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New admission standards take effect in '96

by Natalie Lutz

New admissions standards, including a minimum overall grade-point average change from 2.3 to 2.5, proposed to begin Fall 1993, will not take effect until Spring 1996.

The new admissions standards, passed by the Board of Regents in December, are set to begin more than a year from now and, because of a grandfather clause, will not actually

begin until Spring 1996.

The grandfather clause allows all current high school students in grades eight through 12, who graduate by Spring 1996, to enroll as freshmen at UNLV with a GPA of 2.3. Along with the grandfather clause, those students under the eighth-grade cut-off line will be notified of the admissions changes.

"University of Nevada, Reno wanted the grade-point

average changed two years ago to 3.0," said Carolyn Sparks, chair of the Board of Regents. It took two to three years of studies to come up with a figure that would compromise the schools throughout the state.

"The raised admission standards only affect about 8 percent of the students, and almost all of those don't make it through the first year," Sparks said.

Included in the revised ad-

mission standards is the abolition of the special Nevada probationary status for students with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.29, which is replaced by a special admit status, which will increase from 4 to 6 percent.

Six percent of admitted students can have a GPA below 2.5 and attend UNLV as a probationary student, taking a minimum of six credits. Those students who are denied ad-

mission because of the 2.5 GPA standard, can attend in this probationary status, said Larry Mason, director of Admissions.

For those students who are still unable to attend UNLV on probationary status, there is a newly implemented At-Risk category for choice-flagged students to work closely with the Student Development Center.

Regent speaks at Student Senate meeting

by Tricia Ciaravino

Regent Shelley Berkley, a former UNLV student body president, discussed the university's current problems at Thursday's senate meeting.

Senators were given the opportunity to ask questions about budget cuts, transferring credits, the Maxson-Tarkanian feud and past student governments.

Berkley said her main objective is to provide a quality education for all students. She said she is afraid the budget cuts will prevent that due to costs and lack of classes.

"I don't think you have a stronger supporter on the Board of Regents than I. I was a student here, an alumna here and a regent here. I have children that may go here," she said.

Berkley called the budget cuts "devastating."

"These aren't easy issues," she said.

She said eliminating faculty means eliminating classes which will force students to stay in college longer than they expected to.

"That's cruel and unusual punishment," she added.

Berkley said she is not happy that maintenance funds will be cut into also. But she assured the senators when something needs to be fixed it will.

"If there is a leak in the Moyer Student Union dripping on (student's) heads were going to fix that leak. We're not going to see a building destroyed because we don't have a few thousand to fix it," she said.

Berkley said since the institutions in the Nevada System are all different the cuts they make will have to be different.

"I think each institution is



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Shelley Berkley addresses Wednesday's senate meeting.

unique and needs to come up with a solution most palatable (to them). Unless something is glaringly hideous, I'm going to let the individual institutions do what they think they need to do," she said.

Berkley said the Community College of Southern Nevada should be "beefed up" so borderline students who may not be ready for college have a place to prepare. She also said it doesn't cost as much as UNLV.

Sen. Tracy Barkhuff, who transferred here from the University of Nevada, Reno and lost credits in the process, questioned the ease of transfers between schools.

"We do have credits that do not readily transfer," Berkley said. "In a system as small as this it's inexcusable, unforgivable."

When asked about the Maxson-Tarkanian feud Berkley said, "I am very disturbed by what's going on. I'm heart-

