you are 21 years old or over, the Distillery Tour & Tasting is a journey through the Prohibition Era that is sure to tickle the taste buds. Sip a variety of homemade moonshines and spirits produced right in the museum. The Cinn-City moonshine, infused with cinnamon and cardamom, packs a strong punch.

The museum also houses an authentic, Prohibition-style Speakeasy as part of a living exhibition. Take a step inside and travel back in time to the Roaring '20s. The club offers free live music entertainment and other curated events and serves Prohibition-era cocktails, such as "Giggle Water," "Bathtub Fizz" and Al Capone's favorite drink, "Southside." The walls are adorned with genuine flapper dresses, making it a historical exhibition hall as well.

The Speakeasy is located in the basement of The Mob Museum, but you do not need a museum ticket to enter.

Once you are all caught up on the birth of the Strip industry, you can head on over to the Neon Museum, just a three-minute drive away from The Mob Museum to take a stroll through a labyrinth of Vegas' historic neon signs.

When hotels and casinos in Las Vegas close down, their signs find a new home in the Neon Museum. This trove of monumental signs tells Las Vegas's cultural history in an artistic fashion. There are over 200 signs in their three exhibitions across 2.25 acres: the North Gallery, the



Neon Museum sign outside of the building, located on Las Vegas Blvd. and McWilliams Ave. Photo by Kayla Faasse

Neon Boneyard and the Visitors' Center. If you stop by at night, you can see a handful of these signs fully restored to their former glittering glory. It costs tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars to restore a sign and a whole lot of electrical power to run it, so most of the signs remain in the dark. However, they are certainly not lackluster in this spectacular collection.

The Brilliant! Show is an immersive audiovisual experience

that brings 40 unrestored signs back to life in the North Gallery. These signs are reanimated in what the museum describes as "the largest augmented reality experience of its kind."

Look out for the 82-foot tall guitar-shaped sign from the Hard Rock Cafe in Las Vegas that closed down in February 2020.

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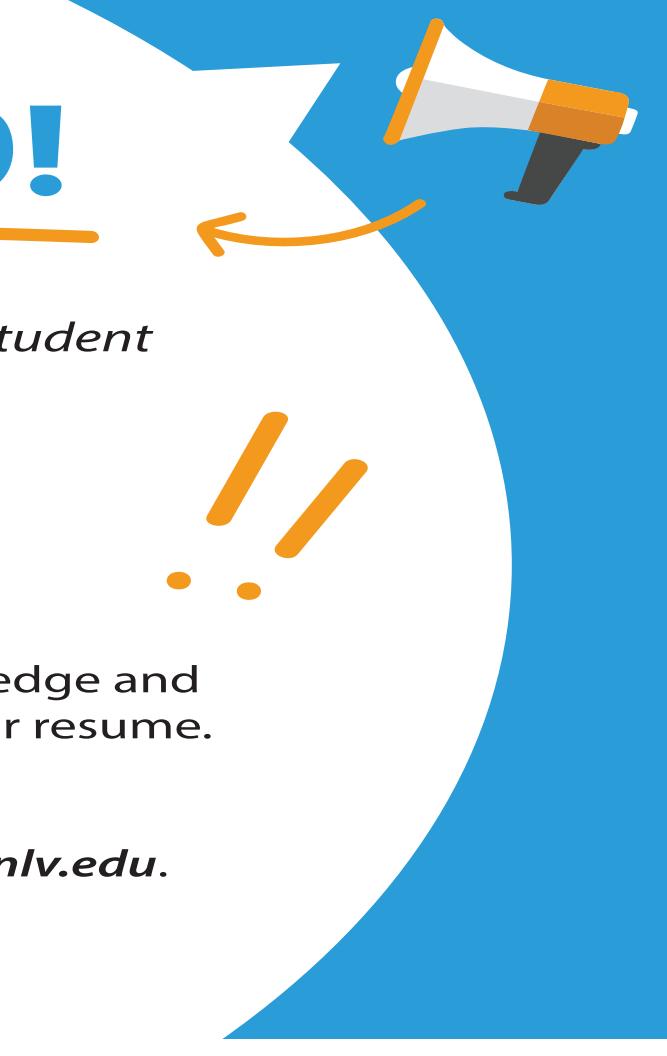
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The curly girl hair routine: college edition



Art by Madison Faries

By Glivell Piloto

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The “curly girl” hair routine has made an impact on the natural hair community and more importantly, their pockets. The usual routines tend to include high-priced products, “natural” ingredients and several steps to achieve the “ultimate” wash and go styles.

As college students, it makes the curly hair routine seem expensive and time consuming. After many trials and tribulations, and more importantly money spent, this curly girl has found the ultimate hair products proven to work for the 4C and above club. Yes, that means 4C-friendly.

“My biggest struggle is consistency,” said Symonne Randel, who has type four curly hair. “With my hair type, I can never just wake up and go. I have to brush it, comb it out and put lots of hair products in it even if I’m just putting it in a simple ponytail.”

When looking for a shampoo, it is best to factor in the climate you live in to help determine the right kind of shampoo for you. Living in Las Vegas, the weather is on the drier side. Therefore, it tends to dry out curly hair, which already needs extra hydration compared to non-curly hair. One of the most affordable hydrating shampoos to use is Shea Moisture’s Intensive Hydration Sham-

poo.

Shea Moisture is a popular brand within the natural hair community and for good reason. It has provided curly hair friendly products for years and at low cost. The Intensive Hydration shampoo can easily be found at any Sally Beauty Supply store across the Valley. Priced at \$10.99 for a 13oz bottle, this shampoo will be easy on your pockets.

Next up on our routine is what is quite possibly the most important part, deep conditioning. Deep conditioning your hair is very crucial in maintaining healthy and radiant curly hair. The market for deep conditioners has become oversaturated with several brands which makes it harder to choose the right one for you.

After years of searching, I have found a couple of deep conditioners to help keep the hydration in my curls. One of the most affordable and popular deep conditioners amongst curly girls is the Shea Moisture Intensive Hydration Masque, from the same line of the shampoo mentioned earlier. This deep conditioner is priced at \$11.99 for 12 ounces and, like the shampoo, can be found at any Sally Beauty Supply store near you.

Now, if you’ve skipped using a co-wash and stuck to the low-priced Shea Moisture shampoo, spending a couple more dollars on a deep conditioner can be a

possibility. If you are willing to splurge a little on a deep conditioner, the most popular among the 3C-and-up club is the Algae Renew Deep Conditioner by Camille Rose.

The slip on the Camille Rose deep conditioner is pure perfection and detangles like a dream. Added bonus is it smells like a cupcake and is a Black and woman-owned brand. The deep conditioner is priced at \$20 if purchased directly on the Camille Rose website. However, it can also be found at Sally Beauty Supply stores for \$22.

For the last step in a successful curly hair routine, the community tends to pile on at least three different kinds of products. College students do not have the time nor the budget to do so. However, options have emerged.

A leave-in conditioner can make or break a wash and go as curly girls have come to know. The ultimate and proper leave-in conditioner will help keep those curly tresses frizz-free, hydrated and manageable.

