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President Maxson delivers address

by Rick Nielsen

President Robert Maxson committed himself to individual student welfare and intellectual growth in his eighth State of the University Address.

Maxson spoke Thursday in the Flora Dungan Humanities Auditorium, emphasizing the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of UNLV as the "the up and coming" university in the West. He stressed the fact that the judgment was made by other university presidents, deans and admission officers. "Coming from our peers makes it that much more reliable," Maxson said.

Maxson reviewed goals, some of which were new academic programs including the new College of Human Performance and Development and the developing UNLV Law School. The law school received \$200,000 from the 1991 Nevada Legislature for consulting and research of costs and size.

UNLV attrition rates drop

by Kelly Hansen

The dropout rate has decreased significantly over the past nine years, according to statistics found by the UNLV office of institutional analysis and planning.

The rate of freshman attrition has dropped an average of 2 percent a year. As few as nine years ago 46.1 percent of freshman did not return the next year. That percentage had dropped to 31.9 percent by fall 1990.

Attrition rate is the percentage of enrolled freshman who do not return within one year due to dropout, transfer or various other reasons.

Increases in tuition and fees don't seem to be affecting student enrollment at UNLV which is increasing by well over 1,000 students a year. UNLV's attrition rates are almost identical to the University of Nevada, Reno. Both schools are at the national average.

In comparison with other western universities, only those universities with low attrition rates released this information. San Jose State University had an attrition rate of 23 percent for the fall semester of 1986, Cal State Hayward with a

"This is a strong signal from the Legislature," Maxson said.

The growth of the faculty and student body was accentuated by quality, not the quantity of the additions. The faculty is expected to

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grow by 130 over the next two years, while enrollment surged to 19,558. Expansion in every area of the University is an on-going reality and clearly evident on campus.

So far, 1991 has been a record setting year for appropriations. The UNLV Foundation raised \$13.5 million in private donations, while the Nevada Legislature authorized nearly \$50 million in new construction.

Approximately \$1 million was acquired for fur-

nishings and equipment for the soon to be completed Health Sciences Building. Maxson and Vice President for Finance and Administration Harry Neel acquired funds through an appeal to the Nevada Legislatures'

Interim Finance Committee. The money was generated from the interest on the original \$10 million designated for the building.

"This kind of support is what will make the difference between our being simply another institution and being truly a university of the first class," Maxson said.

On behalf of the entire University of Nevada System, Maxson expressed sympathy for the loss of two of UNLV's most generous benefactors. Artemus W. Ham and Thomas T. Beam provided enormous contributions to UNLV. Their spirits as well as their gifts will live on. "Their dreams have blossomed in ways that must have seemed unbelievable even to them," he said.

Maxson also vowed not to be distracted by the negative media the men's basketball program has received and pointed out that most of our student athletes are in class daily and do graduate. "Everything else besides academics is peripheral. All other activities are extracurricular," he said.



Dr. Maxson stresses UNLV's commitment to students

Refugees from MSU find sanctuary in Tonopah Hall

Most people working at Tonopah Hall find the facilities pleasing

by Gary Puckett

Students and employees who in previous semesters have worked in the offices of Moyer Student Union (MSU), have found their place of employment in Tonopah Hall since the middle of June.

This move was forced because of the renovation and asbestos removal taking place since the end of last semester in MSU. These facilities are scheduled to be in use until the middle of November.

Although the move itself was somewhat difficult, most have found the temporary accommodation pleasing. Director of MSU Theresa Y. Chiang appreciated the provision of a temporary building.

"We were not happy that everyone had to move but we were grateful to Residential Life for the space," Chiang said. "We were very fortunate to have this needed space available and so close."

When asked what problems were imposed by the move, Chiang again replied optimistically.

"Actually, it wasn't that different from my perspective at all," she said. "If you knew of our offices



Director of MSU Theresa Y. Chiang helps a student in Tonopah Hall.

in MSU, you know we were very cramped for space. Although Tonopah Hall is also lacking in space, the situa-

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tion is not different in that respect."

Student Government Vice President Kevin Briggs expressed similar sentiment, but lamented the inconvenience to fellow students.

"Under the circum-

stances it's not that bad, but in the long run, it will hurt the students," Briggs said. "We're not able to serve the

students as well as we could (at MSU). One of the worst things is a lack of an ability to put on outside events simply because we don't have an outside space such as the one in the MSU courtyard."

While the temporary facilities do pose some prob-

lems for students, CSUN Business Manager Susan Hobbs views the situation optimistically.

"Actually, it has been much better than I expected," Hobbs said. "Students seem to be finding us and business is going on as usual. We are as busy as one would expect at the beginning of the school year."

This pleasant view of a potentially difficult situation is shared by people who work for KUNV, the campus radio station.

"It is just like life," said Kay Morris, secretary and gopher for KUNV. "You can look at it negatively or positively. I like to look at it positively. I had a lot of contact with people I wouldn't normally have had and it broke up the routine." The office where Morris is normally found working, when not being renovated, is housed in a somewhat isolated manner on the third floor of MSU.

"This way I was on a floor with a lot of people," Morris said. "It was fun."

In reference to the temporary facilities, KUNV Manager Rob Rosenthal would only comment, "We love it."