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Mini-term cancelled by faculty senate

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Mini-term sessions, which have been part of the university curriculum for 13 years, were recently cancelled by the faculty senate.

"The most important reason is that the academic standards committee was worried about our short semesters," Director of Summer Sessions Paul Aizley said. "The professors have been complaining that there wasn't time."

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Joseph Fry said regular UNLV semesters are only a couple of days shorter than semesters at other universities. He said lack of student interest has

contributed to the loss of mini-term.

Andrea Jennetta, a senior in the history department, expressed the view of other students interviewed by The Yellin' Rebel.

"The fact that the curriculum is so unappealing to me makes me not care about it," she said.

Fry said mini-term strayed away from its original purpose.

"I think the mini-term was originated with the idea of doing classes that were experimental or innovative and couldn't be done during a regular semester," Fry said.

"I think that the mini-term was a good thing. I'd rather have it than not. On the other hand, I can see the arguments against it.



AT THE GAME — UNLV president Robert C. Maxson looks on from the stands as the Rebels are defeated in the second round of NCAA play by Iowa.

photo by jon ansok/Rebel photo editor

I don't see it as a critical issue," he said.

Aizley also said he doesn't anticipate problems with cancelling

mini-term since mini-term enrollment was low last year. He mentioned it is possible students are turning to summer school

sessions instead of mini-term.

Aizley said the cancellation should not cause a

hardship for students.

"Most colleges don't have a mini-term and their students manage to graduate."

Nevada could be key state in 88 campaign

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Nevada could be a key state to watch as the 1988 Presidential campaign unfolds, in the view of two UNLV political scientists tracking the race.

"Even though Nevada has gone Republican in the last few elections (since 1968), I think there is a real chance that the Democrats could take Nevada in the Presidential race," said Dr. Dina Titus, who predicted the Senate race between G.O.P. incumbent Chic Hecht and Gov. Richard Bryan will encourage a heavy Democratic turnout.

Her colleague, Dr. Michael Bowers, indicated

Nevada might be a barometer of Democratic strength this year.

"If the Democrats can carry Nevada, then they might be able to carry a lot of states that they couldn't in the past," he said.

Participating in a joint interview, the scholars assessed the ongoing party races, each taking one.

Bowers saw the nomination of George Bush by the G.O.P. as "inevitable", but drew a parallel between the Vice-President and his predecessor, Democrat Walter Mondale.

"One of the problems Bush has is that he is perceived as kind of the Mondale of the Republican party," he

said. "In 1984, Mondale had been Vice-President, had paid his dues, and the Presidency was to be the culmination of his career. George Bush is very similar."

Bush, like Mondale, said Bowers, fails to generate much enthusiasm among voters.

Titus is waiting for a front-runner to emerge among Democrats.

"Everybody likes to talk about a brokered convention, but I don't think that is really going to happen," said Titus, who foresees the emergence of a front-runner "even if they don't have the majority needed for the nomination" at the end of the primary and caucus season in June.

"Between the June 7 California primary and the convention, candidates aren't going to be just sitting around," she said, referring to expected bargaining before the party gathers in Atlanta.

While impressed with Jesse Jackson's ability to excite and mobilize black voters, Titus anticipated the nomination of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, with Tennessee Sen. Al Gore as his running mate. But, she cautioned, "it's too early" to confidently predict the convention outcome.

Asked to look ahead to the Fall campaign, both scholars said they thought economic issues would

loom large.

"The deficit and the budget are going to be big issues," Bowers said. "During the Reagan Administration, the national debt has doubled, from 1 trillion to over 2 trillion dollars. The Democrats

are going to blame the President for that," by citing the effects of tax-cutting and a costly defense buildup.

"I agree that the economy will be the biggest issue" candidates See "Primary," pg. 4



NO WINE BEFORE IT'S TIME — the fourteenth annual UNLVino was held Saturday in support of the Hotel Scholarship fund.

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