

Maxson Predicts 88-89 to be Record Year

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UNLV President Robert Maxson, citing several new buildings under construction and the possibility of a student body reaching a record 15,000, predicted the 1988-89 academic year "will be the best year in the life of the university," during a recent interview.

"I can't wait for it to get started," he said, making special note of the fact that the crop of incoming freshmen will be the "smartest" in the school's history, as measured by standardized test scores and grade point averages.

Among them, between 30 and 40 valedictorians are expected to matriculate here from Nevada's 53 high schools.

"It's not just the valedictorians" responsible for the heft of potential soon to arrive, Dr. Maxson said. "We're getting a lot of B and B plus students, good, solid students, and what's nice is we are enrolling students that could go to any university anywhere."

That includes an unspecified number coming down from northern Nevada, opting for UNLV over its sister campus in Reno.

The new year offers visi-

ble signs of a university surging in growth, with a number of building projects underway. These include four new dormitories, scheduled for completion by August 16, to accommodate as many as 406 residents, a Student Life building to house residential department offices and recreational facilities, a student health center, plus the new Public Safety building for the university police.

Work proceeds meanwhile on the new Engineering building and in mid-September, construction is due to begin on an estimated \$1 million ex-

pansion of the Moyer Student Union, with increased space for the bookstore, more food court seating, an expanded game room, and an elevator accessing the second and third floors (see related article this issue).

Unfortunately, with rapid growth and development has come an exasperating shortage of parking spaces.

"Parking is a problem," Dr. Maxson admitted. "We are going to develop two new parking lots before school starts in September. We are going to improve the parking area at the corner of Gym Road and Har-

mon...we're going to make a regular parking lot out of that." Currently that area is an undeveloped building site on which vehicles have been parking "in a haphazard way" as Maxson put it. Another dirt lot to be converted is on the north side of Judy Bayley Theatre, close to Maryland Parkway. But the most innovative solution is at least two years away: a shuttle operating between the Thomas and Mack parking lot and the campus.

"I would predict that, within the next two, three, or four years, we will be parking cars on the Thomas and Mack lot,

which is not used during the day, and that every 15 minutes there will be a bus" offering students a ride to the central campus, said Dr. Maxson.

The chief administrator took a moment in the interview to lavish praise on the faculty. While stressing the importance of recruiting new scholars, he declared, "We have an excellent faculty here. They are good researchers, good teachers. They work well with students."

"What we've got to do," he added, "is make sure that we continue to recruit the same quality of faculty that we already have."

New UNLV Yearbook Targets Incoming Students

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Entering freshmen can buy a yearbook made exclusively for them this semester, Student Services Director Kristi Carlson said.

The Scarlett and Grey

was CSUN President Steve Evenson's idea, Carlson said, but she was responsible for putting the book together.

The yearbook has 16 introductory pages that contain information about student organizations, academics, sports, and

campus life. Pictures of incoming freshmen make up the remainder of the book.

"Students decided whether they wanted to be in it," Carlson said.

Although she doesn't have any exact figures, Carlson said she believes The Scarlett and Grey has

been a success.

"It seems like it's going over real big," she said. "I'm getting lots of phone calls."

While it is too late to submit a picture, interested students may still order a copy of the book through CSUN, Carlson said.

The hardcover edition is \$15 and the softcover edition is \$10. Carlson said CSUN is not making any money on the new yearbooks. "We're not making money, but it lets students know we're there for them," Carlson said.

The book will arrive

either during the last week in August or the first week in September.

Carlson said a yearbook for the entire university would be "a nice idea," but probably not very practical considering the failure of past attempts to produce an UNLV yearbook.

UNLV to Host Conference

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High school seniors will take over Tonopah residence hall during a CSUN-sponsored leadership conference on the weekend of August 13.

CSUN Vice-President Jennifer McGinty said the group of student leaders will stay in the dorms to encourage group interaction. She said CSUN is

footing the bill for the local high school students to help them become better leaders.

"A lot of student leaders do come to UNLV," McGinty said. "It will work to our advantage."

While the conference is no a direct recruiting attempt, McGinty suggested it may encourage students attending to apply at UNLV.

Each local high school

was invited to send four seniors with demonstrated leadership potential and a minimum 3.0 g.p.a. to the conference, McGinty said.

While this is the first year CSUN has attempted such a conference, McGinty said out-of-state schools have asked to attend next year. She also said she has received calls from students asking to attend who were not selected from their high school.

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