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Bryan announces candidacy at UNLV

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Pledging to safeguard Nevada's interests and fight for a balanced federal budget, Governor Richard Bryan announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate yesterday, in a speech at UNLV's Artemus Ham Hall.

Bryan, lauded in an introduction by former Governor Grant Sawyer as "a man who has the courage to tackle the issues," took the opportunity to flay Republican incumbent Chic Hecht for ineffective representation and passivity in loyally backing President Reagan's agenda.

"Today, Nevada is represented by a senator who does not participate in America's great public policy debates," Bryan said, noting that Senator Hecht did not propose even one floor amend-

ment for consideration by the upper house his first three years in office. He was referring to amendments that contain ideas subject to votes on the Senate floor.

"A U.S. Senator should be a leader...not a passive follower of someone else's agenda," the Governor said.

Seeking to depict Hecht as a rubber-stamp legislator, Bryan quoted his opponent as saying, "In Washington, there is no place for independent thinking."

Those gibes seemed to indicate that Bryan's campaign will be run specifically against the perceived inadequacies of his opponent, not as a referendum on an Administration whose President still enjoys great popularity in Nevada.

In his prepared speech, Bryan repeatedly excoriated Hecht for his



BRYAN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY — for U.S. Senate, Monday at Artemus Ham Hall.

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voting record, denouncing votes against an arms control summit, investigation of the Iran-Contra affair, sanctions against South Africa, and lately,

the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

Hecht was also accused of abandoning the elderly by voting to cut Social Security cost-of-living

adjustments.

It was on the subject of a nuclear waste dump in Nevada's future, however, that Bryan especially derided the Republican for

letting the state down.

"When he vacillated on the nuclear dump, he turned his back on all of us," Bryan said.

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Administration defends fee raise

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Members of the UNLV administration defended the proposed \$4 raise in student tuition fees, calling it justifiable in meeting the needs of the rapidly growing campus. If approved by the Board of Regents, the increase would be the first in nearly six years.

Bradley L. Rothermel, Director of Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, noted that the last time his department received any monies from student fee increases was in the sum-

mer of 1978. He stated that if approved, it would be for \$2 and would go to support all 14 NCAA sponsored intercollegiate sports activity programs on campus. When asked how the proposed \$2 fee increase would be utilized, he noted that it would be used for general departmental income. "We will just have more available to us so that we will not have to make cuts in our budgets," Rothermel said.

He noted that when he came to UNLV, the athletic department's budget was slightly less than \$3 million. Over the

past decade, he has seen it escalate to \$6 million.

H.W. Scott, Controller and Associate Vice President for Business Affairs, said he felt that the entire \$4 student tuition increase would be earmarked for student programs. President Maxson would have to decide how that money would be distributed.

It was his understanding that half of the money would be directed toward student services, he said.

Scott noted that the UNLV Graduate Program would not be subject to any tuition increases. "There have been no in-

creases for student fees or student activities in ten years," he said. "We have had increases, but they have gone to support the university operating budget. So this increase will cover (student) programs which have not received any benefit in a long time."

Scott also noted that when the three new dorms are completed, there would be an additional demand for more student services on campus. Currently, according to him, the health service facilities are woefully inadequate to accommodate the 14,000

students. "If we are going to have students here twenty four hours a day and seven days a week, we will need to be able to serve them. No one likes to pay more fees, but compared to other states, we are very reasonable," he said.

When asked about the proposed fee increase, Dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman said that any increase would have to be approved by the Board of Regents and would have to be made relatively soon before the end of the semester. He also noted that if a student

fee increase were to become a reality, part of the revenue generated from such an increase would go toward student services.

Ackerman said that UNLV has looked at what other universities comparable to it spend on student health care services. "In health services alone, we spend approximately \$50,000 a year whereas there are institutions comparable to us that spend \$200,000," he said. "One of the issues which has been reported in the Yellin' Rebel has been the see FEE, page 5