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Maxson reveals proposed budget cuts

by Tricia Ciaravino

President Robert Maxson announced his proposed cuts for UNLV's budget in a teleconference with the Board of Regents Thursday.

Maxson must return over \$11 million to comply with Gov. Bob Miller's 8 percent budget cut demands.

The university has returned \$2 million allocated for minor repairs and improvements. Seven roofing projects will be postponed as a result, not to mention numerous other campus projects such as renovations.

"We'll have to go in and patch as best we can. We'll have to make do because roofing projects can become expensive," said Buster Neel, vice president for administration and finance.

Many services will also be forsaken in the attempt to meet Miller's demands. Most new monies UNLV was scheduled to receive for the 1992 and 1993 fiscal years will be given up. There will be a loss in scholarships, support formula departments, faculty positions, graduate assistants, instructional support positions and equipment.

All operating budgets will

be cut.

"Throughout the campus we have operating budgets which pay for on-going expenses (such as books and supplies)," Neel said.

The Thomas & Mack Center was allocated almost \$450,000 which will now be returned.

Over 100 faculty positions could be lost due to the cuts. However, Maxson said by rising student fees, at a total of seven dollars, about 50 of these positions will be saved. Non-resident and good neighbor fees will also be raised.

The only university to raise

fees above the Board's policy was UNLV. The policy states that University of Nevada System colleges and universities will lag behind other Western states' average fees by one year. No fee increase can exceed the average annual fees in the WICHE system for the last five years plus 1 percent, so that large annual increases, like the ones in California, can be avoided. UNLV exceeds the policy by \$1.50 for undergraduates and \$4 for graduates.

The fee increase has been instituted to make up for an unexpected enrollment drop last year. The increase won't

help reduce the \$10.2 million being cut. It will replace the \$1.7 million that was lost because UNLV did not make its projected enrollment. Next year's enrollment is expected to be even lower because of the budget cuts.

The Faculty Senate has voted to defer their merit raises for both fiscal years 1992 and 1993.

Maxson said budget cuts are "always very unpleasant." He added his job has been made easier due to the cooperation of students, faculty and staff.

The Board will decide on the proposals Feb. 27-28.

Sparks addresses recent controversies

Board of Regents chair discusses the budget, 'Money' magazine's report and the so-called Independent Alumni Citizen Association

by Thomas Moore

Nearly all of UNLV's current controversies were addressed last week by Carolyn Sparks, chair of the Board of Regents, when she gave a special press conference to COS 342 journalism students.

The students were given Sparks' views on Jerry Tarkanian and the basketball program, the budget crunch and its impact on student fees and class availability, the classroom ratio issue and the current attempt to recall Sparks

as a regent.

Sparks talked at length about the basketball program, but when asked for the board's overview of the controversy, she simply said, "This is all supposed to happen at the university level. There will be no more (board of regents) meetings regarding the position of Tarkanian."

As for the budget crunch and its effect on UNLV, Sparks said each campus will have to face the cuts in a different manner.

Sparks said UNLV has to cut \$11 million out of its budget.

"By law the governor has to balance his budget," she said.

Sparks said when Gov. Bob Miller found he couldn't do this, he began ordering cuts. She said at first "we would not cut. We're an autonomous body. We gave him the budget needed to run the university."

Later it was decided the university could survive a 4 percent cut but no more. Miller ordered another 8 percent to be cut soon after.

"You cut the fat out with 4 percent but (an additional) 8 percent is cutting right down into the meat," Sparks said.

She said the university system receives 20 percent of the entire Nevada budget. Grades K-12 receive over 40 percent and don't have to pay anything.

"At UNLV it's going to be a matter of cutting 800 classes," she said.

Sparks noted, as does the UNLV administration, that the choice seems to be either a raise in fees or a cut in classes.

"We would not raise tuition and cut classes," she said.

