

Stipends make up large part of CSUN budget

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UNLV and UNR student governments allocate almost \$900,000 for their budgets and of that, approximately \$27,000 pays the stipends of the two schools' Executive Boards.

According to Nancy Clark, CSUN Business Manager, CSUN President Kirk Hendrick makes \$450 a month, and both Vice-President Denise Gentile and Senate President Steve Evenson draw \$395 a month. The Executive Board members also get full fee waivers.

At UNR, Revae Henry, Business Manager of the Associated Students of University of Nevada (ASUN), said that the UNR Executive Board's stipends were lower. The ASUN president receives \$400 a month while the two Vice-presidents (one for finance, the other for activities) each make \$300

a month. The senate president makes considerably less, earning \$33 a month.

CSUN and ASUN's budgets are approximately \$500,000 and \$360,000 respectively. The senates determine the amounts that the positions pay.

None of CSUN's Executive Board members say they have taken the positions for money.

Gentile said, "If you took the number of hours spent in here (her office) compared to the money, the hourly wage would be minimal." She also said that trying to hold a job while going to school and working for CSUN was too difficult for her.

Evenson said that the money wasn't important to him; the experience and service to the university mattered more.

In an experimental attempt to enlarge the number of texts in CSUN's newly founded book reserves, the Ex-

ecutive Board members purchased their books for the Summer Session I with student funds.

According to the purchase order paid to the bookstore, the total cost for all three members was \$101.90.

The board members said they realized later that since they were taking mostly upper-division courses, the books would not help the students that the reserve was designed to benefit, those taking core classes.

Evenson said that the board also felt they might set a dangerous precedent for future abuse of student funds and they discontinued the experiment after the one summer session.

Evenson said the books are or will be placed in the CSUN book reserve in the library. He said the Executive Board did not plan to repay student government for the books.

Ad Hoc committee works to end Rebel-CSUN rift

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Members of CSUN and *The Yellin' Rebel* held their first ad hoc committee meeting Monday, to discuss the paper's future financial independence from the student government.

The committee was attended by Dean of Student Services Dr. Robert Ackerman, Communications Studies Chair, Dr. Barbara Cloud, political science professor, Dr. Michael Bowers, *Yellin' Rebel* Editor Kurt Hildebrand, Senate President Steve Evenson, CSUN President, Kirk Hendrick, CSUN senator Jennifer McGinty.

The committee was formed in light of recent controversy regarding the newspaper being put "on

probation" by the senate. The issue ended in a stalemate due to upcoming senate elections which would render such a decision non-binding.

At the meeting many of the *Rebel's* problems and possible solutions to the conflict between the student government and the newspaper were discussed.

Among the suggestions to prevent this conflict in the future was a call for independence.

Hildebrand suggested that the paper should be governed by a popularly elected board. This board would select the editor and generally act as publisher for the paper.

"Having a publications board would actually improve copy," he said. "It would leave editors and staff free to run the

newspaper."

Hildebrand admitted that financial independence would leave the paper accountable for its own debts, salary, payroll, and production costs, but was optimistic that the paper could eventually meet those responsibilities.

Dean Ackerman added that a feasible plan may include gradual decreases in student funding for the paper over the next several years, allowing it to slowly gain its own financial foothold.

"Independence without quality won't get us anywhere," he said. "Even if this is successful, it will take us a while for the paper to pay back its debts and become a real quality newspaper."

Homecoming Events Calendar

Wednesday

- 11 am - Live music starts by Sampson's Army.
- 12:30 pm - Homecoming candidates will be introduced by Gloria Hale, last year's winner.
- 1 pm - Tug-o-war and Horseshoe contests begin. 11am to 3 pm. MSU Courtyard.

Thursday

- 11 am - Music by the Renewal.
- 12:30 pm - Ping pong and pool tournaments begin 11 am to 3 pm MSU Courtyard.

Friday

- 11 am - Music begins by Fair Warning.
- 12:30 pm - Pep Rally begins, five finalists will be announced.
- 1 pm - Lip Sync Contest begins
- 1:30 pm - Egg Toss competition begins 11:00 am to 3 pm MSU Courtyard

Saturday

- 12 pm - All floats will meet in lots 1 and 2 of the Thomas and Mack parking lot.
- 1 pm - Floats will depart by police escort to the Silverbowl.
- 4 pm - Tailgate party and adjudication of floats begins at the N.W. side of the stadium.
- 5 pm - Float winner will be announced.
- 6 pm - Parade around the Silver Bowl begins.
- 7:05 pm - Game starts

*Halftime-Queen competition finalists and floats will take part in ceremonies in the stadium.

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