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Planning funds postponed for law school

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Despite the Board of Regents refusal to seek \$750,000 in planning funds, a proposed law school for UNLV is proceeding according to schedule.

"We're on schedule with our planning at this time," Vice President John Unrue said in response to questions raised by a recent report that threw doubt on the future of a law school being approved for the university.

The Board of Regents, on July 30, turned down a request made by UNLV for \$750,000 planning funds. The Board asked that a

feasibility study be presented before any funds are approved. The study has been in progress for some time and will be completed and submitted to the Regents for their August 30 meeting.

Regent Shelley Berkley said the Board's decision to hold off on planning funds was not as dramatic as it might have appeared.

She indicated that requesting seed money before the feasibility study is complete would not be appropriate. The action, however, threw doubt on the future of a law school at UNLV.

CSUN President Joe Bunin was unhappy with the idea of the proposed law school coming un-

der fire. "I didn't like it at all," he said. "There's an obvious need in Nevada for a law school and UNLV is the best place for it to be," he said.

Unrue said that since the report appeared, there's been a groundswell of interest in a UNLV law school. "My office and President (Maxson's) office have had numerous calls of support from persons who would like to see a law school established here at UNLV."

Unrue pointed out that the request for planning funds will be included in the 1991-1993 Nevada University System budget which will go to Governor Miller in early September. He explained that

UNLV's request for the planning funds was only made with the idea that if no request was made before the budget was presented, it would be too late to include the \$750,000.

Since the regent's meeting, however, Vice Chancellor Ron Sparks has assured President Maxson and Vice President Unrue that the seed money request will be a part of the budget sent to Governor Miller.

Unrue admitted that the law school is still a long way off. "We're not asking for a law school building this legislative session," he said. "It is obvious that a law school will require new money. We can't reorder our existing priori-

ties on campus."

Unrue said UNLV's priorities are very clear. Current funding will go to a new classroom building, expanding the chemistry and physics areas, and expanding Wright Hall. All of these are, according to Unrue, simply to meet existing needs.

"If we seek a law school building and operating funding, that request would come in the 1993/1995 legislative session," Unrue said.

The school would eventually house 400 to 500 students, and operating expenses would run nearly \$10 million a year. Nevada currently admits about 250 new lawyers to the State Bar.



Orientation - Just one part of UNLV's registration process

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UNLV Fall semester registration

Registration for Fall semester 1990 classes at UNLV is set for Aug. 22-23 in the Thomas and Mack Center. Fall classes begin Aug. 27 and run through Dec. 7.

Distribution of registration forms to admitted students will be made at specific times, according to each student's year (freshman through graduate) and alphabetically by last name. The schedule appears on page 5 of the Fall Semester 1990 Class Schedule, available in the registrar's office, Maude Frazier Hall.

Distribution to special students—those not formally admitted—is set for 1-6:45 p.m. Aug. 23 in the Thomas and Mack Center.

Students who cannot register during their scheduled time may register during late registration, Aug. 27-31, at the registrar's office.

Registration fees are \$46 per credit hour for undergraduate classes, \$60 per credit hour for graduate classes.

For registration information call the registrar's office at 739-3371. To apply for admission to the university, call the admissions office at 739-3443.

Regents speculate faculty raises

By Sean Higgins
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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) achieved success in establishing salary equitability with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) recently when the Board of Regents agreed the wages paid at both universities were to become equal.

"The time has come to make change," Regent Shelley Berkley said, adding she would not go home until equal funds were allocated.

UNR faculty has previously been paid \$2000 more per professor per year with the reason said to be seniority. UNR President Joe Crowley argued for the salary change, stating no difference in new faculty character as his reason.

The Board of Regents will make the final decision at the August meeting, and the state Legislature will make the ultimate decision while in session next year. Lawmakers reduce, increase, or deny any proposals by the Board of Regents.

UNLV President Robert Maxson said he saw no reason for one university to

have such a disadvantage.

"Adding \$300,000 to the UNLV budget would give both universities equal money for hiring new faculty professors," Maxson said. "The difference is now between \$45,000 and \$47,000."

The Regents also sought changes in scholarship money; UNR may see the change from \$958,913 in their scholarship fund to \$2,155,008. UNLV's climb from \$556,016 to \$2,667,224 would be more dramatic. Berkley questioned whether the needs of students could be met even with the increases.

A survey showed UNR professor salaries 13.4 percent below the salaries being paid in the top quarter of the nation's land grant colleges while UNLV's professors fall below the top quarter by 14.6 percent.

The budget request includes a 5 percent salary and a 3 percent wage increase for the faculties of both local colleges.

UNLV and Clark County Community College (CCCC) would receive much of the increased spending; the budgets call

for hiring 225 new faculty members in the next two years, with 106 to UNLV and 56 to CCCC.

UNR's student enrollment fell about 200 below projections this year causing a

loss of eight faculty members next year, but UNLV's anticipated enrollment is expected to increase 2,000 creating a need for 100 new professors in the next two years.



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Rich Fields - Owner of the new Rebelbooks bookstore, competes head to head with UNLV's own. See story, page 2.