The leave-in conditioner that has proven to have all three of these qualities is the Frizz Whiz Curl defining Leave-In by Soultanicals, which is another Black-owned brand and trusted in the natural hair community. This leave-in can be purchased directly on the Soultanicals website for \$16.

If used correctly by dispersing

evenly throughout your hair, the Frizz Whiz will make your wash last for days. It also does a great job alone without a gel, for a refresher in between washes or even on wash day.

Another step that can be left out of this routine are the style setters, creams and butters. All three of those are not necessary for a curly hair routine to be successful. What should be included, however, is the final step in any curl girl routine: the gel.

A popular and budget friendly gel is the Moroccan Argan Oil Styling Gel from the Eco-co brand, also found at Sally Beauty Supply stores. At \$5.99 for a 32-ounce tub, this gel will last you quite possibly an entire semester. The argan oil aides in keeping your hair smooth, hydrated and flake free while still having a strong hold on your curls.

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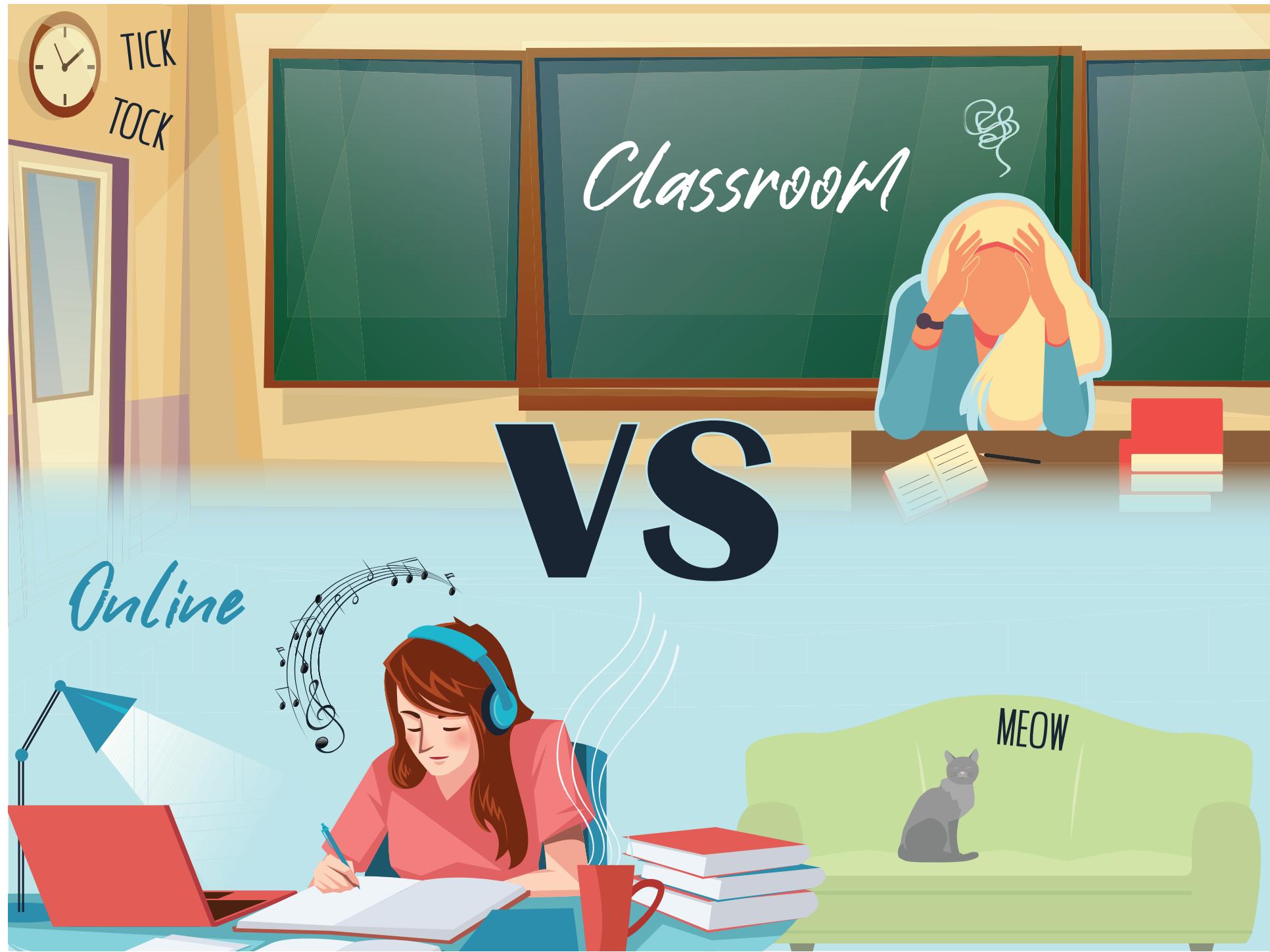
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What is a healthy school-life balance?



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In recent years, mental health has become a major topic of conversation in our society. Mental health has increasingly become an important factor in what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, and we have the pandemic to thank for that.

When the pandemic hit schools across the country in 2020, universities started to switch to remote learning, also known as online schooling.

This new form of schooling proved to have some growing pains with professors having to learn a new teaching style and some students not always having access to reliable WiFi. However, it did bring up the topic of what a healthy work-life balance should look like.

Students are expected to commute to school if they are not already living on campus, according to the typical college routine that has been in place for several years. They then go to their classes, which if they're full-time, is at least four classes.

These classes are sometimes back-to-back, or can be multiple hours apart, leaving students stuck on campus in the meantime. Re-

peat that a few more times a week and it leaves little to no room to relax or prepare for the next day.

Most students who attend UNLV have jobs, sometimes not located on campus. It's no secret many college students aren't rich, so when they spend about eight hours a day, four times a week at school, acquiring a "well-paying" job is a hard task. This leads students to even take up another job, making their weekend jam-packed.

Continuing to partake in this hectic routine leads to students feeling burnt out, something they may experience frequently that leads to poor performance, both in an academic sense and in general functionality.

Going through burnout is tough on a student and knowing there won't be a day to catch their breath until the next major holiday is depressing and unmotivating. Students might become burned out not only from constant labor, but also from the energy of other students and professors as a result of participating in class discussions or working on group projects.

Some students even resort to drugs, specifically Adderall, to avoid burnout. According to the American Addiction Centers' website, "Innocently enough, the

main cause for Adderall abuse is linked to academics. Students claim the drug helps them focus when they are staying up late studying."

Students also tend to use this drug when attending a party just to have some sort of energy to hold a conversation with others. After all, if you're in college, you certainly do not want to skip out on a party in fear of not having a social life.

What can we do to move to a healthier balance now? A simple answer is to offer the option of more online alternatives for the in-person seminars offered at the university.

Having the ability to do all your classes in the comfort of any place you want as well as at any time you want, makes life easier. Students who normally commute to campus by car were able to save on gas as well as the over-priced parking passes UNLV offers. They were also able to work at their own pace, get school work done faster and even with more accuracy after having fewer distractions.

Having the option of either going to class one day or not shouldn't leave the student feeling anxious about missing out on a day or even dreading going to class either. Sometimes we just

want to stay in bed and take it easy that day.

