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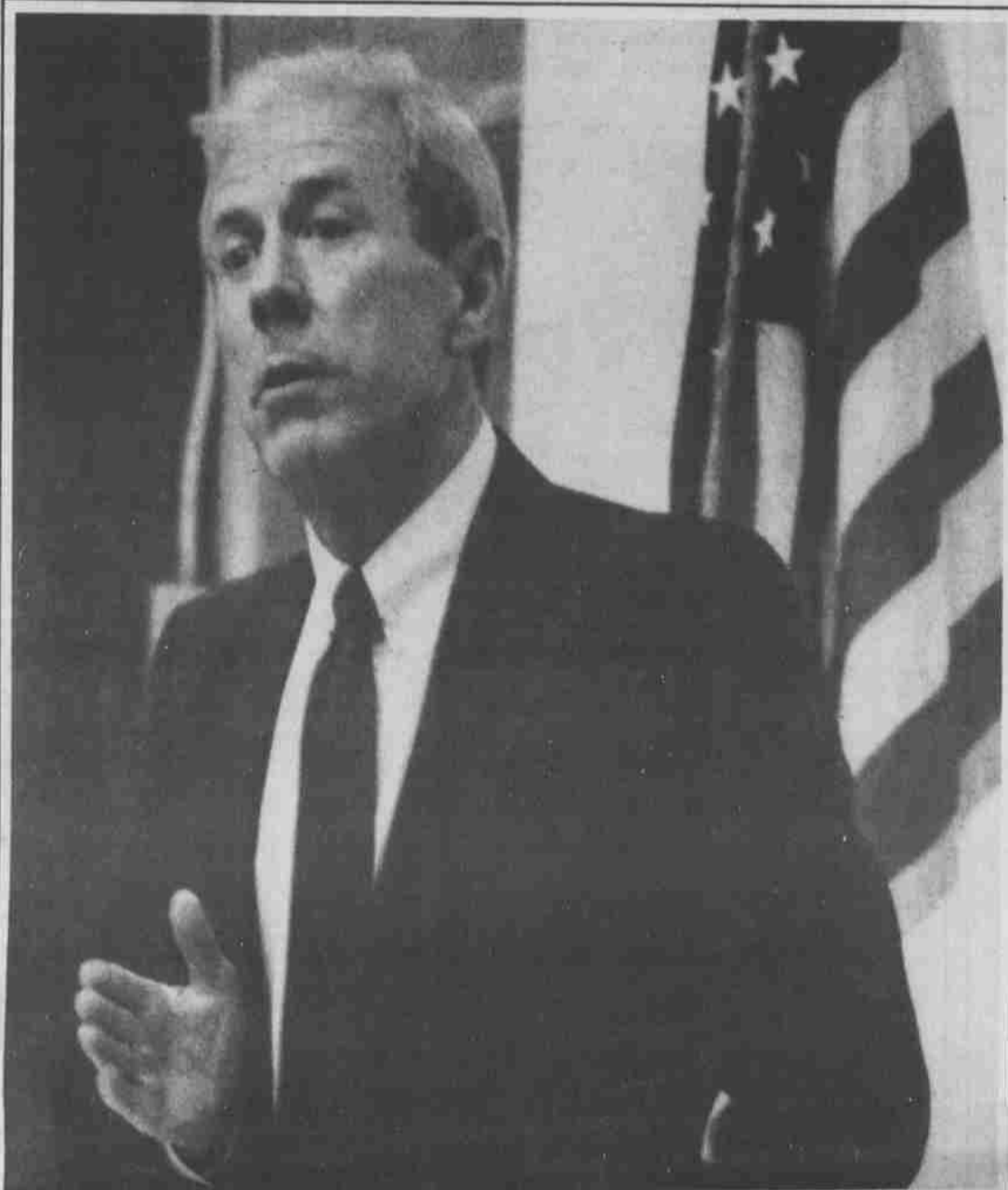
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Students turned away due to overcrowding

Students forced to seek classes at Community College



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University of Nevada, Las Vegas - President Robert C. Maxson spoke on the problems of overcrowding at UNLV during his speech on Sept. 6.

