

# Board of Regents OK pay increase

By Kara Kelley  
Reporter

The Nevada Board of Regents has approved a pay raise for 54 top administrators in the University of Nevada system, bringing University of Nevada, Las Vegas President Robert Maxson's annual salary to \$141,400.

The increase, which went into effect July 1, was applicable to all officials above the level of dean. The raise includes a five percent cost of living increase, and a maximum two percent merit raise which is based on the evaluation of each administrator's performance.

In addition to the pay raises, the Board of Regents also approved sending the State Legislature a salary request for faculty to be included in the base budget.

This request would include a five percent cost of living increase, but would ask for a three percent merit raise. At the University level, criteria to receive the merit raise is based on teaching, research and public service, said

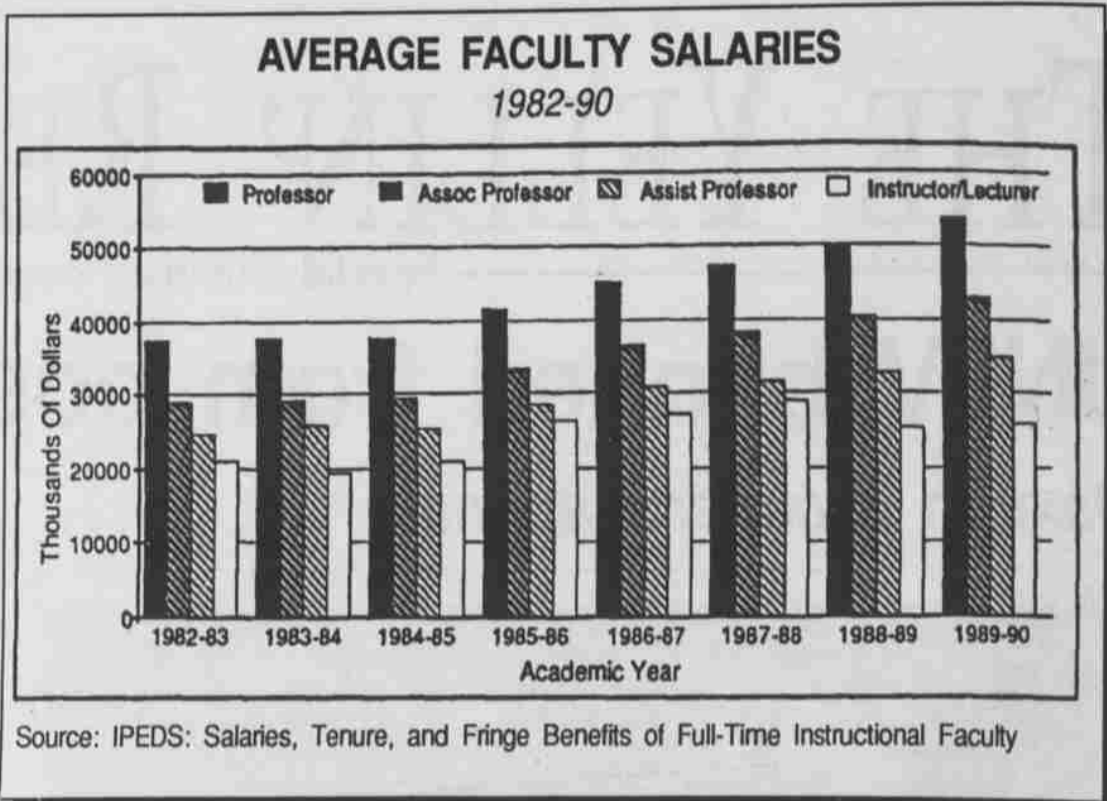
Pam Galloway, public information officer for the university system. She also pointed out that the universities like the flexibility of being able to evaluate each professor's case to determine who will receive merit pay.

"However, community colleges are not required to do research or public service, and it is difficult to evaluate teaching alone. So community colleges want their merit pay distributed across the board," said Galloway.

If approved, the faculty increase would still not reach the Regents' 1984 goal to have the university system in the top 25 percent range of public universities nationwide.

