

New officers begin plans for UNLV Student Government

by Bonar Tucker

Roderick Colebrook was sworn in as UNLV's new student body president last week with Kevin Briggs as his vice president and Mike Kennedy as senate president.

"I'm really proud to have this opportunity to serve the students at UNLV," Colebrook said. "I have the interests of the students at heart."

Colebrook said he is aware of the challenge which is before him but feels he is ready for it.

"I have the challenge of making Student Government better than it is now," he said.

When asked what plans he has for enacting that goal Colebrook said, "I will add professionalism to the Student Government. I'd like the government to be much more hospitable to the students so that students will be proud to say, 'This is our Student Government.'"

Colebrook said he will make a point of being available to the stu-

dents.

"Busy or not," he said, "I'll make time for them."

Colebrook's vice president had two major events upon him last week. He became a new father (again) to a new baby girl, and became the new vice president.

Briggs said his number one goal in this position is to be more active than the former vice president was.

"We're discussing what the realm of my responsibilities will be. Mainly, I will be shouldering some of Roderick's duties and assisting him as president," Briggs said.

He mentions "cleaning up" the government as another goal along with making certain students are informed of what their government is doing.

"It is important to be open with the students so they'll know what is going on. I want to be able to communicate with the students, with *The Yellin' Rebel* and with the administration," Briggs con-

tinued.

As a senior education major, Briggs aims to have an "open administration."

"If students come here (to their office), they need to feel comfortable about doing so and know we'll try to take care of whatever their needs are."

Briggs emphasized the desire of the new offices to hear the ideas of the students.

Kennedy lists starting out the year on a positive note as one of his objectives as senate president.

In order to set that in motion, Kennedy designed as bill draft to cut down on bureaucratic red tape.

Briggs fully supports Kennedy's action stating that by cutting red tape, money as well as time, will be saved.

"We want to be pro-active, not pro-reactive," Briggs said. "That is a lot of what this bill will do."

Kennedy's bill is just a start of what he calls his "radical progressive viewpoint" on certain things.

"I am optimistic things will be

changed," Kennedy said, "but I'm taking a 'wait and see' type of attitude. I don't know just how receptive the senate will be. It's sort of like changing years of tradition overnight."

Kennedy said he has definite

ideas of how things should be handled. But he encourages input from the students.

"We should be so involved in important issues that students can't afford not to vote," he said.



President Roderick Colebrook is sworn in by Associate Chief Justice Paul Stuff.

photo by David Kageben

UNLV budget plans for improvement

by Melissa Swoboday

President Maxson and Senior Vice President Unrue recently appeared before the state legislature to make the case for UNLV's 1991-92 budget.

Dr. Unrue reported that UNLV's share of the total \$255,777,936 University of Nevada System budget will set in motion, among other things, three major plans.

The first plan concerns capital improvement projects. The projects involve constructing three new buildings on campus. One of the buildings will house mainly classrooms. It will replace the 25 trailers that are currently being used as temporary overflow space.

A second structure will serve as the new chemistry and physics building. According to Dr. Unrue, without this building, "our continued growth in the sciences would virtually come to a stop."

Dr. Unrue added that not only would growth in science programs stop, but also that the size of the science programs would actually decline. He explained that many of UNLV's

present instructors in the sciences have come here expecting future growth. He said that without it they may leave.

A third building will be dedicated to the architecture program. Because UNLV provides the only architecture program in the state of Nevada, the new building will contribute significantly to the school. "It essentially validates our program," said Dr. Unrue.

A second plan that the new budget will fund is an increase in faculty salaries. The plan will raise current salaries in order to improve the quality of UNLV's teaching staff.

According to Dr. Unrue, the salary hikes will help the university retain "valuable professors already working at UNLV" and will also help recruit "excellent new instructors."

Creating and establishing a merit system for the faculty is a third plan that the university hopes to fund through the new budget. The merit program, said Dr. Unrue, will be used to recognize and honor "outstanding teaching, service, research, and creativity."

New copy center plans being made

by Anna Skomp

A 2,000 square foot copy center is being planned for the proposed new classroom building at UNLV.

In an address to student senators, Les Raschko, director of University News and Publications, asked the Student Government about the possibility of obtaining space in the new building being planned for the copy center.

The proposed services include academic publishing service, photo copy service, notary public service, typewriter, change machine, scantron services, graduate thesis program, and pick-up and delivery.

Residence hall namesakes attend dedication

by Peter Howe

William S. Boyd, Kitty Rodman and Claudine Williams were each in attendance at the dedication ceremony of the three new residence halls named in their honor. The dedication was held April 10.

The three new residence halls opened last August, providing 480 more beds on campus, bringing

Raschko told senators he is not looking for funding at this time, but suggestions and input on how the new center can best serve the students and faculty.