Not everyone will want to do online school and that's perfectly fine. Nonetheless, this should be an option, as students who have skipped classes for a mental health day would find it comforting to not be penalized when they had completed their work.

The pandemic, although it caused many disruptions in people's daily lives and exposed failed systems, did bring a new-found appreciation for mental health. Life is short. A tomorrow is not guaranteed, so why spend it constantly stressed and burnt out? As a student at UNLV, I believe we deserve a healthy school-life balance.

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Will trick-or-treating return despite COVID-19?

By Joshua Cruzado
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Trick-or-treating is a time-honored tradition that keeps kids and parents entertained on Halloween. However, group activities involving close proximity to strangers have become taboo in the last two years.

For Halloween of 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) stated that trick-or-treating and any indoor parties were high-risk activities to avoid. However, has their warning subsided with the release of the vaccine, and will trick-or-treating be back in full fashion?

This year, we can expect an increase in trick-or-treaters compared with last year, as people are now feeling safer and cases have subsided. However, many parents may still choose safer methods of distributing candy than going to different neighborhoods and knocking on stranger's doors.

The number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19 in Clark County have gone down significantly since the beginning of the year, according to the CDC's data tracker. However, children cannot be vaccinated if they are under 12 years old, removing a layer of defense against the virus. There is also a good majority of people that have not received the

vaccination either, adding to the risk of gathering in large crowds.

The CDC recommends that if you are in an area with a high number of cases, you should consider wearing a mask in a crowded outdoor setting, especially around large gatherings of people who may or may not be vaccinated.

Additionally, according to their data tracker, almost any area is an area with a high number of cases, making masks more of a necessity than a consideration, especially with the delta variant making the rounds this year.

By the nature of the Halloween season, most kids may be wearing masks or some sort of face covering, as many dress up as ninjas or heroes, allowing them to cover up their whole face. However, that does not reduce the danger of accepting candy from the hands of other people.

Alternatives to traditional trick-or-treating have existed for years. Some examples of this include leaving out a bowl of candy on your porch, creating a chute to drop candy into kids' buckets and even building a catapult or cannon for maximum distance.

I spoke with UNLV student Ana Meza and got her perspective as a mother during this season. She said that last year, instead of trick-or-treating, they had a small



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family gathering where the adults gave the kids candy until they ran out, which they preferred as it was safer and didn't require as much walking.

"I do recommend doing alternatives to trick-or-treating like planned distribution at parties or trunk-or-treating," Meza said. "It's more organized and you don't have to walk past houses that don't even have candy."

The pandemic has found new

and effective ways to celebrate the holiday without traditional trick-or-treating, as many plan their rounds for this year. Many kids will choose to dress up and try to accumulate as much candy as possible, while some families may err on the side of caution this season as the pandemic continues.

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Gilcrease Orchard, a fall favorite in Las Vegas



Rows of sunflowers for the picking at Gilcrease Orchard. Photo by @gilcrease_orchard on Instagram.

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Fall invariably brings golden hour lighting, pumpkins and cooler temperatures every year, a relief for many after the long summer months. Last year, although pumpkin patches are

a popular way to reign in the season, many were met with disappointment when COVID-19 closed them down.

This year, however, Gilcrease Orchard, a ranch in northern Las Vegas, is the perfect location to enjoy the new season to the fullest amidst the ensuing pandemic.

The Gilcrease Orchard began with the Gilcrease family, who moved to the Las Vegas Valley in 1920 and purchased 900 acres of Lower Tule Springs land. The ranch struggled to be profitable amidst the Great Depression, but the family remained dedicated to serving the Valley with fresh produce.

A century later, the Gilcrease Orchard has grown into a successful and cherished piece of Southern Nevada, with its humble beginnings only adding to its charm and sincerity.

Las Vegas's desert landscape does not usually include rows of produce and crops, yet the unique design of the orchard defies the

arid climate by utilizing natural artesian springs. As a result, year-round harvesting of produce is enjoyed.

Today, the ranch no longer has monetary goals. It has evolved into a non-profit foundation, and, as stated on the Gilcrease Orchard official website, "was established to protect and preserve the Gilcrease Orchard for the community to enjoy recreational and educational experiences through agriculture."

Different times of year offer different picking selections, and fall is one of the most lucrative seasons for the orchard with a diverse spread of produce and other items available for purchase.

Freshly grown pumpkins and other gourds adorn the pumpkin patch, which is only open for a few months out of the year. The patch sits adjacent to rows of sunflowers and lines of apple trees, which provide shade for guests to cool off under.

After wheeling their harvest to

the checkout in Gilcrease's complimentary wheelbarrows, guests are able to purchase a myriad of seasonal homemade snacks, including apple cider, donuts with cinnamon sugar, kettle corn and caramel apples.

Many guests take advantage of the scenic backdrop of the orchard in their pictures online, with the tagged photo section revealing hundreds of locals posing amidst the trees. Gilcrease Orchard's Instagram features all of the fall festivities happening weekly on the ranch.

The warm and fun vibe of the orchard invites all Las Vegans to spice up their fall with a trip to the pumpkin patch or snack bar, especially after a year of chaos. Each purchase helps to sustain this gem of an outdoor activity, preserving it for future generations to appreciate and becoming a staple in reigning in the season.

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Is the next generation of kids ready for college?

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In the face of the digital era, social media consumption is an unavoidable part of everyday life. Over the past few months, with the rising popularity of the social media app, TikTok, there has been a spike in trends and trending behaviors.

The power of social media has the potential to popularize negative behaviors. Among those negative behaviors are viral internet challenges like the “devious licks” trends and most recently, the October trend: “smack a staff member.” This trend encourages students to initiate physical violence against their teachers, such as smacking and even kicking them.

This new outrageous trend begs the question: is the next generation of college students influenced by social media ready for college?

