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## Internships offer career-related experience

by Bonar Tucker

For the college student with a good grade point average and solid references, one more item may need to be considered to get the head start above the competition—an internship.

Internships can be a valuable method of gaining experience, according to Eileen McGarry, director of Career Planning and Placement at UNLV.

"A lot of internships are career related," McGarry said. "The student who already has the background from a couple of years of classes can try it out with an internship."

McGarry refers to an internship as a "reality test" for a career. "In a worst case scenario," she said, "a student may be an intern for a semester and decide that he or she may want to go in a new direction. It happens. And it's better to find out now than after leaving the university for a job that will lead to unhappiness."

Hands-on experience can give that reality test while offering credits and/or pay. Co-ops are one form of internships, common in technical fields, with most offering pay. Some sociology internships are set up for the student to aid the professor and are based on credit and no pay. But according to McGarry, the vast majority allow the

student to receive both pay and credits.

John Garner, field director for Northwestern Mutual Life, said his company's College Agent Internship Program is designed to give the opportunity to learn whether or not a student would be satisfied with a career in the life insurance industry.

"In our program, the student is the deciding factor in just how much money can be made by the amount of dedication shown to the job," Garner said.

After learning about insurance and developing selling skills, a student can be in actual selling situations while still receiving direction and a helping hand.

Cathy Garner, a junior in hotel admin-

istration, said she thinks the internship in which she now works is valuable to her in many ways.

"I've learned so much with my job and I'm getting the credits for doing this," she said. "I think this is good also because I'm making contacts in the field that I hope to be working in permanently one day."

McGarry recommends that students come in to her office (Beam Hall 543) to thumb through the directories showing which programs are offered.

"The best method of recruiting for businesses is through internships and co-ops," McGarry said. "These are excellent ways to obtain marketable experience."

## NCAA files lawsuit against state of Nevada

Four UNLV employees also named

by Rich Munson

The NCAA has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Reno against the state of Nevada, including the governor and four UNLV employees.

The lawsuit stems from the Nevada due-process law, which says that the NCAA must give all schools in the state of Nevada due process

when investigating Nevada schools. The law has been active for seven months. A hearing is set for Dec. 4.

According to NCAA Director, Dick Schultz, this could be the first of many lawsuits filed. Along with Nevada, Illinois and Florida have due-process laws. The lawsuit is asking for a permanent or temporary in-

junction against the Nevada law. This would allow the NCAA to start processing their case immediately.

UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian, assistant coach Tim Grgurich, former assistant coach Ron Ganulin and former academic advisor Shelly Fischer are the four UNLV employees named in the suit.

## Maxson gives faculty pep talk

by Karen Splawn

The university has been under the gun lately, but President Robert Maxson told faculty members Tuesday not to lose focus of what their mission was—to build a first-rate academic institution.

"We're just moving so well," he said. "If you took all of the distractions and put them on a scale and you put what you've done here, it's just no contest."

The president said afterwards, he arranged the speech because of the recent controversy over the secret taping of an athletic condi-

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tioning course taught by an assistant Rebel basketball coach.

As for the administration's role in the scandal, Maxson said he hoped faculty trusted them to "run things."

Maxson commended the faculty senate for passing a resolution condemning the taping. "They handled (the taping issue) in a professional manner," he said.

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## One-man acoustic jam



photo by Bonar Tucker

Psychology senior John Mendicino plays in front of the Alumni Building.

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