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Audit finds scholarship department within regulations

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The Internal Audit Department recently completed a review of the scholarship operations for UNLV and found the system efficiently complies with regulations. Only minimal recommendations were made.

John Love, a senior internal auditor, said, "It was a very clean audit."

The Internal Audit Department is located at the University of Nevada, Reno. It functions as a coordinating body which is staffed to keep the financial system running smoothly. A branch of that office,

located at UNLV, conducted the scholarship audit here and the results were sent to the main office.

Director of Internal Audit Sandi Cardinal said, "These audits are done routinely every three to five years, depending upon the findings. We audit at all campuses, including community colleges, for comparison purposes."

The scholarship audit checks how universities are handling accounts. "We look at the university's books and see if the donor's requirements are being met," Cardinal said. "We found most scholarships have been awarded properly."

Although the giving of under-

graduate scholarships meet the University of Nevada System Board of Regents' handbook policy, no guidelines were available for summer school, graduate school or departmental scholarship recipients.

"We have recommended," Cardinal said, "that UNLV's officials evaluate this area and forward a new policy to the Board of Regents for approval."

Student Financial Services Director Kathy Street said she received the recommendation in a report sent to her office.

"We have responded by putting together a manual of policies and procedures for adherence,"

Street said. "A copy of the manual will be sent to the Board of Regents and a copy will be retained in the Financial Service office."

The scholarship audit does not delegate which students receive the money or how the money is spent; the financial service office directs that responsibility, Street said.

"Most scholarships awards are based on academics," Street said. "By filling out a UNLV scholarship application, the student will be considered in different areas for approval."

The Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee, with representatives from the financial service office and from each college, makes the final

selections. Financial services enforces that students have all fees paid and they are registered for the correct number of credits before scholarship money is released to them.

The scholarship audit makes sure the entire program is administered correctly, Street said.

"The audit sees that we have a separate account for each scholarship," said Street. "They note if all restrictions in effect are complied with."

As a result of the audit, schools will not receive more or less money, said Cardinal. "The audit has no bearing on amounts awarded in scholarship," Cardinal said.

Early history of Las Vegas presentation tonight

Susan Jarvis, special collections librarian, will present the early history of Las Vegas through a lecture and slides tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 116 of the John S. Wright Hall.

The free, public presentation, titled "Las Vegas: From Trails to Rails," is part of the University

Forum Series. Jarvis; slide-illustrated narrative begins with the Mormon settlements that occurred between 1855 and 1857, and the story continues during the Las Vegas ranch years of Octavious Decatur Gass and Helen J. Stewart.

Jarvis will discuss the historic

railroad land auction of May 15, 1905, which established Las Vegas as an important stopping point on the railroad circuit.

The presentation will include pictures of Las Vegas's early development and narration recounting the joys, sorrows and events of the hus-

ting railroad town during the early 1900s.

A member of UNLV's library faculty since 1967, Jarvis earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and master's degree in library science from Syracuse University in New York, Jarvis was named special collections librarian in 1973 and has

since become intrigued with the history of southern Nevada.

The University Forum Series is sponsored each semester by UNLV's College of Arts and Letters.

For more information about the presentation, call the college at 739-3401.

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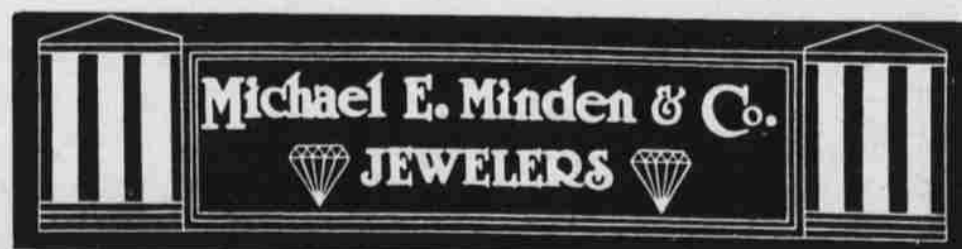


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