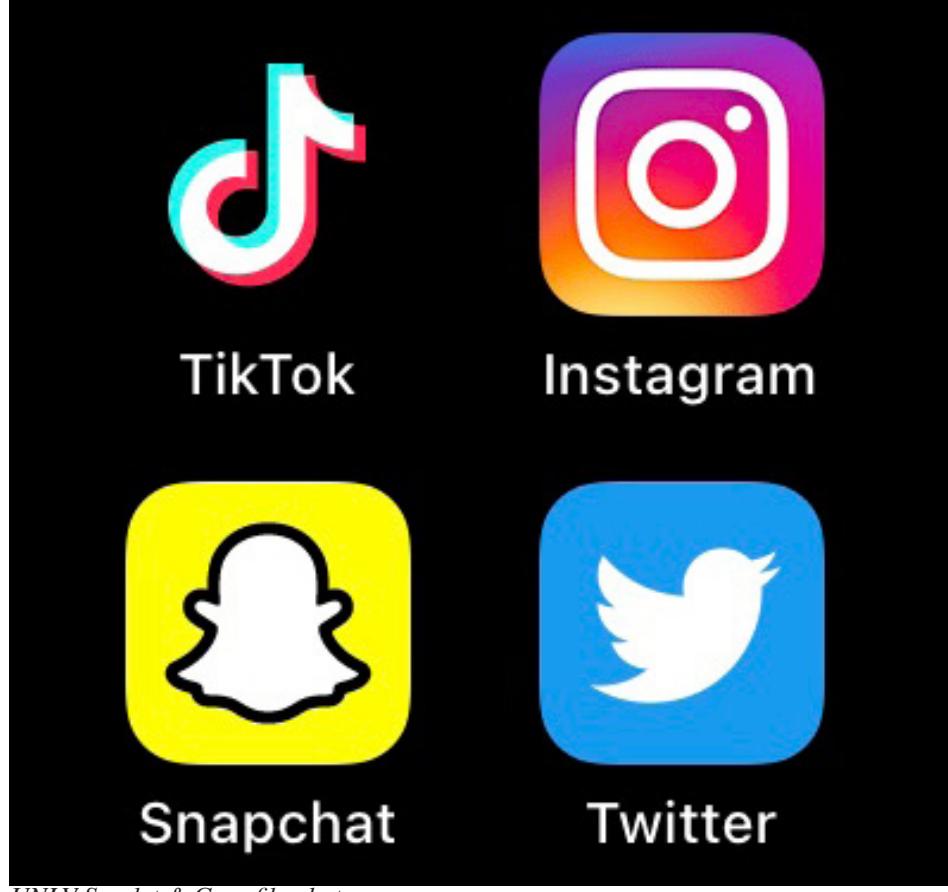
The next generation of college students is undoubtedly impacted by social media. Not only are they influenced by the content they see, but they are also influenced by their peers’ participation.

Considering the fact that social

media usage is an integral mode of communication for teenagers, it is not a surprising revelation that nine out of 10 teens age 13 to 17 use social media platforms and most, 71 percent, use more than one.

Their rate of consumption, coupled with the general knowledge of how many of those belonging to this age group behave, makes it apparent as to why teenagers are among those who predominantly participate in internet trends. Additionally, the need to complete an internet challenge is not solely based on immaturity or internet consumption.

In the article “Why Are Social Media Challenges So Popular with Teens?” from Parent Samurai, Shannon Betts argues that participation gives teens a sense of belonging amongst their friends and community of internet mutuals. Their avid participation might even be driven by a desire to fit in with peers, gain popularity and sometimes even to defy their parents. It’s understandable, but it’s also safe to say that a lot of immature internet-influenced behavior dies out when teenagers begin the pursuit of their higher education.



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The environment surrounding universities is different than the one that pervades high schools and middle schools. Not only are incoming undergraduate freshmen entering a new chapter in their lives, but they are held to a higher behavioral standard compared to what they might have been

held to in high school. Smacking a staff member in high school versus smacking a staff member in college are two completely different scenarios and will yield very different consequences.

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How generational differences shape social media



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By Julia Sidley
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Social media, in recent years, has proved its ability to not only bring generations together, but also drive them apart. One of the main reasons why this happens is through the usage of different media platforms utilized by various age groups.

Approximately 70 percent of adults in the United States use Facebook, while the number of teens on the app has dropped to 51 percent since 2015. Similar fluctuations with certain age groups have emerged across many other platforms as well, most notably on Instagram, a company that was purchased by Facebook in 2012.

In a combination of surveys done over Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, involving 200 young adults and teens, over 40 percent cited Instagram as their favorite social media platform, while only 15 percent of older participants said the same. Young adults were also far more likely to claim TikTok, Twitter and YouTube as their favorite platforms.

Upon looking at older participants in the survey, not only did most of them respond to the survey through Facebook, but over 80 percent said Facebook was their favorite platform. Not one of the younger participants said the same.

It is interesting to consider what has caused this generational gap to expand and how numerous platforms cater to different demographics, almost by nature. The clearest pattern among these is the way different generations use media for both social interaction and general content consumption. It appears that while younger generations use different media platforms for various purposes, many older generations have streamlined all of these interactions to Facebook.

UNLV student Scott Creamer said, “Tiktok is my favorite platform because it is fun to scroll

without having to follow a bunch of people and it’s nice that it randomizes based on your interests.” Similar sentiments were expressed by all other young participants who cited TikTok or YouTube as their favorite.

While entertainment and education were the primary focuses of those who preferred video platforms, many leaned towards Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Those who preferred these sites explained that they enjoy using these platforms to keep in touch with friends and family.

As social media has evolved over recent years, different platforms have found that certain age groups use their platforms for specific services that appeal to them. Thus, there has been a pattern of apps working to provide a variety of content, such as Reels on Instagram or the Spotlight on Snapchat. The generational gaps in media platforms have persisted and created different perceptions many of us hold about the content on each one.

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COVID-19 and the economic threats for Vegas



Southwest Airlines taking off from McCarran Airport. Photo by Kayla Faasse

By Miriam Borwick

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For a city like Las Vegas that is so strongly dependent on tourism, the U.S. government's recent announcement to ease travel restrictions to 33 countries is a call for hope. However, with the chance of sparking another upsurge in COVID-19, it may also be a double-edged sword.

The loss of tourists in our town has impacted the lives of Las Vegas residents in various ways. With over 40 billion tourists visiting the state annually, one in four Southern Nevadans were directly employed in the tourism industry

prior to the pandemic.

With that magnitude of dependency on a totally shut-down industry, the secondary impacts of losing tourists were exponential and far-reaching.

A recent UNLV graduate, Tal Schlesinger, who works in sales on the Strip, relates that since the beginning of the pandemic, she "has to work harder and work more shifts" in order to meet her financial needs. The frustration and stress of working six days per week is disheartening, especially to those working to provide for their families.

Schlesinger is among the minority of tourism workers who managed to hold on to her job, as

many have not been able to return since the pandemic. In July, Nevada's unemployment rate ranked the highest in the nation at 7.7 percent.

In August, nearly 12,000 jobs were added to the Las Vegas economy, but this is just the beginning of an uphill battle. While intra-national travel and tourism is starting to perk up, the Las Vegas economy is nowhere near out of the woods yet. International tourism may be just what we need to bring some normalcy and stability back to the lives of Las Vegas residents.

However, at what cost? With the COVID-19 pandemic still pulsing through the veins of the global world, it is only a matter of time before the next significant mutation surfaces.

Echoes of the mysterious "CES 2020 flu" and other delta variant strains have not died down in our minds either. Las Vegas would almost certainly see widespread transmission through the community, as the tourism hotspot only has about 50 percent of the population fully vaccinated.

While the threat of transmission may be a possibility, the socio-economic threats of job instability and struggling to pay the bills are real and palpable problems right now.

Three Square, a local food bank, has had to ramp up their operations in order to start directly distributing meals to the

450,000 people in the community who, overnight, began facing food instability. As stated on its website, one in four children in Las Vegas live in a food-unstable household today.

Keeping our borders closed to halt transmission at the expense of further exacerbating the very real socioeconomic crises of Las Vegas residents is unsustainable. The federal government is opening our borders to fully vaccinated individuals from around the world.

While it is not a foolproof policy to prevent COVID-19 transmission, it is a reasonable mitigation that would equip Las Vegas, and the nation, with the ability to begin the long uphill trek of restoring our economy.

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Does pineapple belong on pizza?