By Karlene Edwards
Reporter

An increase in enrollment this semester is causing overcrowding and, according to one university official, is forcing some students to seek classes at the community college.

According to Vice President John Unrue, students are not only being turned away from individual courses, but space is also not available in many departments for studios and offices.

Unrue said classes are already being offered from the earliest possible hour until the latest hour, but students are still unable to get many core classes. Unrue said the Biology labs are being offered from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and they are still full.

"I'd like to think the students are turned away from individual classes, but not from the University itself," Unrue said.

President Bob Maxson said many students were picking up individual courses at Clark County Community College in order to fill in courses they were unable to get at the University, but said he was unaware of any students being turned away from the University completely.

"Once a class is closed it's hard to know what the student does," Maxson said.

Maxson said it was mostly students who registered late who were unable to get desired classes.

According to Unrue, portable trailers have been brought in to provide temporary relief to the overcrowded classrooms.

"Unless some permanent relief is found soon, we could face a

very serious crisis," Unrue said. Unrue said the State Legislature in 1989 appropriated funds for a health sciences building, and the University will ask the 1991 Legislature to finance a major classroom building. These projects will eliminate some of the overcrowding in the education building as well as some of the others.

"Unfortunately, the time span between approval and occupancy is three and a half to four years," Unrue said.

University Regent Shelley Berkley said although the overcrowding is becoming a problem, education should be made available to all those who want to attend, regardless of overcrowding.

"We need to do what it takes to make sure that every student who wants an education gets it," Berkley said.

Berkley said she does not propose raising the entrance requirements because she said all students are entitled to an education.

"We are a growing facility and we don't want to exclude, we want to include," Berkley said. "We welcome growth."

Berkley said any increase in requirements must be made in conjunction with other reforms so as not to exclude those students who might meet the curriculum requirements, but who fail to have a high grade point average.

Currently, transfer students must possess a 2.0 grade point average, and high school students must have a 2.3 besides meeting certain curriculum requirements.

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Scholarship monies available to UNLV students

By Victor Ingram
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The cost of a college education has skyrocketed. Nationwide statistics indicate that each year tuition costs, books and room

board fees are increasing at a high level. Students are becoming ever more dependent on federal grants, loans and scholarships; yet the use of the scholarship as a resource has been largely regarded as being reserved for the privileged few.

Del Rae Dillard, University of Nevada, Las Vegas' scholarship coordinator said, "Students do not aggressively pursue scholarships. She noted at least four major sources which provide various references to scholarships. These sources are conveniently located in the reference department of UNLV's library. They list a multitude of scholarships with requirements as unique as the individuals who apply for them.

Even though these books list national scholarships, students are in no way limited to just these.

"The majority of the scholarships given at UNLV originate in the Las Vegas community," said Dillard.

She said donors are establishing a trend of being very generous to the university. It seems they are recognizing UNLV's amazing growth and are thereby

giving it distinction with their donations.

These funds are either given at the general scholarship level or at the departmental level. In each instance, a thorough application must be completed and certain requirements are necessary. These requirements range from grade point average, credits completed at the university, community service and leadership ability.

Dillard said, "Students must seek out an application prior to the February 1 deadline of each academic year." This deadline is the standard for all general scholarships, while the deadlines vary.

While Dillard noted that there are funds available for scholarships, these funds for the most part are utilized.

"The statement of millions of dollars in scholarship money going unclaimed each year is an exaggeration," said Dillard.

These scholarships are not available to the ordinary student, Dillard said, because they require a special relation to a certain organization or corporation.

Draft registration up 67 percent since Iraqi invasion

Voluntary registration for the military draft has skyrocketed since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Selective Service System reports.

The number of men signing up has increased 67 percent over the amount who registered before the invasion, said Selective Service spokeswoman Barbie Richardson.

There are no current proposals to reinstate the draft, which would happen only if Congress were to order it.

"Historically," Richardson

said, "there have been hikes before such as the recent US conflicts of Panama.

There could be any number of reasons for the dramatic increase, Richardson said, such as students finishing up tasks before heading off to school.

Federal law, although haphazardly enforced, requires young men to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Additionally, students have to certify they've registered before they can receive any federal college aid.

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