

# Governor's budget could increase faculty size

### by W. Morgan Fisher

Carson City on Thursday and for "merit." Friday talking with the Ways and in the number of positions.

ministration for UNLV, was in the COL with a 2 percent increase

"Merit" was described by Mark rent budget proposed by Governor Analyst in Carson City, as "the Miller. If the state votes to approve quality of work" from an employee. the faculty at UNLV would not the "merit" of a professor would be only get a raise in cost of living their ability to teach, do research (COL) pay but it could also increase and/or write and publish papers. But "merit" is not a flat 2 per-

full-time positions. If approved, it by 2 percent, and with this figure

could increase by 133 more posi- the professors with the best perdoes not apply for part-time in- million over the next two years. structors. Their salaries are de-Means Committee about the cur- Stevens, State Assembly Fiscal termined by the academic department they work for.

support areas.

"I would like to see improve-Currently the size of the fac- cent. An average of all the ments in those areas because that's ulty, for instruction, is close to 589 professor's salaries is multiplied the key to this university," Neel said.

tions over the next two years. The formance records could earn as those such as deans' offices, the near the corner of Harmon and Harry E. "Buster" Neel, Jr., budget will allow, for all state much as 5 percent to 6 percent of library, telemedia and learning Gym Roads, and the \$12 million vice president for Finance and Ad- employees, a 4 percent increase in the "merit" money that is polled. resources. These areas could have addition to the chemistry build-The salary increases and "merit" an increase of funding up to \$1.4 ing. The classroom & office build-

Another part of the budget Complex. looked at was the portion called The part of the budget that "capital projects." Neel explained the budget, sometime in the spring, One factor that might determine Neel said he would like to see im- that while the increases in the proved more than any other area budget for faculty positions and would be instruction and academic salaries are a current and ongoing at UNLV for two years. At expenditure, money for capital Marshall he oversaw many of the projects is only allocated once.

the \$21 million classroom and of- others.

Academic support areas are fice building that might be located ing would be 50 percent larger than the Thomas Beam Engineering

Neel, formerly executive vice president form Marshall University in West Virginia, has worked departments he's in charge of here, including the controller's office, Capital projects are items like purchasing, personnel and many



## 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 mislead on the war.

who will be teaching in Vietnam tion is, 'We win, we win again, so this July.

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

"As a Vietnam combat vetthe loss was that they (the North noses. Vietnames)] were better than we were," Brown added.

The victory against Iraq, no democracy," he said. matter how absolute, will not erase Several days ago, Brown said, the stigma of Vietnam, or US ac-Carroll Thomas, a police psyof Iraqi President Saddam Hussein chologist, said soldiers coming back has successfully defeated the from the gulf may go through "psychological hell," and there may be "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 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 acciden- feel unpatriotic by speaking out tally killing a 12-year-old girl while firing at some North Vietnamese soldiers. needs of Vietnam vets can be put tired of being attacked because on hold, Thomas said. "The solu- I'm a veteran.

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 eran, my unofficial explanation for Hussein have "cut off their own

"(They) of all people should have known this war was not about

"These wars go on deeper lev-

RESPONSE

### **Question:**

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

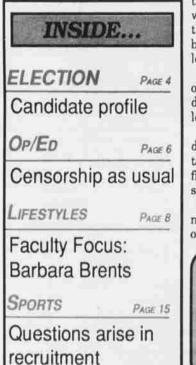
"I think that he should show proof." - Kelly Woods, senior

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

- Tom Moritz, sophomore

U.S. Sen. Robert Dole was quoted tions there, Brown added. as saying, "The successful defeat Vietnam syndrome.'

"Dole does recognize the con- no outlet for them. nection between the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf," said Brown,



els than we want to look at," Thomassaid. "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 against the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf. "You're outnumbered when you decide to speak The victory also means the the truth," Thomas said. "I get "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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