By Chris Johnson

Staff Writer

Pineapple on pizza, one of the most controversial topics amongst pizza lovers since 1962, when it was created by Sam Panopoulos.

The controversial pizza has been a source of disgust among many for decades, yet a delicacy to others. Many local and mainstream pizza places feature this unique topping on their menus. However, the question stands: should it really even be there?

After going around campus, UNLV students CJ Depauw, Alexander Bagrensky, Jalen Hamilton and Gonzo Hernandez weighed in on this particular food war.

"Okay, so it's not bad by any means, but it feels cursed to do it," said Bagrensky. "Pizza is supposed to be for lunch or dinner, not dessert, and since pineapple is a super sweet fruit it contradicts what pizza really is. At that point, it becomes a fruit tart."

While some might believe that pineapple on pizza shouldn't

exist, there is a massive amount of people who believe that the sweet topping indeed deserves to be on pizza, and Depauw is one of them.

"Pineapple does belong on pizza because it makes pizza less boring," said Depauw. "Some people can't handle sweet and savory flavors together; those people don't know what's good."

However, there are people like UNLV student Hamilton and myself who believe that pineapple should not be allowed anywhere near a pizza.

"I do not think pineapples belong on pizza because it gives a weird taste to it," said Hamilton. "Pineapples are great, just not on pizza."

In a recent poll done by the official Scarlet & Gray Instagram, it was found that from the 45 total votes, 60 percent of voters said pineapple shouldn't be on pizza and 40 percent said it should.

"Pineapple doesn't belong on pizza," said Hernandez. "When I think of pizza I think of jalapeños and pepperoni, not a sweet topping like pineapple. Sweetness



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Pineapple is in fact sweet. For example, one cup of pineapple chunks has 16 grams of sugar in it, while one slice of pizza has around 3.8 grams of sugar in it. This means that it would take around 4.2 slices of pizza to get to 16 grams of sugar.

Pizza is a very savory food traditionally, and putting pineapple on top creates a very unappealing combination. While a few people

pineapple, the majority will stick with a savory, saucy pizza.

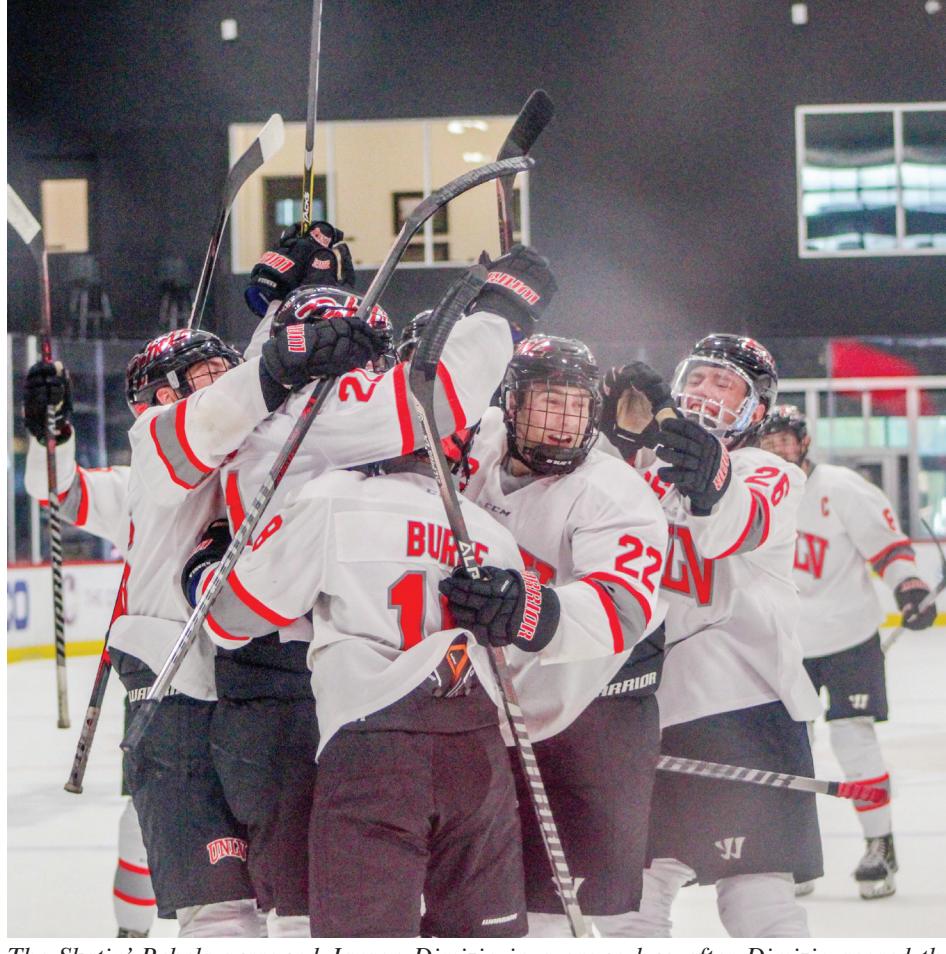
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REBEL HOCKEY

UNLV remains undefeated in series against the Utah Utes



The Skatin' Rebels surround Jayson Dimizio in a group hug after Dimizio scored the game-winning goal 22 seconds into overtime, improving to 4-0. Photo by Kayla Faasse.

Game One: Midnight Madness Oct. 7

A completely packed arena cheered on the Rebels Thursday night, coming off a 2-0 series against Illinois while simultaneously booing the Utah Utes.

The late start of the game was represented by UNLV during the first period with a slow start to kick off the night. The Rebels struggled to establish a game pace and maintain puck control.

By the end of the first period, no one successfully scored a goal from either side. The Utes outshot the Rebels 18-8 as the Scarlet and Gray slowly began to pick up the pace.

Max Johnson scored the first goal of the game for the Rebels seven minutes into the second period, assisted by Brendan Manning and Jared Erickson. The goal came from a wrist shot under Utah's goaltender Landon Anderson's right arm.

The crowd reacted to the point by banging on the glass and rallying to cheer on UNLV to keep up the momentum.

"The goal was definitely a turning point for us," said Manning. "We kind of bounced back after that goal and just kept them coming. [The crowd] definitely turned up and it was great motivation for us. I hope it's something we can do every year from now on."

Less than a minute later, Manning slid the puck in the net for another goal. Both Johnson brothers, Max and Alec, assisted in the goal, giving the team a 2-0 lead.

Utah was quick to respond with a goal of their own. Ute Michael Urtis knocked the puck in to reduce the Rebel lead by one.

Tensions were high on and off the ice, with both teams receiving more penalties and seeing the aggression increase on the ice. Sean Plonski broke his stick with eight minutes left in the period.



HOCKEY

UNLV VS. UTAH

TEAM SCORES		1	2	3	OT	T
GAME 1	UNLV	0	3	2	-	5
	UTAH	0	1	1	-	2
GAME 2	UNLV	0	1	2	1	4
	UTAH	1	1	1	0	3

Not too long after, Alec Johnson scored with 6:01 remaining on the clock, assisted by Cole Wyatt and Max Johnson during a power-play, improving the UNLV lead once again and ending the period 3-1.

