

NEWS

Land sale banks B&E

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Proceeds from the sale of a small parcel of land for \$340,000 in downtown Las Vegas will greatly benefit students and faculty of the UNLV College of Business and Economics.

The land was given to UNLV in 1979 by Marjorie and Edward Barrick and Mary and Sam Ziegman specifically to support the college.

Although the Board of Regents approved a request to sell the land, actual proceeds will not be available until the spring because of lengthy escrow closing.

Dr. Norval F. Pohl, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, said, "The funding for the college will be used for a number of projects and goals. Over all, we will use the money to support our efforts to gain program accreditation and these proceeds will make quite a difference since we are so close to receiving accreditation. They amount to a final official approval to our program."

Pohl said he has several specific projects in mind for the proceeds from the land sale.

"I am most excited about a local area network," he said. A local area network would link a number of computers, allowing them to com-

municate with one another and share information.

"This is important because it will give our faculty more access to computers for research purposes," Pohl said. The driving force behind this local area network is that we are trying to install a computer-aided advising system for students. One of our faculty members, Bill Robinson, developed a software program for us this summer."

The program will permit the college to put all business and economics majors and their UNLV course work into a computer database. The records are available on a data tape from the registrar's office.

Once this is done, the school will have access to all student academic profiles on just a few floppy disks, Pohl said.

"The nice part about the computer," Pohl said, "is that when a student comes in for advising, we can call up that student on the computer. The program will automatically look at the courses which the student has completed and compare it with what the college catalog requirements are for that major and show what deficiencies remain."

The software is there. What the college now needs to do is install a local area network for faculty in order for them to

have access to the centralized data base.

"Another area," Pohl said, "which ties into this is a need to have access to certain financial data bases for our faculty when they need to do research."

Pohl said a typical financial database cost about \$30,000 and was available for large, mainframe computers.

Pohl said the college had tried to arrange to share the cost with the University of Nevada, Reno, and the computer center but funding was not available.

"Now," Pohl said, "we are on the track of a new format. We can now take an entire financial data base and put it on an optical disk which is then accessed through a receiver. The number of disks accessible to our faculty has been greatly expanded and we have one optical disk reader available for them now."

Proceeds from the sale of this land will allow the College of Business and Economics to add several more optical disk readers. The college will also subscribe to at least one other financial database. That format costs \$15,000.

The college will need additional databases, but does not expect to add them before Spring semester.

Dr. Pohl said these projects will benefit both faculty and students. Faculty members will be able to do research work. With the local area network, students will also be able to access the databases that the faculty use.

"We are getting some estimates on the total cost now," Pohl said. "We met with Digital Equipment Corporation last week for a separate local area network proposal just for the College of Business."

Pohl said that some of the proceeds will also be directed toward attracting new faculty members with strong recent potential, as well as to encourage present faculty members to become more involved in research and to attend professional meetings.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 5-9

DIOXIN SYMPOSIUM: Seventh International Symposium on Chlorinated Dioxins and Related Compounds. Call for times and locations. 739-3382.

Oct. 6

ARBORETUM TOUR: "Evergreen Trees." 6pm. Meet at Moyer Student Union Parkway Entrance. Free. 739-3392

Oct. 8

UNIVERSITY FORUM LECTURE: "Beyond the Interpretive: Notes on the Way to Awareness." Richard Quinney. 7:30pm. Wright Hall 116. Free. 739-3401.

FILM SERIES: "Fitzcarraldo." 7pm. Wright Hall Auditorium 103. Free. 739-3401.

Oct. 8, 10, 11

EXPLORING TRIP: "Zion Canyon Overnight." Lecture: Thurs., 7:30-9pm. Dungan Humanities 204. Field Trip: Sat. 8am-Sun. eve. Meet at UNLV Physical Plant Motor Pool. \$115. 739-3394

Oct. 8 & 11

RECREATION CLASS: "Windsurfing." \$35. Reservations required. 739-3575.

Accountants meet Employers

BUSINESS UPDATE:

Student Accounting Association. "Meet the Employers Night" Thursday October 8 from 7-10 p.m. at the Port Tack on West Sahara. Free to

members, \$5 for non-members. For more information contact SAA in BEH 430

Financial Management Association. Scott Johnson, a Certified Finan-

cial Planner from Shearson Lehman Brothers will be speaking on October 8 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in BEH 103. Johnson currently has a column in the Yellin' Rebel business section.

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