

Senate president calls for changes

Kennedy calls for government overhaul

by Karen Splawn

Student Government must change if it is to gain the respect of more students, said Senate President Mike Kennedy on Thursday.

While making his State of the Senate speech, Kennedy said, "There is dissatisfaction with Student Government."

He added that other student governments may have the same problems, due to apathy, but there are ways to change that.

"The idea of turning Student Government around may be shocking, but it's the best way," Kennedy said.

In the past, Student Government has been hit by controversy, and voter turnouts for student elections are low.

Kennedy recently wrote a seven page book entitled *Responding with Risk and Responsibility*. The book has 10 suggestions for better leadership. In the book he writes, "There is a serious lack of confidence in Student Government and a doubt in its ability to effectively represent and serve students."

"You figure out we spend all this time in the senate meeting doing all this work," but other stu-

dents see Student Government as accomplishing nothing, Kennedy told senators.

The Student Government Constitution states that just one group may approve funding.

Kennedy's report suggests financial accountability can be established through a system of audits, not a system of several different boards approving the same thing.

"Micromanagement is labor-intensive and expensive," he said. "Student

Government builds itself bigger and bigger, more and more."

"We're essentially taking our major resources and not spending them on the students," he said.

Student Government should become an advocate for the rights and needs of students by establishing a "student bill of rights and responsibilities," Kennedy said.

His proposed bill of rights would let students

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Senate president Mike Kennedy wants reforms in student government

Documentation may be lacking on basketball complaints

by Bonar Tucker

Although University President Robert Maxson told the Faculty Senate he "did not see any attempt to cover it (the secret videotapings) up," Attorney Roy Smith, who represents assistant basketball coach Tim Grgurich, has asked to receive all information documenting the reasons which have been said to lead to the hidden camera surveillance of a conditioning class.

Smith has asked for evidence documenting the university's concerns about the class. He would like to receive the memos telling who complained about the

class. He has also requested that UNLV officials describe the videotaping incidents, right down to what kind of equipment was used.

Smith may have a long wait to receive this information.

Compliance Coordinator Jaina Preston said although she knew the coaches had been "talked to" about the complaints, she didn't know if anything had ever been put into writing.

"The general procedure," Preston said, "is that the athletic director would be notified of any complaints. I know I called to tell him we had received the complaints."

However, Preston said

there was no documentation that she knew of concerning those grievances.

"It was done informally," she said. "I talked to Finrock (former interim athletic director) and he had received calls, too."

According to Title 5, Chapter 5 of the UNS Code, procedures for initiating a grievance must be written:

The petitioner shall prepare a written "Notice of Grievance" containing a brief statement of the decision, action, or failure to act, being challenged, the reasons it is considered unjust or improper, and the remedy sought. The petitioner shall

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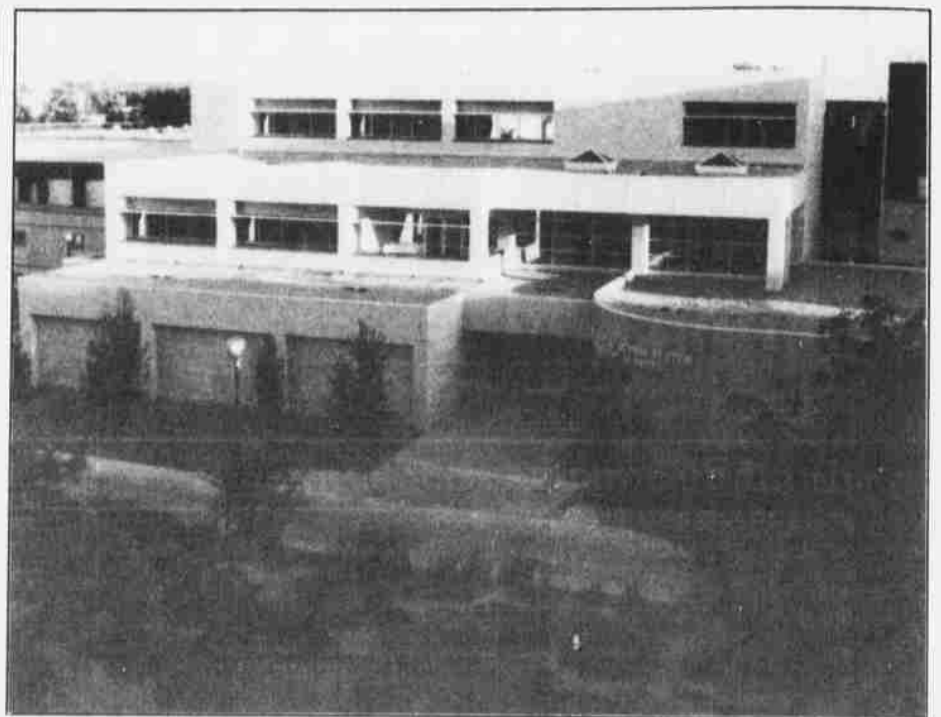


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New UNS Computing Center will offer more for students

by William Holt

The new Computing Center at UNLV, located southwest of the old library building, will provide a central area for the UNS Computing Services and new facilities for students. It began operation on Oct. 28.

Assistant Director of Academic Services, Maurice C. Mitchell, Jr., said that UNS had asked the state legislature for this building 16 years ago. He said that after seeing other departments move into better facilities, he couldn't help but be proud for UNS to have finally received the funding for this building after six legislative sessions of evaluation.

Steven Wendt, director of Fong and Family Micro-computer Labs from the College of Business and Economics, said that UNLV was one of the first institutions to require computer training. He said that because of this, UNLV has a lot of computer equipment from early technology that has not been upgraded and is housed in makeshift facilities.

"The old equipment is still looked at as being usable. So far, they have had no plans to replace this obsolete equipment," Wendt said. Several examples given by Wendt include the Apple IIE computer and computers that don't even have hard drives still being used on campus.

He said that the computer revolution over the past 10 years has really had a profound effect on academia.

"It has caught all universities by surprise. No one realized the impact the per-

sonal computer would have on the computing and educational industry," Wendt said. He looks at the new computing center as "... a little added advantage that we (College of Business and Economics) haven't been able to fund ourselves."

Mitchell said that UNLV is desperate for computer labs.

The new computing center will increase the availability for student computer use by offering two new labs. One lab will house five DECStation 3100 computer workstations. They can be used by students and will be available for use during the same hours as the James R. Dickenson Library lab.

The second will be used lab for seminars. UNSCS offers five computer learning seminars per week at UNLV.

There are two SUN stations and a VAX computer that can call data from anywhere in the nation, such as other universities or perhaps NASA.

There is space inside the 23,000 sq. ft. building for a student Macintosh computer lab, but the area is waiting for UNLV to release the money with which to purchase the equipment, according to Mitchell.

In addition to the two SUN 3/280 and one VAX 6000-420 academic computers available on a time-sharing basis to all UNLV students and faculty, UNSCS also plans to have an administrative mainframe computer, like the one in Reno, to be installed sometime in January.

Its computer liaison services maintains all UNLV computers, except for the supercomputing center, and

it answers all general and specific questions people have about the computers they're using.

Laser printing will be available in the computing center as well.

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