The third period began with an early goal by Wyatt, assisted by Daniel Fisher. The aggression continued to stay strong, with the Rebels racking up three additional penalties through the final 20 minutes.

UNLV led 4-1 when Landon Langenbrunner scored for Utah with 8:57 remaining in the game. The puck bounced off Rebel goaltender Zach Wickson's shoulder before hitting the back of the net.

In a last effort of hope in the final minutes, Utah pulled its goalie in hopes of closing the gap, leaving the Rebels with an open net.

Max Johnson took advantage of this opportunity, smoothly gliding the puck down the ice and into the back of the net with 5.2 seconds on the clock.

"It starts with [Wickson] in the back end," head coach Anthony Greener said, "Our [defense] held it down, and our offense chipped in when they needed to. It's a team win."

The game ended with a Skatin' Rebel victory of 5-2. The first star of the game was Max Johnson with two goals and two assists.

Game Two: Oct. 9

Rebel hockey needed overtime and had to overcome a two-goal deficit to remain undefeated, beating Utah in both games of the series, going 2-0.

In the first three minutes of the game, Wickson made two saves for the Rebels as the team once again got off to a slow start entering the ice. At 16:25, Urtis got on the board with a Utah goal, assisted by Benji Mickel and Che Landikusic, taking an early 1-0 lead.

This is the first time that UNLV trailed on the scoreboard all season long.

The Rebels struggled to tie the game up in the first period, but still managed to outshoot the Utes 15-11. Even while trailing, the Rebels' offense started off the game with smoother control of the puck compared to their first matchup.

Halfway through the second period, Utah scored once again to increase their lead. The goal came from an unassisted shot by Alex King.

A little over a minute later, Erickson notched the

puck in the net for a Rebel power-play goal, assisted by Max Johnson and Wyatt.

UNLV continued to outshoot Utah in the period 28-18 with no additional goals added.

At 14:40 of the third period, Ute Ethan Light gained a one-on-one opportunity with Wickson where he got an unassisted goal.

Ezekiel Estrada earned his first goal in the scarlet and gray at 11:57 in the period, assisted by Angelos Tsalafof for a new score of 3-2.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Alec Johnson shoots a power-play goal in for UNLV to tie the game.

The tensions of a tied game quickly rose as the Rebels began diving to block shots on the net to avoid a Utes victory. The hard work paid off as the teams prepared to head into overtime, tied at three.

Jayson Dimizio concluded the game 22 seconds into overtime with his first goal of the season, assisted by Erickson for a final score of 4-3 in favor of the Rebels.

"It felt great. It was my first goal so I needed it," said Dimizio. "It was definitely a good way to end the game."

The Skatin' Rebels improved to 4-0 this season, outshooting the Utes throughout the entire game despite the 3-1 deficit the team faced.

The team's star of the day was Dimizio with the game-winning goal..

"That was the best three periods of hockey we played all year," head coach Greener said. "The score doesn't show it, but we stayed disciplined, the penalty kill was good, the power-play was good, [an] overall team win."

Rebel hockey prepares to hit the road for the first time to face Central Oklahoma in another two-game series. Both teams are heading into the matchup with 4-0 records, ready for a challenging battle.

The puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. A livestream of the games can be found on the Rebel hockey YouTube channel. Follow the team on Twitter (@UNLVRebelHockey) for live updates along with a link to the stream.

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Men's Soccer wins in overtime against Houston Baptist Huskies

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After making a late comeback to tie, Rebel's Marco Gonzalez scored the game-winning goal in overtime to beat the Houston Baptist Huskies 2-1, marking their fourth game-winning goal of the season.

Less than three minutes into the start of the game, Huskies' Sebastian Cochrane scored against the Rebels, putting them up 1-0. The next 77 minutes would be scoreless as UNLV attempted seven shots on goal compared to the Huskies' three.

At the 79th minute mark, Aedon Kyra would score UNLV's first goal with an assist by Gabriel Claudio, tying the game at 1-1. With no one able to score in the remaining 10 minutes, the game headed into overtime.

In overtime, the Huskies were unable to attempt a shot on the goal and the Rebels attempt-

ed two before they successfully scored. With an extra 4:30 on the clock, Gonzalez scored the final goal with an assist from Sam Wren and Kyra.

"It happened so quickly," said Gonzalez after the game. "I just tried to get on my feet as soon

as possible and luckily it went our way and we won the game.

The Rebels were on a three-game losing streak before Friday night's win. They improved to 5-6 for the season.

"It's a good feeling, just to get back on the score sheet again," said Kyra. "Marco and I, we had a few rough games, and it's good to get on the board again. Hopefully we can keep it going."

The Rebels will return to Peter Johann Memorial Field to host a matchup on Oct. 10 against Chicago State with a 6 p.m. kickoff before heading on a three-game road trip.



Senior Aedon Kyra (9) steals the ball from a Houston Baptist defender in their home game Friday afternoon. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain.

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MEN'S SOCCER
UNLV VS. HOUSTON BAPTIST

TEAM SCORES	1	2	OT	F
UNLV	0	1	1	2
HOUSTON BAPTIST	1	0	0	1

Women's Soccer falls to San Diego State Aztec Warriors in overtime

By Jordan Anders-McClain
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UNLV women's soccer fell to the San Diego State Aztecs in overtime Friday night, 0-1, at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

In the first half, the Rebels attempted nine shots on goal while the Aztecs shot six. UNLV was offense-heavy in the first half, causing the Aztecs to rack up 11 fouls.

Despite a big offensive effort, UNLV would go scoreless through the first half as they headed into the locker room, still 0-0 with the Aztecs.

In the second set, 45 minutes into the game, Rebel goalie Riley Liebsack would make back-to-back diving saves near the 65-minute mark. Liebsack would make another crucial save two minutes before the end of the second half.

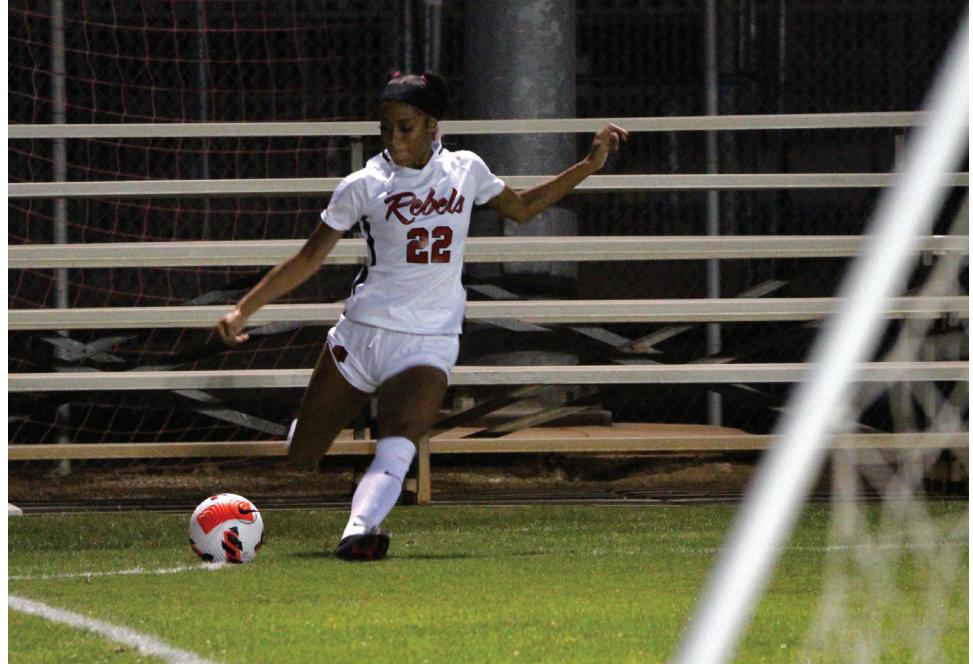
As neither team was able to

score either half, the game headed into overtime. Aztec's Anna Toohey scored on the Rebels, sealing the victory for San Diego State with only an extra 59 seconds on the clock.

