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## Charges filed against student senator

by Tricia Ciaravino

Two charges were filed with the Student Government Rules Committee against Sen. Jami Nalder Tuesday.

The first charge, filed by Sen. Crystal Ortega, requests an investigation of Nalder for conduct unbecoming of a senator stemming from failure to uphold the constitution and its by-laws. Nalder admitted last week that she knew former Student Services Director Mike Quick had dropped his classes in mid-October. By constitutional law she was obligated to inform proper authorities and didn't.

"She withheld information from the Executive Board and senate," Ortega said.

The second charge, filed by Sen. Scott Fisher, also requests an investigation for misconduct,

specifically for two statements made in last week's senate meeting. Nalder told the senate that Fisher assisted in blackmailing her to get support for Quick's reinstatement in a student government position. She also said Fisher asked her to lie about the recent convention controversy.

Fisher said he feels these comments are slanderous because they are not true.

"The statements she made are false," he said. "I think what she did...she's not conducting herself as a senator should. If I can't prove the slander the (Rules) committee can still think (it's slander). She hasn't offered any proof. A bunch of statements were made without justification."

But Nalder insists her statements were true.

"He has to file charges," she

said. "Otherwise he looks like he's lying."

Nalder said Fisher asked her to lie over the phone and, since she couldn't record the conversation and no one else listened in, she really can't defend herself.

"It's his word against mine," she said.

Both Fisher and Ortega are members of the Rules Committee. In fact, Fisher is the chairman. However, both have insisted they will not take any action which is ethically incorrect when the committee meets with Nalder.

Ortega said she will present her case but will not vote.

"I will not resign, but I will basically be absent from the meeting," Fisher said. "I will make sure we appoint a vice chairman before the charges are made."



Senators Scott Fischer and Crystal Ortega file charges with their own committee against fellow senator Jami Nalder.

However, the vice chair who was appointed Tuesday is a member of the committee. All voting members insist they will not be biased in deciding charges filed by members of their own committee. The senate president has the authority to appoint temporary senators in

cases such as this but hasn't so far.

The committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m. to review the charges filed against Nalder.

## Students may face major fee increase

by Tricia Ciaravino

Students may face a \$5-\$10 tuition increase next semester due to budget cuts.

The administration at UNLV was already planning a \$2 addition to the \$49-per-credit-hour charge. But the new \$5 proposal would raise it to \$56 per credit-hour. Each credit-hour would be \$7 more, an extra \$21 per class.

This will be the third fee increase in the last two years.

The administration met with the Student Advisory Committee Friday, to get their input. The committee agreed a tuition increase was necessary to keep the university running.

"First and foremost, I don't like any idea of a fee increase," said Roderick Colebrook, Student Government president. "It puts students in a terrible position in terms of affordability for a good education here at UNLV."

But Colebrook added that 700 classes would be saved if the increase was put into effect.

Gary Puckett, former editor of *The Yellin' Rebel* who voted for the \$10 increase, agreed to an increase for this reason:

"It seems that the school as we know it would change dras-

tically without a fee increase," he said. "I would rather have to pay more than have to be more overcrowded than we already are. I hear a lot of people saying the faculty deferring their pay raise is bogus because they will get it later. But I think the faculty deserves to be paid well or they will go elsewhere where they will be paid well. It will be UNLV's loss."

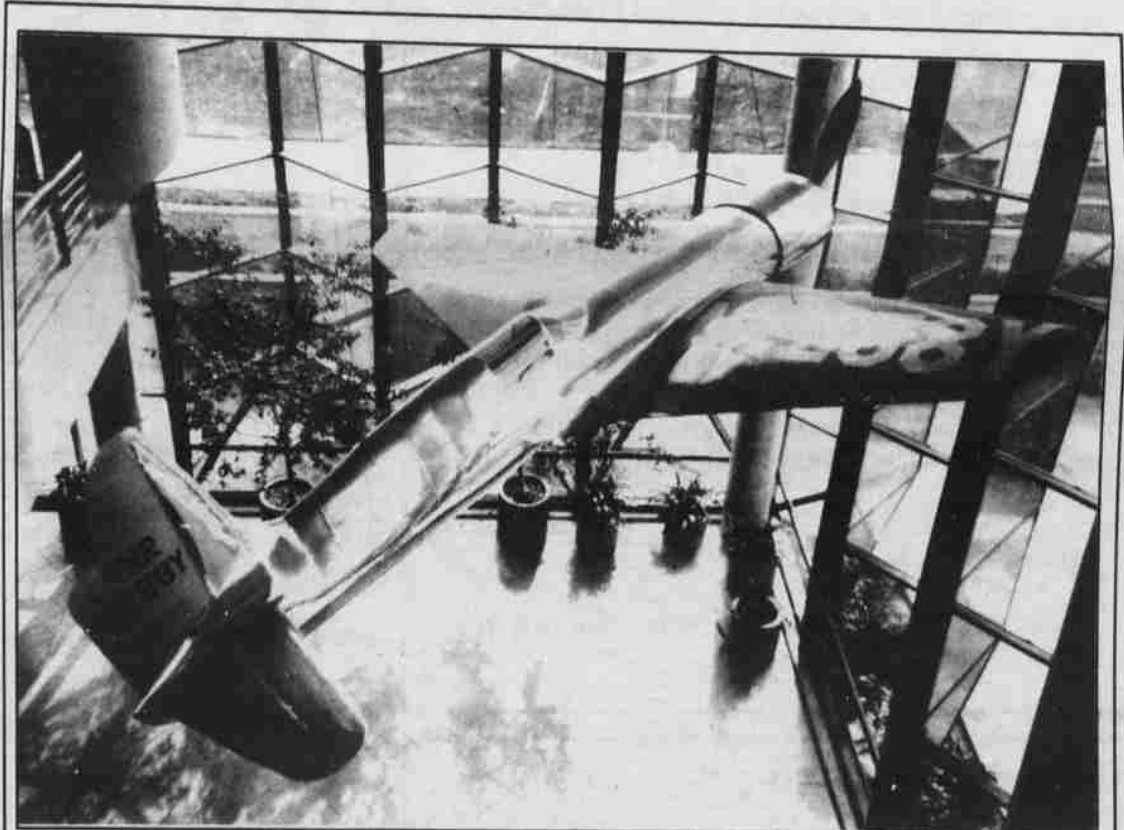
But Brian Magruder, an undeclared freshman, doesn't think it would be a loss at all.

"I feel it would be proper to do it (raise tuition)," he said. "(But) I would hope the teachers would teach better."

Magruder said raises are fine with him but he thinks there could be a better system.

"I think if they want to get their raises they should have a committee to make sure they are teaching OK," he said.

Mike Kennedy, senate president, abstained from voting because he said he didn't want to take a stand. Kennedy was extremely reluctant to discuss the matter until he found out Colebrook had already discussed it. He did say that he recommended cutting budgets in non-academic areas but the suggestion was not voted on.



Looking down on the airplane at the Thomas Beam Engineering Complex, a bright student may notice that the plane is not actually flying.

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