

The Rebel Yell

Governor orders 8 percent budget cut

by Tricia Ciaravino

Although the final proposition won't be finished or approved until February 27, plans are already in the making to implement Gov. Bob Miller's 8 percent cutback in state funds for higher education.

On February 27, the Board of Regents will meet to approve the budget cuts UNLV's administration has suggested.

A hiring freeze (not filling vacated positions), a tuition increase, the return of \$2 million

designated to improve and repair the campus, \$225,000 earmarked for the Thomas and Mack Center, \$300,000 for new scholarships and 53 new facul-

ty positions returned to the state are just a few of the cutbacks the board will have to consider.

The administration is not seriously considering an enrollment cap, mainly because it won't have to.

"We all know there will be an impact on enrollment," said

Vice President of Finance and Administration Buster Neel.

Neel said the number of faculty has a direct impact on the number of courses the uni-

"I'm not happy about it (the cuts), but I'm not sure anybody would be with my solution" - State Sen. Bob Coffin

> versity can offer. If positions are cut or left vacated classes will also be cut and students will be forced to look elsewhere for education.

Since most of the work has taken place during the Christmas break, Neel said they haven't gotten much student or faculty involvement. But the

administration does plan to have meetings with Lori Temple, Faculty Senate chair, and Roderick

Colebrook, president of Student Government, to determine what cuts are best for the university.

Regent Shelley Berkely said eliminating faculty and raising tuition are among the last actions the board wants

"The last thing we're going to try to do is eliminate faculty," she said. "If you eliminate faculty, classes are cut. That causes chaos on campus."

She said she would approve a tuition increase to keep these classes open.

Sen. Bob Coffin, D-Nev., said these problems could have been avoided.

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Nevada's rights up for debate

by Kimberley McGee

A public hearing discussing the study of the proposed high level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain was held at the Moyer Student Union Friday, Jan. 10.

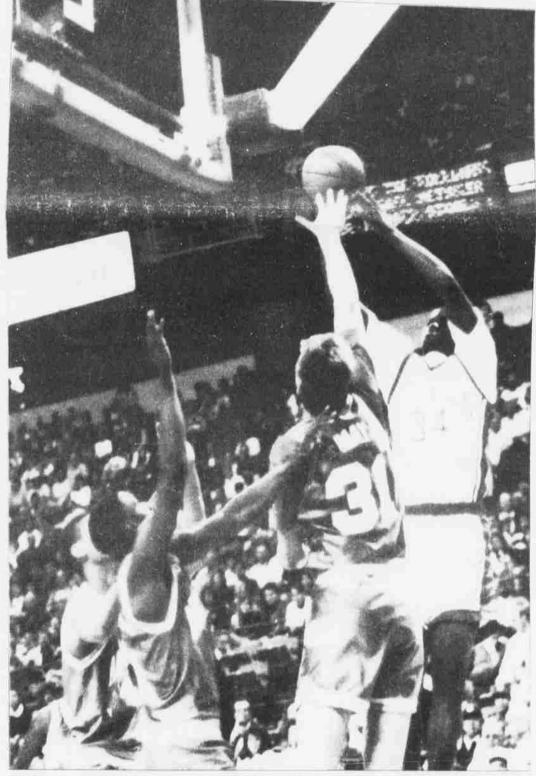
Members of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment (Kostmayer Committee) heard testimony on legislation by the Department of Energy (DOE) which could strip Nevada of permitting rights for the Yucca Mountain site. Gov. Bob Miller, Clark County Commissioner Don Schlesinger and other prominent citizens were questioned

by Rep. Peter H. Kostmayer, D-Pa., chair of the subcommittee, regarding delays the federal government has experienced in their attempts to obtain permits from the state. These permits would allow the DOE to study the suitability of the mountain for the storage of high level nuclear waste. This waste would include spent fuel rods from nuclear reactors which would need to be stored in a stable repository for 10,000 vears.

Miller defended the state's actions saving DOE has a "continuing need to change the

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Hoops: 12 in a row



The Rebels won their 12th-straight game, 71-52 over UC Irvine.

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Don't panic! It's still your newspaper

by Karen Splawn

To paraphrase an old saying, the name has changed, but the mission remains the same: to present campus news in a concise, informative and enlightening manner.

Startingtoday, UNLV's independent newspaper becomes The Rebel Yell. The Yellin' Rebel floats off into UNLV journalism history.

New Editor in Chief Ched Whitney said a change would be good for the paper. "Most of the staff like the idea of changing the name," he added.

Tricia Ciaravino, news editor, agreed. "I think it's a

stronger, more forceful name," she said.

The first issue of the former Nevada Southern University newspaper was christened The Rebel Yell on April 20, 1955. "We feel that The Rebel Yell is an appropriate name for the paper because Nevada Southern students are often called Rebels," a front page article read.

This isn't the first time the Yell's 35-year history nameplate has undergone a transformation. The paper has been known as the The Yell, The Anointed Yell, The UNLV Yell and, of course, The Yellin' Rebel. The last name change was in 1984.

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