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Governor's budget could increase faculty size

by W. Morgan Fisher

Harry E. "Buster" Neel, Jr., vice president for Finance and Administration for UNLV, was in Carson City on Thursday and Friday talking with the Ways and Means Committee about the current budget proposed by Governor Miller. If the state votes to approve the budget, sometime in the spring, the faculty at UNLV would not only get a raise in cost of living (COL) pay but it could also increase in the number of positions.

Currently the size of the faculty, for instruction, is close to 589 full-time positions. If approved, it

could increase by 133 more positions over the next two years. The budget will allow, for all state employees, a 4 percent increase in the COL with a 2 percent increase for "merit."

"Merit" was described by Mark Stevens, State Assembly Fiscal Analyst in Carson City, as "the quality of work" from an employee. One factor that might determine the "merit" of a professor would be their ability to teach, do research and/or write and publish papers.

But "merit" is not a flat 2 percent. An average of all the professor's salaries is multiplied by 2 percent, and with this figure

the professors with the best performance records could earn as much as 5 percent to 6 percent of the "merit" money that is pooled. The salary increases and "merit" does not apply for part-time instructors. Their salaries are determined by the academic department they work for.

The part of the budget that Neel said he would like to see improved more than any other area would be instruction and academic support areas.

"I would like to see improvements in those areas because that's the key to this university," Neel said.

Academic support areas are those such as deans' offices, the library, telemedia and learning resources. These areas could have an increase of funding up to \$1.4 million over the next two years.

Another part of the budget looked at was the portion called "capital projects." Neel explained that while the increases in the budget for faculty positions and salaries are a current and ongoing expenditure, money for capital projects is only allocated once.

Capital projects are items like the \$21 million classroom and of-

fice building that might be located near the corner of Harmon and Gym Roads, and the \$12 million addition to the chemistry building. The classroom & office building would be 50 percent larger than the Thomas Beam Engineering Complex.

Neel, formerly executive vice president from Marshall University in West Virginia, has worked at UNLV for two years. At Marshall he oversaw many of the departments he's in charge of here, including the controller's office, purchasing, personnel and many others.

On the road to The Final Four...



A lottery held yesterday in the MSU gave 382 UNLV students the opportunity to purchase tickets for the NCAA Final Four tournament which will be played in Indianapolis at the end of this month.

Vietnam vets speak out on war

by Karen Splawn

Politicians hoping to erase the stigma of the Vietnam War with the Persian Gulf victory will be disappointed, said two Vietnam veterans Feb. 28.

Bud Brown and Carroll Thomas, lecturing on their experiences to a small crowd in the Humanities Building, said Americans are being misled on the war.

Several days ago, Brown said, U.S. Sen. Robert Dole was quoted as saying, "The successful defeat of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has successfully defeated the Vietnam syndrome."

"Dole does recognize the connection between the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf," said Brown,

who will be teaching in Vietnam this July.

"The concept is not hard to grasp. The concept is deception," Brown said.

"As a Vietnam combat veteran, my unofficial explanation for the loss was that they (the North Vietnamese) were better than we were," Brown added.

The victory against Iraq, no matter how absolute, will not erase the stigma of Vietnam, or US actions there, Brown added.

Carroll Thomas, a police psychologist, said soldiers coming back from the gulf may go through "psychological hell," and there may be no outlet for them.

"It's unrealistic for soldiers not to have problems after they return," he said. "The Persian Gulf war has been so slickly packaged that soldiers coming back have been told there's no problems."

Brown warned that veterans of the latest conflict will have to deal with ghosts. "They will see legless Iraqi soldiers," he said.

He added that he has had to deal with his own after accidentally killing a 12-year-old girl while firing at some North Vietnamese soldiers.

The victory also means the needs of Vietnam vets can be put on hold, Thomas said. "The solu-

tion is, 'We win, we win again, so all that doesn't count,'" he added.

Americans turned the gulf crisis into a "Superbowl," Brown said, adding fellow veterans who supported the U.S. effort against Hussein have "cut off their own noses."

"(They) of all people should have known this war was not about democracy," he said.

"These wars go on deeper levels than we want to look at," Thomas said. "It's well known Hussein was an ally for years."

Americans really don't understand the horrors of a war, even though they may support it, Brown said.

Brown said he was in a bar recently, and when images of dead Iraqis were shown on CNN, patrons cheered.

"We've seen students urging the war on, but not taking the risk by joining the military," he said.

Thomas said there may be valid reasons to fight, but energies should really go into "true diplomacy."

Both veterans said they don't feel unpatriotic by speaking out against the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf. "You're outnumbered when you decide to speak the truth," Thomas said. "I get tired of being attacked because I'm a veteran."

STUDENT RESPONSE

Question:

How do you feel about President Joe Bunin not coming forth with proof that he completed the necessary requirements to hold office?

"I think that he should show proof."
— Kelly Woods, senior

"If this was a real university, he wouldn't have been elected."
— Tom Moritz, sophomore

"I think if he was innocent he wouldn't need 21 days and a lawyer. My trust in him as an elected official has been destroyed."
— Nichole Lucas, sophomore

"If he was innocent he'd have come up with the proof - actions speak louder than words!"
— Kimberly Pernel, sophomore

"I think he's using his political power to the disadvantage of UNLV"
— Tasha Hill, sophomore

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TO THE STUDENTS — All semester the staff here at *The Yellin' Rebel* has been working hard to bring this campus a complete and accurate student newspaper. Due to recent complications with The Student Government regarding employment policies, however, many of our employees have not been paid for time they've spent working at the paper. We've since lost a large percentage of our staff, and the consequences are apparent in our most recent issues. We apologize to our readers, and sincerely hope that this matter will be cleared up soon so that we can once again focus on making *The Yellin' Rebel* all it can and should be. — THE STAFF