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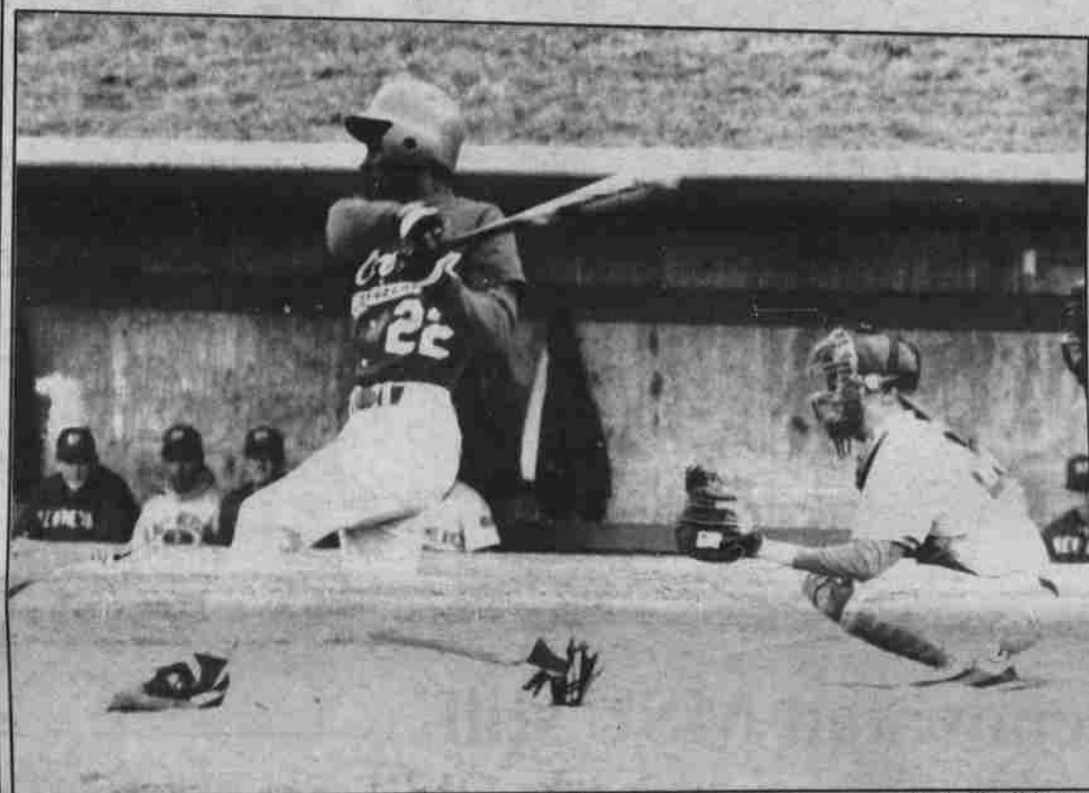


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UNLV hosts BYU in a weekend series beginning Friday at Barnson Field.

Construction continues despite cuts

by Tricia Romano

Despite a recent budget cut of \$10.2 million, UNLV will be undergoing several remodeling and housing projects during the spring semester. The reconstruction and remodeling of Tonopah Residence Hall and Flora Dungan Humanities building as well as three Greek houses will cost roughly \$7 million.

According to Buster Neel, vice-president of Finance and Administration, most of the monies needed for the projects will come from capital improvement fees. These fees are generated from the general tuition fund.

The largest remodeling project is Tonopah Hall. But Neel stressed remodeling is not just for upgrading the appear-

ance of a building.

"When you talk about remodeling, you talk about making things pretty," Neel said. "That's just not the case with Tonopah. There are some plumbing problems as well as some other technical things."

Terry Piper, director of Residential Life, estimated the cost of Tonopah at \$2.5 million, of which \$2 million will be used to fund the renovation and construction costs.

Tonopah Hall, which was built in 1966, has been in need of an upgrade. According to Piper, they will be replacing the domestic plumbing system and the furniture in the rooms. The glass windows will be replaced by a high-efficiency glass designed for energy efficiency. Other renovations include new carpeting, new shower stalls

and new vanities as well as new vertical blinds.

There will be several new lounges in the building. On the sixth floor there will be a computer lab and study area. The fifth floor will include a lounge designed for group study sessions. An "outreach" room will be on the fourth floor, specifically as a meeting room for academic advisors and professors to meet with students. In addition, there will also be a lounge which can be utilized as a scaled-down classroom. The third floor will contain a music practice room as well as a game room which serve as the building's social lounge. A television lounge will be included on the second floor. The main lobby will be carpeted and the

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