Sparks also commented on the Money magazine article in which UNLV was used as an example of a university

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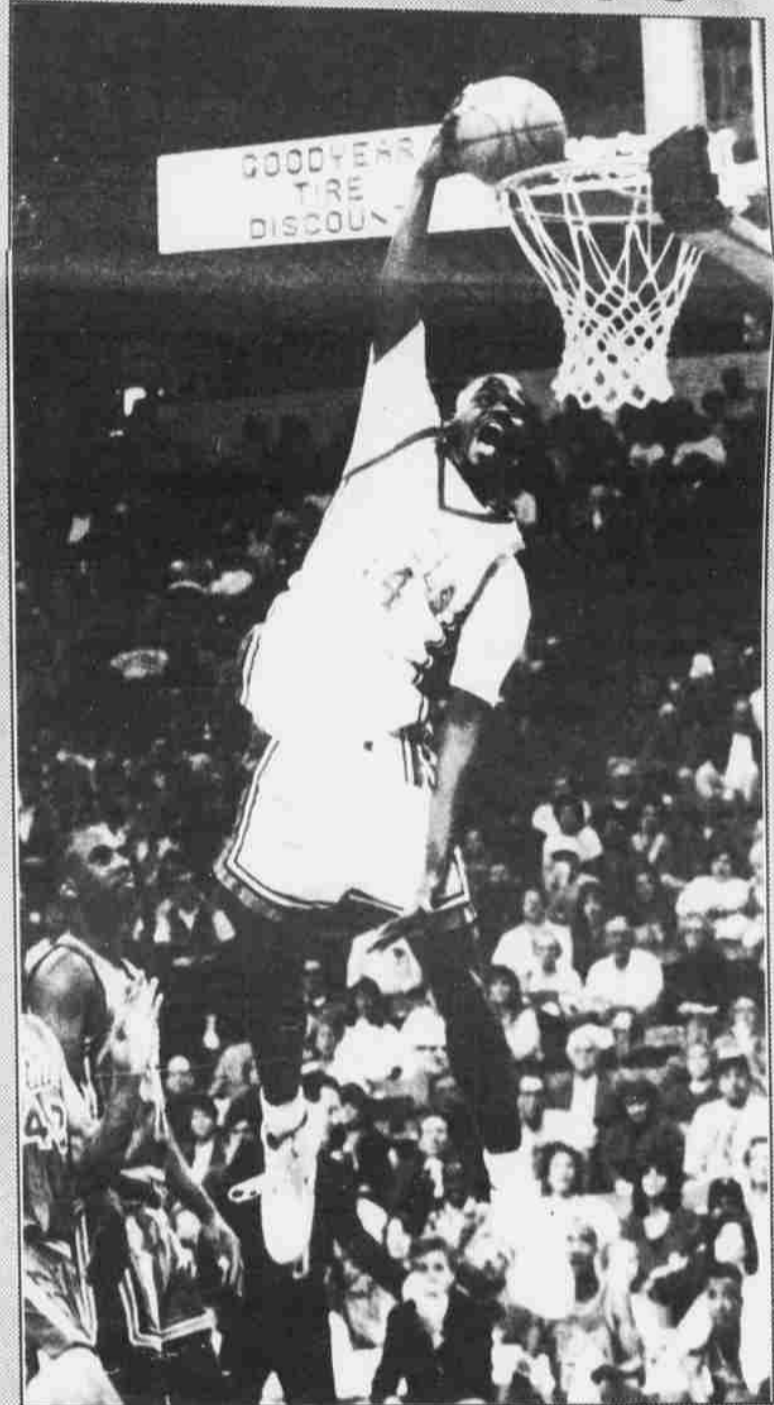


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UNLV forward J.R. Rider led the high-flying Rebels to a 76-47 rout of Cal State Fullerton Monday at the T&M. The Rebels moved to 12th in the Associated Press Top 25, released Monday.



Carolyn Sparks.

photo by Morgan Fisher

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