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Senators will hold off on funding of shuttle program

by Karen Splawn

On Sept. 12 the Student Government Senate put off approval of \$20,000 for partial funding of a shuttle service run through the Department of Public Safety.

Senators, expressing concern over how previous funding for the shuttle service was spent by campus police officials, voted 15-0 to table the request.

The funding, requested by student body President Roderick Colebrook, would come out of the Student Services account.

"If you're going to give \$20,000 you'd better verify that all of that money's going to go to Student Services," said Sen. Mike Quick (business and economics).

Campus shuttles are operated by Student Security Services employees. Student Government has been funding the program since the fall of 1989.

Administrative support and contracts with facilities

room." He suggested that there be a way for Student Government officials to keep track of the money.

Public Safety Director David Hollenbeck said he was "surprised" about the Senate's decision.

Hollenbeck pointed out he had met with student officials about the program, and had suggested, along with Colebrook, that a separate

account be set up so Student Government could monitor how the money was being used.

"There is no mandate that I have to run a shuttle service," Hollenbeck said. "We're taking a lot of responsibility here in terms of salaries, policies and procedures."

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also help pay for the program.

Quick, who worked for the security force, said a small amount of last year's funds had been used to cover dry cleaning expenses for police uniforms.

Quick did not elaborate further on how funds were spent because "there (was) a reporter present in the



Illustration by Robert Sundin

If the Senate doesn't approve the funding, "then there is no shuttle service because the department can't afford it," Hollenbeck added.

The public safety director denied that Student Government monies were spent on dry cleaning for police uniforms. "There are some people who think I'm

trying to sell them a bill of goods," Hollenbeck said.

The \$20,000 would be used to pay shuttle drivers and to create an advisory committee, he said.



photo by Rick Nielsen

The new University of Nevada Systems computer building

New computer building will benefit university and community

by La Rae Bringhurst

A computer building will open Oct. 28 to support the University of Nevada System (UNS) and act as an information center.

Davan Weddle, director UNS System Computing Services South, is in charge of the new building and said that the new building will provide computer support for UNLV and all UNS-affiliated schools, including Southern Nevada Community College.

The building belongs to UNS, Weddle said, and is not under UNLV control.

It will provide a student

information system, financial update, payroll, personnel instruction and research.

At a cost of \$3 million dollars, the building will be a prestigious addition to the campus, Weddle said.

Jeff Lundahl, of the Reno-based Lundhall and Associates, is the architect of the building.

The building does not have any classrooms, but has general teaching labs. A powerful VAX 600-42 computer is being installed, and will be joined in January by an IBM main frame, the second most powerful computer in the world, Weddle said.

David Bartlett, Weddle's assistant, stressed that the community will benefit indirectly from the new building.

Local businesses will be able to send the people for hands-on training in all the new computer techniques, Bartlett said.

Weddle said on Oct. 23 all the computers on the campus, except for the Cray Supercomputer located in the engineering college, will be moved into the new building.

Mini and micro computers will be used in addition to the Main Frame and VAX 600.

Graduate students take undergraduate classes

by Robert J. Williams

Undergraduate level students may be surprised to find graduate level students in many of their classes.

UNLV supports 66 graduate programs that range from a large business program to the comparatively small English program. The size of these programs does not affect the quality but reflects the number of enrolled graduate students.

The class schedule has a 600 level graduate class which corresponds to a 400 level undergraduate class with the same name. The time, place and subject are the same for 400 and 600 level classes. This fact means that graduate students take undergraduate classes.

James Hazen, director of graduate studies in English, and Cheryl Bowles, associate dean for the graduate college, explained the reasons behind this phenomenon.

The 400 level courses used by the graduate program are carefully scrutinized before they become

eligible for graduate student status. The Graduate Curriculum Committee approves a 400/600 level class based on strict criteria. The 600 level graduate class must be taught with a 400 level class, it must be taught by a professor with graduate faculty status and have a larger work load prepared for the graduates in the class.

Graduate college allows graduate students to gradu-

dents are graded in a separate category. If anything, undergraduate students benefit from the graduates' experience.

The graduate student also has benefits in the combined classes. They are offered a wider selection of classes.

"Ideally it would be great to offer only graduate classes to graduate students," Dr. Bowles said. Unfortunately, the reality of economics does not allow this for the smaller programs.

The concept of graduate students sharing undergraduate classes is hardly unique to UNLV. Large universities do the same. The combined class structure saves money and gives a variety of classes to graduate students.

With a growing college community and graduate programs, more 700 level classes will become available and eventually 600 level classes will not be needed. This process, however, can take years.

Undergraduate students do not suffer from this integration of classes.