Despite the loss, the Rebels still have a winning record as they sit 8-6 overall for the season, but fall to 1-4 in conference play.

UNLV women's soccer will be back in action on Oct. 10 to host New Mexico with a 1 p.m. kickoff. Catch the game live broadcasted on the Mountain West Digital Network.

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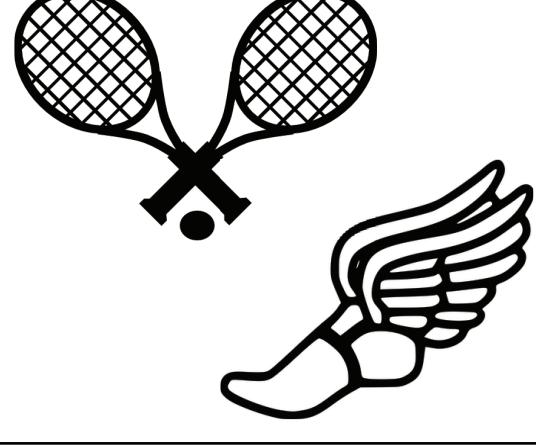
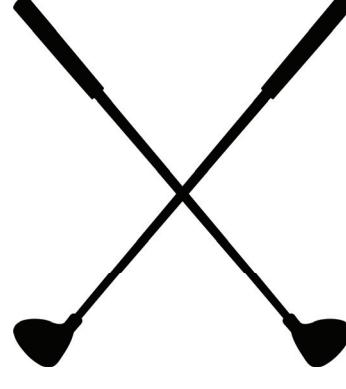
Rebel Nailah Harpring takes a corner kick for UNLV during the game against SDS Aztec Warriors. Photo by Jordan anders-McClain



WOMEN'S SOCCER
UNLV VS. SAN DIEGO STATE

TEAM SCORES	1	2	OT	F
UNLV	0	0	0	0
SAN DIEGO STATE	0	0	1	1

Rebel Recaps



Cross Country

By Kayla Faasse
Sports Editor

UNLV's cross country team earned its first win of the season at San Diego City College for the Downey Invitational on Sept. 24, led by freshman Natalia Ruiz in first place with a course-record time of 18:01 (5k).

Following behind Ruiz were LaKyla Yazzie in third (19:37) and Lauren Felknor taking fourth (20:02).

Shortly after the win, Ruiz was named Mountain West Freshman of the Week, marking the first individual weekly award

for the Rebels.

UNLV came in third during the Steve T. Reeder Memorial Invitational on Oct. 8, with Ruiz third straight, maintaining a winning title throughout the season. As a team, UNLV finished with 76 total points. Utah secured the win for the meet with 26 points.

Ruiz's time was 18:25.2, while Utah State's LeAnn Larkin-Hatch finished second at 18:44 and fellow Aggie Megan Terry in third at 18:51.4.

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Men's Tennis

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UNLV's double teams did not make it through qualifying action Monday at the Men's All-American Championship being played at Tulsa's Michael D. Case Center.

Anton Ornberg and Jackson Atherton won their opening match using a super-tiebreaker to upset UC Irvine's Emmanuel Coste and Riccardo Roberto, 6-1, 1-6 and 1-0 (10-7) in the first round. However, the Rebel pair was downed later in the day by University of Pennsylvania's Edoardo Graziani and Kevin Zhu, 6-3, 6-4.

UNLV's other entrants, Christopher Bulus and Jordan Sauer, were defeated by Baylor's Tadeas Paroulek and Jacob Brumm, 7-6, 6-1.

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Men's Golf

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Senior David Rauch finished in a tie for fifth place at the Trinity Forest Invitational. Rauch shot a final round 1-under-par (70) to earn his fifth place finish.

He shot under par for all three rounds (69-70-70) with 11 birdies and an eagle. The Rebels finished in 10th place overall, with a score of 21-over par.

The Rebels begin a two-day tournament in Reno, Nev. on Oct. 11 at the Hidden Valley

Country Club. This will be their final tournament until January 2022. There will be 14 schools competing in the Wolf Pack Classic, including University of Nevada-Reno.

There will be both a team and individual champion, with the individual winner receiving an exemption to the PGA Tour's 2022 Barracuda Championship, which takes place in the Reno-Tahoe area.

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Women's Golf

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nament is Oct. 17 and 18 in San Marcos, Texas, as part of the Jim West Invitational.

UNLV women's golf begins a two-day tournament on Oct. 11 in Tulsa, Okla. The University of Tulsa will host the Dale McNamara Invitational with a 13-team field.

Tee times for both days are set for 8:30 a.m. CT/6:30 a.m. PT, the first and second rounds will be played on Oct. 11 and the tournament concludes with the final round on Oct. 12.

The Rebels have a short turnaround, as their next tour-

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Vegas Golden Knights

The Golden Knights open their season Oct. 12 as they host the Seattle Kraken, the National Hockey League's newest team.

Vegas finished the preseason with a 4-3 record. They are coming off a 4-0 loss in its last preseason game against San Jose on Oct. 9.

Robin Lehner will be the expected goalie for the Golden Knights after they traded Marc-Andre Fleury to the Chicago Blackhawks in the offseason.

The Golden Knights are heavy favorites to win the Pacific Division, with -160 betting odds, according to DraftKings, to win the division.

Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. at T-Mobile Arena. The game will be broadcasted nationally on ESPN and can be heard locally on Fox Sports Las Vegas 1340 AM/98.9 FM.

Raiders

Coming off an 8-8 record for

the 2020-21 season, the Raiders launched the new season with three straight wins, the first coming from an overtime victory against the Baltimore Ravens (33-27).

Following the overtime win, the Raiders defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers (26-17) and Miami Dolphins (31-28).

The team fell short against the Los Angeles Chargers on Oct. 4, with a devastating final score of 28-14. The Raiders overall season record was brought down to 3-1.

The Raiders look to improve their record on Oct. 10 when they face the Chicago Bears in their home stadium with a 1:05 p.m. kick off. Predictions of the game give the Las Vegas Raiders a 5.5-point favorite.

Aces

The Las Vegas Aces' 2021 season came to an end Oct. 8, as the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Aces 87-84 in Game 5 of the WNBA Semifinals.

