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Dorms Set For Aug. 21 Move-In

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The new residence halls will be ready for students to move in on August 21, Dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman said.

"We'll be able to move kids in there without a doubt," Ackerman said. "The contractor thinks he's ahead of schedule."

"There may be some finishing touches needed, like painting room numbers on the doors," Ackerman added.

The landscaping around the building will not be completed by the beginning of this semester, not because of time but

because of the planting season, Ackerman said.

The furniture for the new dorm rooms is being shipped on August 13, he said, and is expected to arrive well before the students do.

Director of Residential Life Terry Piper said room assignment letters were mailed to students on August 1. Freshman were evenly assigned between the old and new dorms, Piper said.

There will be 640 students living in the residence halls this year, not including the student staff.

"We're planning for student arrival and we're ex-



Almost There - soon to be dedicated dormitories on the UNLV campus will be ready for student occupation late in August.

photo by mike keller

cited about the coming year," Piper said.

A full week of activities is planned for dorm students to get them acquainted with each other

and the school, Piper said.

An outdoor movie, a barbecue, and a swim night are planned for the dorm students, Piper said.

There will also be tours

not only of the school but of the city.

Piper said a main goal of his is to get students acquainted with organizations and services available

for them on campus.

The dorms have not been named yet, and a date for the official dedication of the four new buildings has not yet been set, he said.

MSU Expansion Delayed

by gary mantz

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Construction on the expansion of Moyer Student Union, to have begun in July or August, has been postponed until mid-September, Dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman said in an interview July 23.

Work was pre-empted by a delay in the opening of bids for the job, due to a lack of information on the possible presence of asbestos in the building. A report was forthcoming at press time, receipt of which will clear the way for the opening of bids and construction on the project, estimated to cost \$1 million.

Given the circumstances, UNLV decided to in effect "consciously delay" beginning construction until after the initial crush of students is done purchasing books and otherwise settling in for the

new year, said Ackerman.

"I would rather not have to start construction the same day the students arrive. That would be too confusing," he said. "If we're this close to the start of the school year, it may just be in our best interests at this point to keep the center open and running the way it is right now, because so many functions at the beginning of the year are dependent of that facility." MSU will also be retrofitted for a sprinkler system to meet specifications of a stringent fire code adopted in the aftermath of the 1980 MGM Grand conflagration that killed 85 people.

"There was great loss of life," said Ackerman, "and since then the state has mandated that all buildings, depending on the type, be fitted with fire alarms and sprinkler systems."

"Our building, because of the class of building that

it is, people using it for meeting space and so on, has to be fitted for sprinklers," he said.

The expansion and retrofitting (including sprinklers throughout the Humanities building as well) are to be undertaken together in fulfillment of a single strategy, one Ackerman regards as the most prudent. "We're going to try to tie it in to the renovation so that we're not going in one month and putting in a fire sprinkling system and going back the next month and changing it with the renovation," the dean said.

"We have limited dollars, and we want to spend them well."

The *Yellin' Rebel* reported last spring that, as regards MSU, the retrofitting will involve not only installation of sprinklers, but also walls serving as a fire block, doors that automatically close as a safety feature.

Regent Candidates Clash

by lisa harris

guest writer

In the race for a regent's seat, Dr. Lonnie Hammargren has accused Regent Joan Kenney of using "smear tactics."

Kenney recently took out a newspaper ad that focused on a 15-year-old malpractice suit against Hammargren that was settled out of court. The ad asked voters to write or call Hammargren and tell him to withdraw from the race.

Kenney said, "This ad shows what kind of a person he is, and people have a right to know."

She also said Hammargren has implied she is unable to do her job because she is physically handicapped.

When asked if she considered this ad part of a smear campaign against Hammargren, Kenney said, "It is a smear campaign, in a way. What was printed was true, but what

Lonnie Hammargren said was not."

Hammargren denied ever implying that Kenney is unable to do her job. He compared this campaign to the one that occurred six years ago, in which Kenney published a letter and had radio announcements that attacked his credibility.

"I refuse to resort to low-level campaigning procedures like this," Hammargren said.

He said he plans to ignore any and all parts of this year's "smear campaigning."

Both Hammargren and Kenney have served on boards that deal with education, and both said they wish to see higher college entrance standards.

Kenney is a six-year regent who established joint meetings between the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education so problems could be discussed and solved.

She served on advisory

committees in Washington, D.C., and she sat on the search committee that found President Robert Maxson.

Kenney helped set up the Artist-in-Residence program that enables students to talk with professionals in the art field.

Kenney said she hopes to establish a senior citizen program that will let senior citizens live on campus during the slow periods of the university and take classes at "cut rates."

Hammargren is a Las Vegas neurosurgeon who sat on the Advisory Board for the Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped. He has had teaching and medical staff appointments locally and in other cities. He is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations.

Hammargren has been the chairman of the Neuro-

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