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## Law school planned for UNLV

by Gina Atkinson

The possibility of building a law school at UNLV has been under consideration for many years now. Feasibility studies began in 1980. At that time, studies proved that Las Vegas' population and resource base could not support a law school.

However, UNLV administrators decided that when a law school would be needed in Nevada, it would be located at UNLV. President Robert Maxson has supported the growth of professional schools at UNLV and has spearheaded

the latest push for a law school.

A Presidential Advisory Committee for a future law school was formed in the fall of 1989 and continued through the fall of 1990. At that time state legislative funds were cut that were to provide planning money for the committee.

"At this stage, we are checking to see if the money survived the budget cuts," said Nancy Flagg, assistant to the vice president.

Initial strategies for the future law school have been studied.

"The first entering class should be a size of 50, adding

50 each year until a total enrollment of 400 has been reached," Flagg said. "The goal for the law school will be a ranking among the Big Ten. Small class size and good quality teaching will be our prime aim."

The school will most likely be accredited before the first class graduates.

To help in the formation of the law school, Steven R. Smith, from Cleveland State University, has been advising the planning committee. The Dean of Old College of Law in Reno has also offered his expertise. The guidelines of the American Bar Association

for forming a new law school have also been consulted.

"The first and most important step in the forma-

tion of our law school will be the hiring of a dean," Flagg said. "Although the complications of luring a qualified

and motivated Dean include the hazards of starting a new

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### More students taking prep law courses

The Law School Admission Council reported a marked surge in law school applications this year. It is the fourth year in a row that applications to law schools have increased. This year, 95,000 individuals have submitted 329,400 applications to 175 U.S. law schools. This is a 7.8 percent increase in the number of

applicants and a 10.4 percent increase in the total number of applications over the past year.

The competition to get into law school has increased dramatically over the past few years. For the 1990-91 entering

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## Water conservation attempted at UNLV

by La Rae Bringhurst

Students at UNLV who have had their cars washed unexpectedly or have found that they have wet feet after walking across campus have become suspicious of water usage. Some suspect water is being wasted.

"Yes, we are wasting water," said Grounds Supervisor Dennis L. Swartzell. "We are attempting to improve the situation, but this takes time and money."

Last year a consulting firm was hired to analyze the irrigation system. A new irrigation system replacement plan was developed and the estimated cost is \$2.4 million.

Included would be the conversion of the irrigation system to a computerized, central control system. More complete control over the system would then be possible. For instance, if it rained, the system could be shut down by a flip of a switch. By comparison, it

now takes two men four hours to shut it down.

Also included in the upgrade of the system are scores of booster pumps, improved pipe routing and modernization of minor

components such as sprinkler heads.

This modernization is not high on the priority list because in the past water has been very inexpensive. In comparison to other west-

ern cities it's still relatively inexpensive.

However, it is our responsibility to conserve water even when it is not expensive.

The worst culprit, with

respect to wasting water, is that management cannot reach trouble areas as soon as they should. Other factors are vandalism, accidental damage and problems associated with the age of

the system.

The upgrade has already begun at UNLV with the installation of boosters to push up water pressure. This makes the irrigation components more efficient.



photo by Rick Nielson

UNLV sprinklers pour water into the streets.

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