Las Vegas finished with a 24-8 regular season record, earning them the no. 2 seed in the playoffs. They averaged 89.3 points

per game in the regular season, which was tops in the WNBA.

The Aces were dealt a devastating blow prior to the season when guard Angel McCoughtry suffered a season-ending injury in the preseason.

There are some important decisions the Aces will have to make in the offseason, as center Liz Cambage and 2020 MVP A'ja Wilson are both free agents. Wilson is a restricted free agent, meaning the Aces could match any offer from another team looking to sign her.

Aviators

Minor League Baseball (MiLB) has concluded its 2021 season after returning from a one-year hiatus in 2020. The Las Vegas Aviators, who won their division in 2019, finished 2021 with a 62-58 record.

Due to the effects of the pandemic, MiLB restricted its entire minor league structure. Las Vegas played in the new Triple-A West Division, where they finished in third place, 11 games behind the Tacoma Rainiers.

Catcher Carlos Perez led the

Aviators with 31 home runs and 89 RBIs. Starting pitcher Brian Howard led the team with seven wins and 110 innings pitched.

Las Vegas has already released its 2022 schedule where they will open the season hosting the Reno Aces in a six-game series, beginning April 5 at Las Vegas Ballpark.

Henderson Silver Knights

The Henderson Silver Knights will continue their pre-season schedule with two home matches against the Tucson Roadrunners on Oct. 10 and Oct. 11 with both puck drops at 7 p.m. at the Orleans arena.

The Silver Knights open the regular season on Oct. 15 and Oct. 17 with a home series against the Colorado Eagles. The first puck drop will be at 7 p.m. with the second one at 4 p.m.

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Las Vegas Lights continue losing streak



Alex Rando (35) makes a goalie kick during the Lights FC match against LA Galaxy II on Friday Oct. 8, 2021. Photo by Lucas Peltier // LV Lights FC

By Kimya Oliver
Staff Writer

The Las Vegas Lights hosted the Los Angeles Galaxy II at Cashman Field on Oct. 8 and fell short 0-1.

Within the first seven minutes of the game, midfielder Jorge

Hernandez shot from the center of the box to give Galaxy the lead. The Lights couldn't find a way to score a goal throughout the match.

After the first goal, the Lights became defensively more aggressive with three blocked shots and four goalkeeper saves. Galaxy also

became aggressive defensively with three blocked shots and six goalkeeper saves.

The Lights managed to intercept six passes and 15 tackles while Galaxy had 15 pass interceptions and 18 tackles.

In the first half of the game, the Lights offensively came out more aggressively with six shot attempts from inside the box, whereas in the second half, they had only one shot attempt. Galaxy shot seven times from inside the box in the first half and four shots inside the box in the second half.

The first half was much slower than the first half with both teams struggling with chances. In the final minutes, Bruce El-Mesmari nearly equalizes to steal a point of the Lights, but Galaxy keeper Justin Vom Steeg managed to keep it out.

Despite the loss, Las Vegas held possession of the ball the most throughout the game, but

they played more of a passing game than Los Angeles. The Lights trailed behind with 15 shots (six on goal), while Galaxy had 16 shots (five on goal).

The aggressive plays between both teams showed with Galaxy ending the night with 13 fouls and one yellow card, while the Lights had five fouls and one yellow card.

The Las Vegas Lights are currently the eighth seed in the Pacific West Conference while the Los Angeles Galaxy II is ranked no. 4. The Lights' current record is 5-4-20 compared with Galaxy's record of 10-5-12.

The Las Vegas Lights will be hitting the road to play Tacoma Defiance, ranked no. 7, on Oct. 13 at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma, Wash. with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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UNLV women's lacrosse back to grow program, create family bond

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UNLV's intramural fields are vibrant again with club sports returning, which includes UNLV women's lacrosse, who are working on and off the field to grow their promising program.

The Rebels are gearing up for a full season, 20 months after their last tournament. UNLV held its first practice of 2021 on Sept. 13 in preparation for their first tournament in Nov. in Phoenix, AZ.

Winning the league and qualifying for national tournaments are major objectives for the program, but there are greater goals that they focus on. Team bonding, teaching less experienced players the game of lacrosse and having an enjoyable season are all a priority for UNLV in its return season.

"We're growing the team and being comfortable with each other, just being a big happy family who enjoys competing together," said London Thompson, president of the UNLV women's lacrosse program. "I think nationals would be great, league championships would be great, but I just want to have a fun season with my team this year."

Another focal point of the program is to teach the sport to new players, as well as serve as an avenue for the more experienced players to improve their skills, all while competing at a collegiate level.

Anyone interested in lacrosse can join, regardless of experience. On this year's team, there is a wide range of lacrosse experience.

"About a third of our team is new, having never played before," said Thompson. "A third is new, who have experienced playing lacrosse and then about a third of our team are returning players who we've had on the team before."

Thompson joined the organiza-

tion without a lot of experience. Meanwhile, Leilu Hernandez and Breanna Davideit, who are both captains, have eight years on them, dating back to their time playing in high school together.

Despite having the most experience on the team, Hernandez always appreciates the chance to learn something from the new players.

"I still love learning from all the younger players," Hernandez, the organization's treasurer said. "I love being able to teach something that I love to younger players and just being able to learn new things."

UNLV is a part of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (WCLA), which is a part of USA Lacrosse. The WCLA is the largest association for club women's lacrosse teams.

They are a Division II team, and within WCLA, they play in the Western Women's Lacrosse League (WWLL), which features teams from California, Arizona and Nevada.

The teams in the WWLL are broken up into three conferences, North, Central and South, with UNLV being in the Central conference. To qualify for league championships at the end of the year, teams must play everyone in their conference and two different teams from the other conferences.

As a club sport, women's lacrosse does not receive funding from the school's athletic department. That is for the Division I sports. Receiving the necessary funding to travel, purchase equipment and cover any other expenses are one of their biggest challenges.

"We're not funded entirely from the school like all the Division I sports are," said Davideit, vice president of the program.

"We still do get funding from the school which is really nice...but we can't get funding for everything, so there is some stuff that



The opening face-off begins a light inter-squad scrimmage at UNLV Women's Lacrosse practice. Photo by Isaac Garcia.

we had to pay for."

Club sports receive some funding from the school as an organization, but they must apply for it. All club sports work together to share the funds with all club teams on campus. Because many of their tournaments are out of state, travel to their games on weekends is one of their greatest expenses.

Thompson said one of their goals this year is to build a better relationship with the rest of the club sports teams. One of her ideas is to host an co-ed scrimmage game with the men's lacrosse team, which is also a club sport.

UNLV's tournament next month does not count towards its qualification for the league or national tournament, but it is still an opportunity for the entire team to get a feel of what a game feels like. The Rebels will host their own tournament in March

of 2022, and Thompson wants everyone at UNLV to be out there to support them.

As training and preparations for a successful season continue, everyone understands that the takeaways are more important than wins and losses. Through playing the sport of lacrosse, all members value the family bond they have created on and off the field.

"The family that I've made," said Davideit, when asked her biggest takeaway from being a part of the women's lacrosse program. "Just everyone that I've met on the team and through tournaments has definitely made my college experience way better than it would have been if I just did not get involved at all."

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