According to Raschko, the existing 10-by-12 copy center in the Flora Dungan Humanities building is "woefully inadequate for the needs of our faculty and students."

The old copy center has limited services, hours and no self-service. Despite this, the total number of copies produced has increased 60 percent in the last three years.

The current copy center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a half-hour lunch break at noon. The pro-

posed center would extend the hours of operation from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Another indication of the success of the existing copy center is the 215 percent increase since 1989 in academic publishing. The ability to publish special material for teachers on campus results in a 37 to 50 percent savings to students compared with those published off-campus.

Raschko also suggested that with special funding or with cost-recovery funds, the new center could eventually have available computers, scanners, laser printers, color copying and FAX service.

the total number of on-campus housing to 1,086 in eight dormitories.

The project was funded through a bond issue that will be repaid with revenue generated by the dormitories' operation. Contributions from the three donors whose names appear on the buildings helped make the project a success at no cost to taxpayers.

The overall cost of the resi-

dence halls, including the new 17,412 square-foot dining commons, was \$12.3 million.

A \$500,000 donation was made by the Boyd Group and the Boyd Foundation. In light of how much the Boyd family has contributed to UNLV's growth over the years, the four-story residence hall is named the "William S. Boyd Hall."

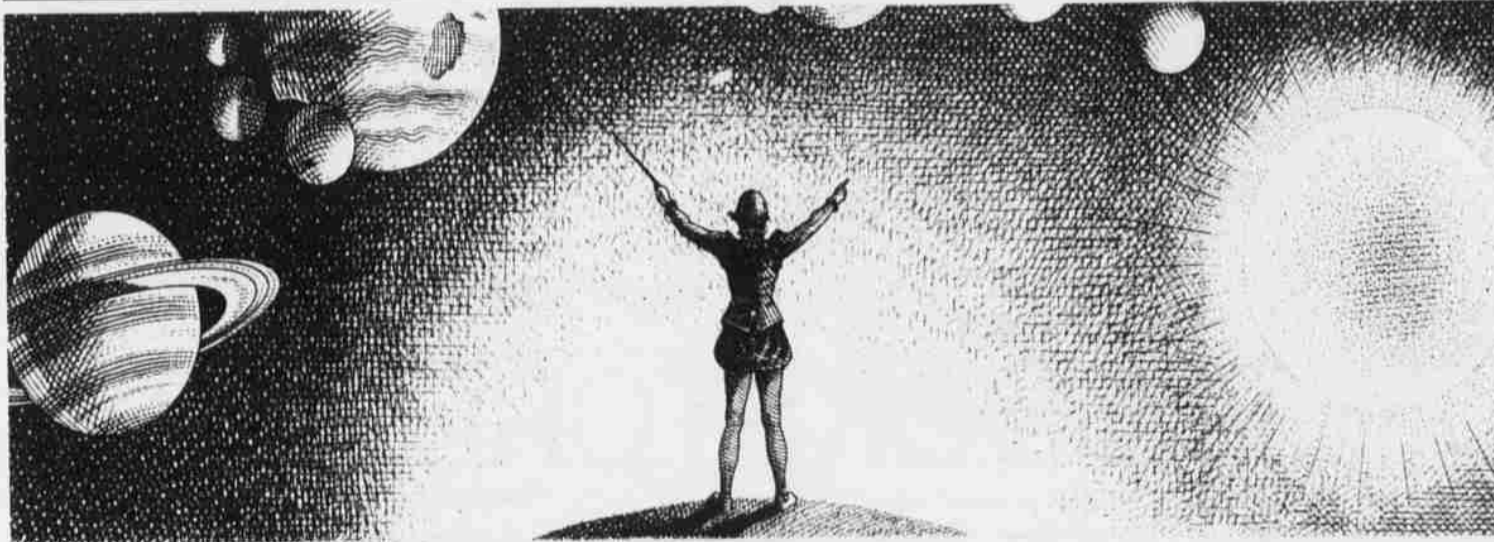
Chair of the Boyd Group Board of Directors, William S. Boyd, is responsible for The California Hotel and Sam Boyd's Fremont in downtown Las Vegas, The Stardust Hotel and Casino on the strip, and Sam's Town Hotel and Casino on Boulder Highway. The Boyd Group also operates Sam's Town Gold River in Laughlin.

Kitty Rodman, a partner in Sierra Construction Corp., is a longtime supporter of UNLV who made a substantial contribution to the residential life program. The new three-story residence hall is named in her honor.

Rodman will receive a Distinguished Nevadan award at UNLV's Foundation Board of Trustees.

Claudine Williams, chair of the board of the Holiday Casino and Holiday Inn, has been a Rebel supporter for many years. She gave \$500,000 in support to the halls. The five-story building is named in her honor.

Williams also established an endowment fund in the William F. Harrah college of Hotel Administration in honor of her late husband, Shelby Williams.



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