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Regents approve cutbacks

Funds needed to pay for faculty raises

by Bonar Tucker

While classified personnel at UNLV wonder how they will be able to "keep up," the Board of Regents approved maintenance and contingency fund cutbacks on Friday in order to generate the money needed to pay for raises to be given to the faculty.

The regents said that contracts signed earlier with the faculty are binding and, as a result, the cost-of-living raises of 4 percent must be awarded. Due to reduced funding by the Board of Examiners in Sept., the \$1.2 million needed for the raises had to come from a budgetary cut. Most of the cuts will come from Nevada university and college maintenance and improvement programs.

"I don't see how it will work," said Nancy, a janitorial worker on campus. "There is so much to do now and we already can't keep up with it."

David Weide, professor of Geoscience at UNLV, expressed extreme concern.

"I think it's a disaster," he said. "We can have all of the innovative, scholarly faculty in the world at UNLV but if the physical plant is falling down around them, they won't be able to operate with any efficiency."

Weide said he believes the matter will get worse before it gets better.

"All the old buildings are 30 some years old and they are deteriorating quickly. These buildings require a high level of maintenance."

While the up-keep of older buildings on campus may create a problem with budget cutbacks in force, Jim Nelson, maintenance project manager for Thomas & Mack Center, said the T&M won't experience too much difficulty.

"I don't think we'll have too many problems here," Nelson said. "Some of our projected upgrades will be put on hold but we are mostly running status quo. We work within the state system and it must be complied with."

Weide agreed that it is not the regents who have imposed the classified personnel problem but rather the state.

"We need to develop a state of Nevada funding program which allows the hiring of a realistic number of classified employees," Weide said.

Presently, the ratio of classified employees to professional employees is formula driven according to Weide. He

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All Hallows Eve



photo by Morgan Fisher

Prof takes active role for animal rights

by Barbara E. Minden

Ian Mylchreest, associate professor of history, took up the banner of the First Amendment right of free speech, when he joined a PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) march in front of the Stardust Hotel dressed in an Uncle Sam costume.

"The local media missed the whole point," Mylchreest said. "If people cannot speak out about perceived wrongs for fear of these enormous judg-

ments, then their right of free speech has been violated."

PETA received a \$3 million fine in a local court. The animal rights group received a tape of Berosini jerking one of his performing orangutans by the skin and striking the animal in the back with a wooden dowel. When the tape was released to the press it was played repeatedly.

"What normally happens in these cases is that Berosini would have gone after the media because of the deep pockets,"

Mylchreest said. "But, he wanted to maintain their good will so he came after PETA."

PETA has appealed the judgment and plans to take it as far through the court system as they can on First Amendment grounds. Mylchreest said the group thinks that if they can move the case out of the local courts the judgment will be dismissed.

"The local courts have a bias in favor of the 'local boy.' Nobody knows anything about PETA and they think you're a little crazy to get

involved with radicals," he said.

In answer to Berosini's claim that the charges were just a smear campaign on the part of PETA, Mylchreest replied, "Animal rights activists are the most mild-mannered, moderate, gentle people. They wouldn't do this unless they felt it absolutely necessary. The problem is that PETA doesn't accept the standards as set by

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