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Maxson addresses state of campus

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UNLV has "reached a new level of academic sophistication," and is now at a "window of opportunity" to take an unprecedented leap forward, President Robert Maxson said in his annual State of the University address Tuesday.

The president said UNLV is rapidly emerging as the "center of excellence for all of Nevada."

Increased enrollment, accredited Engineering programs and two Ph.D. programs were among the advances he cited in describing the university's progress.

Enrollment figures for Fall semester are not finalized but the University will have nearly 14,000 students, Maxson said, about a seven percent

increase.

"We are in a period in this young university when the chemistry is just right," Maxson said, noting that enrollments have been rising about a 1,000 a year for several years.

"We are getting more students and we are getting the good ones," he said, referring to the Elardi scholarship program which has brought 71 valedictorians from Nevada's 53 high schools to UNLV.

The University also will get 55 of the 68 new faculty positions allocated in the university system over the next two years, and Maxson said UNLV is in a "bullish market" to search for the best faculty.

"We are recruiting the best scholars, artists and technicians who will be able to teach well."

The accreditation of two programs in Engineering, "the epitome of technology," will greatly increase UNLV's standing in the scientific community, Maxson said, while an expanded art gallery represents the university's commitment to the arts.

Maxson expressed optimism for the two new Ph.D. programs -- in Environmental Biology which started this fall and English scheduled to begin next year.

He also emphasized the importance of five new dormitories, three of which are scheduled to be ready for occupancy next fall.

"All of a sudden, this campus will overnight move from a commuter campus to a residential campus," he predicted. "We're building these dorms to create an environment for learning that



PRESIDENT MAXSON — gives his state of the University address.

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only comes where there's housing on campus.

"A lot of learning takes place outside the confines of a formal classroom. This is not just a device to recruit more students. It is our attempt to create a better learning environ-

ment."

The President also sent a warning to special interest groups who try to dictate what should be taught in the classroom.

"The university is the single, most honest com-

munity in American society but it's a fragile community, a fragile environment. It works when it is left alone to do the things it's trying to do.

"Collectively, it's our responsibility to protect our environment."

Americans must prove their birthright to work for living

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Students looking for jobs will need to produce proof of citizenship, under a law designed to preserve jobs for American citizens.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires employers to verify citizenship of all new hires or risk penalties which include fines up to \$10,000 and jail sen-

tences.

The requirement applies to anyone hired after November 1, 1986.

Prospective employees will need to produce a picture I.D., such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship or eligibility to work in the country, such as a Social Security card.

A passport is also acceptable because it provides both the photo and

proof of citizenship.

Robert Lamkin, UNLV director of personnel, said the university is working to ensure complete compliance with the law.

Diane Fruth of the personnel department has been appointed to verify employment eligibility.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, is designed to reduce the number of undocumented aliens working in the United States.

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