"Two years ago we were at the median; we've now slipped to slightly below," said Galloway.

UNLV's average salary of \$43,182 is just below Colorado State University's median ranking of \$43,913. The top 25 percent ranges from the University of Connecticut at Storrs' average salary of \$54,852 to the Univer-



sity of Wisconsin at Madison's average salary of \$49,489.

"We've been the fastest growing university system since 1978 in terms of student increases,"

said Galloway. "If the state wants increasing levels of improved services, it's going to have to pay and the voters are the ones who will decide."

The biennium study of salary

surveys is prepared by the University of Nevada, Reno's College of Business and Economics Research Center. The survey compares UNLV and UNR with 49 other institutions.

# Supreme Court: Sobriety Checkpoints OK

By Bonar Tucker  
News Editor

Police seeking to curb drunken driving do not violate motorists' privacy rights by stopping them at sobriety checkpoints, the Supreme Court ruled recently.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote for the court, "The balance of the state's interest in preventing drunken driving... and the degree of intrusion upon individual motorists who are briefly stopped weighs in favor of the state program."

Translated: the Supreme Court has given its approval for police to stop motorists at random and this does not violate the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable search and seizure.

The sobriety checkpoint ruling was hailed by various groups seeking greater crackdowns on

drunken drivers, but was denounced by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Nadine Strosser, the ACLU's general counsel, said the ruling "is fundamentally wrong, both as a matter of constitutional principle and as a matter of policy."

"This strikes at the heart of the Fourth Amendment, which bans unreasonable police searches and seizures," Ms. Strosser said.

National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Mickey Sadoff, however, called the decision "a great victory for all of us who care about the safety of our loved ones on the highways."

Opposing opinions continue to surface. The court itself had three dissenters. While Rehnquist wrote about the seriousness of the problem with a death toll of over 25,000 and over one million personal injuries per year, the court dissenters called sobriety check-

points no more than "elaborate and disquieting publicity stunts with... an insufficient justification for an otherwise unreasonable program of random seizures."

Detective Lonnie Barrett of University of Nevada, Las Vegas Public Safety Department said the campus police have not considered having sobriety checkpoints at this time.

"We have not yet conducted sobriety checkpoints after a game in part because with all the traffic, it would not be feasible," said Barrett. "We do, however, have marked patrol units driving through the parking lots after a game and if someone is spotted who is visibly intoxicated, we prevent that person from driving."

Barrett said the campus police request the assistance of and work closely with the university fraternities.

"So far, we have had an ex-

cellent response in this area," he said. "After a fraternity party, they are careful to assign designated drivers. Peer pressure within the fraternity insures that they don't let the visibly impaired drive."

Barrett said that although a large percentage of the arrests are for "driving while intoxicated", the awareness level raised on this issue has been quite effective as a deterrent.

"The fraternities are eager to help us and we, in turn, make a lot of stops before people get into their cars," he said.

Although no sobriety checkpoints are planned for the near future at UNLV, it could be a possibility for a later date.

Metropolitan Police Department used the sobriety checkpoint system in the Las Vegas area in July.

# USSA Conference to meet on UNLV campus

By Richard Crow  
Editor

The 43rd annual United States Student Association Conference will convene at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus on July 29 through August 3, 1990.

UNLV's student government will host the conference, which will be attended by 200 students from universities across the country with political backgrounds and members of various student organizations on and off campuses.

Consolidated Students for the University of Nevada's, Nevada Student Affairs director, Mike Kennedy, organized the conference after successfully bidding for the opportunity to host the conference. Kennedy said the meeting is a good way for UNLV to become nationally known for some-

thing more than basketball plus it will be a learning experience for all involved.

He said the students meet to share facts with other universities, learn new ideas to strengthen and streamline their respective student governments and discuss current issues and how to successfully lobby to their local, state and federal officials.

"Some topics to be discussed will be reauthorization and higher education along with minority recruitment and retention at colleges and universities," Kennedy said.

He said he has received support from the UNLV administration and other departments on campus and UNLV's student government welcomes the opportunity to host and will continue to show its support to the conference.

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