

# CSUN handles \$610,000 budget

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YELLIN' REBEL

When the amount of \$610,000 is dispersed among 16,000 individual students plus the cost of funding twelve separate accounts to accommodate these students, the terms of the number, in relation to its enormity, narrows tremendously, but that is what the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, or CSUN, has to deal with.

Where does the money come from?

The answer is a combination of student fees and legislative assistance. Student fees provide \$480,000 of the sum. The remaining amount allotted is \$130,000 is supplied by the state legislature.

Joe Bunin, president of CSUN, compiled the budget last spring with CSUN business manager Barbara

McFarland, Appropriations Board Chairman Ray Franklin, CSUN Vice President BJ Willard, CSUN Senate President Gina Polovina and the rest of the Executive Board.

Each of the 21 CSUN senators also have a say in how the funds are allocated.

"When compiling the budget, our main concern is that we appropriately meet the needs of the students."

CSUN currently maintains twelve separate accounts. They are: (\$156,368); KUNV, and its capital improvement account (\$112,262); the Organizations Board (\$17,500); the Entertainment and Programming Board (\$63,975); Student Services (\$49,020); The Yellin' Rebel, and its capital improvement account (\$87,134); the Publications Board (\$19,385); the Office of Student Information (\$8,850); the Nevada Student Af-

fairs (\$5,850) and the contingency fund (from \$89,885 to \$105,000 this year).

The general account covers the cost of student advisory and education on health issues.

KUNV's funding covers regular operation and capital improvement costs.

"Replacing equipment may become extremely costly. The last time of transmitter had to be replaced, it carried a price tag of about \$40,000," Bunin said.

Information provides information on campus wide issues an any significant events.

"We try to inform the students with lectures and various forms of literature," Bunin said. "Basically, we try to educate the students with whatever it takes to provide them with well-rounded knowledge of the issues."

The Organization's Board's

account is responsible for the costs that are needed to reconstruct student bylaws.

Entertainment and programming handles the costs for Homecoming pep rallies and other forms of entertainment. This year, \$10,000 was spent on comedian Rich Hall's recent performance. Unfortunately, Bunin said, the event was not successful as it should have been.

"He [Hall] is one of the most requested comedians on the college circuit," Bunin said, "He just had a bum day."

Student Services provides students with free blue books and scantron sheets and allows them to use typewriters for seventy-five cents an hour and also provides interviewing for free a law service, to begin soon.

The Publications Board is responsible for the costs of publications on campus.

"Any CSUN recognized organization may request media coverage," Bunin said.

Nevada Student Affairs, directed by the legislative liaison, Mike Kennedy, advises of state and federal laws that affect students.

"Because of the NSA, November will mark the month that exempts tax on book sales," Bunin said.

The account which received the remainder of the money, not utilized by any other account, is contingency.

After the budget is mapped-out with exact figure, and it is approved by the Executive Board, it is then put into action.

"We try to spend the money wisely so that we may accommodate the students," Bunin said. "We keep our minds open to any suggestions from the students. That is what we, CSUN, exist for."

## HEALTH AWARENESS



photo by Matt Dovel

TESTING YOUR HEALTH- A student gets her blood pressure checked by a medical tech. during student health awareness day on October 25.

## Professor says desert tortoise safe for now

by Sean Higgins  
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The chances of the desert tortoise becoming extinct are very remote, said Donald H. Baepler, the director of the Museum of Natural History.

"The Bureau of Land Management estimates 2.4 million desert tortoises live in the four state area of Nevada, California, Arizona, and Utah; so extinction is out of the question," he added.

Baepler recently finished an investigation of the desert tortoise, and his findings reveal no immediate cause for alarm, he said.

"Two factors are involved in

the depletion of the desert tortoise population," Baepler said. The respiratory disease syndrome, and the increase in the raven population in California. Ravens are the one bird that prey on the tortoise hatching process; they ravage tortoise habitat."

The respiratory disease syndrome is believed to be caused by drought conditions present in the desert area in the past few years, and the stress and lack of food has caused the tortoises, Baepler said.

"The symptom of the disease is a runny nose, and the tortoises spread the disease by touching noses," the director said. He said the disease is not present on the east

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