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Kostman gives State of Campus Address

by Paul Stuhff

Student Government President Joel Kostman delivered his official State of the Campus Address to the 22nd session of the Student Government Senate yesterday at the Moyer Student Union.

Kostman began his discourse with reference to "11 particular goals." The goals included "Greek Row, tuition/fees, parking, campus safety, Residential Life liaison, Students' Bill of Rights, KUNV radio independence, departmental

waste, accountability and accessibility." He made the qualification that, "If I were to classify things safety would come first."

In his address, Kostman referred to Vice President J. J. Held's initiative for a "campus safemap, which will show the safest routes to walk through the campus at night."

"As you know Student Government is devoted to safety by sponsoring Safety Awareness 'Jay."

Kostman then delved into the controversial parking issue, and asked of the Student Government Senate, "On the Octo-

ber ballot, with your help the students can vote on the installation of a parking garage. The final decision will be made by the students and will be presented to Dr. Maxson and the Board of Regents."

The proposed Students' Bill of Rights was then addressed by the Student Government President; he said the bill was in a developmental stage and would require the review of University of Nevada System and Student Government legal counsel.

Kostman made a request for a liaison between Student Government and the Resident Hall Association (RHA) to improve

Concerning waste, "from pencils to paper, to contracts, to comedy acts, if we all pulled together, tuition hikes would not be commonplace at UNLV,"

— Joel Kostman, student body president



representation.

The tentative independence from Student Government of KUNV, the university radio sta-

tion, would be undertaken much the same way as the

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Board of Regents faces lawsuit

Open meeting law, allegedly violated

by Hetty Keaton

The University of Nevada Board of Regents has been accused of breaking the Nevada open meeting law and faces a lawsuit because of it. The suit, brought by the Nevada State Press Association, says the Board illegally held a closed personnel session concerning Regent Lonnie Hammargren.

The purpose of the suit is to force the Board of Regents to relinquish the minutes for this session. Under Nevada Law no elected body may hold closed meetings except for certain personnel issues and then only with prior notice.

Ande Engleman, executive director of the Nevada State Press Association, said the regents also told Hammargren, before the meeting, not to talk to the press about the session.

"Prior restraint is against the law," Engleman said. She said Hammargren has the right to talk with anyone he wants about his personnel session.

Engleman said the law specifies that when an elected board has a meeting it must be open to the public.

More specifically, the law requires an agenda be posted prior to a private personnel ses-

sion. The Nevada State Press Association said no agenda was provided by the board.

Carolyn Sparks, chair of the board, said she believes no laws were broken. Sparks said the Hammargren personnel session was held to discuss incompetence, and the topic was posted for the public.

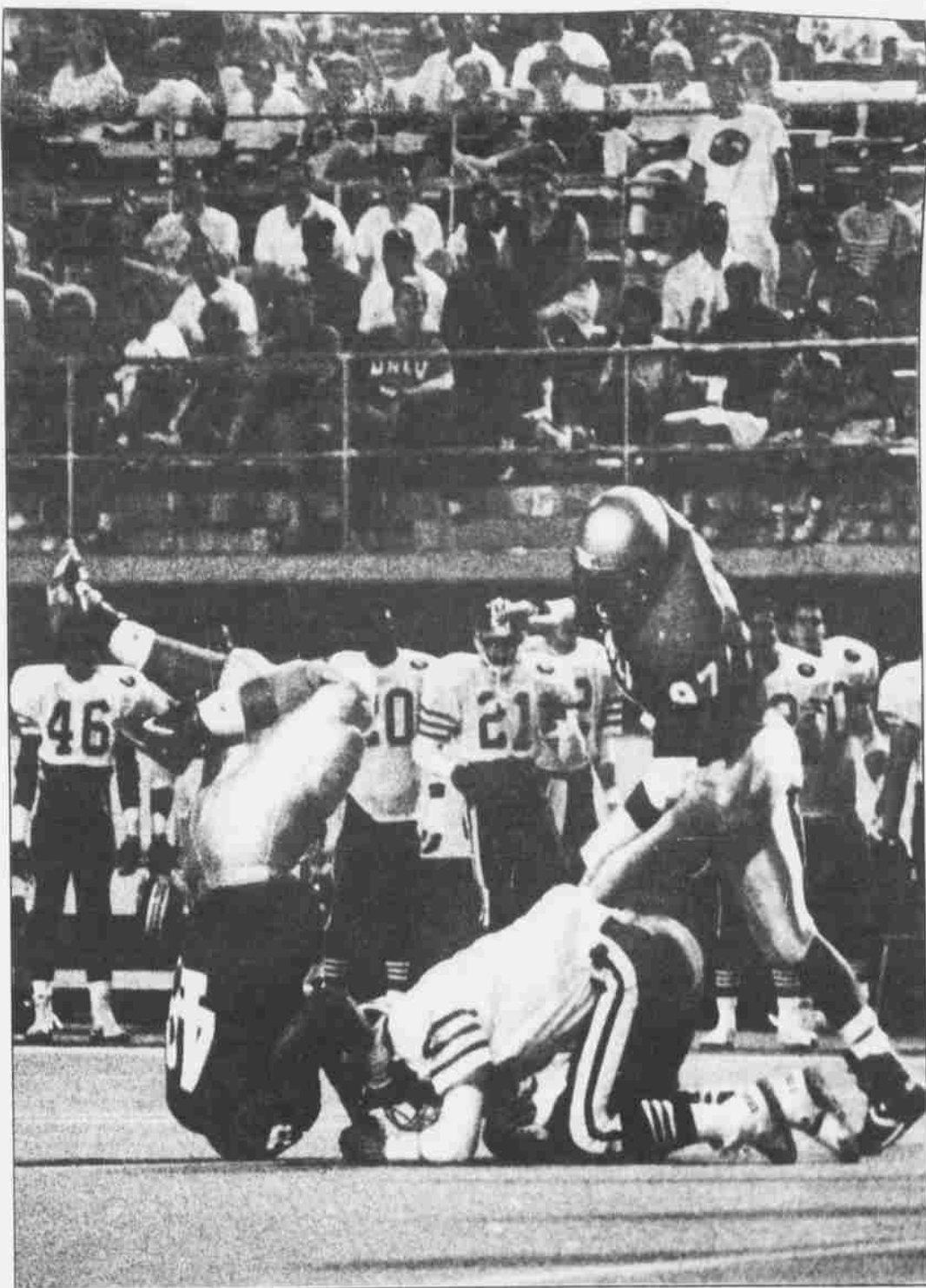
Sparks said the only people allowed at these special meetings are the board's secretary, a general counsel, the regents themselves, and the employee in question. Sometimes a university's chancellor may come depending on the situation, but no press is ever allowed.

Sparks also said an audio tape of the personnel session was given last week to Judge Becker to evaluate whether or not the case should go to court. Don Klasic, the Board of Regents' counsel, is currently waiting for a reply.

Hammargren requested a review of the pending suit at the Aug. 10 board meeting held in Reno. He also asked the Board of Regents to pay for outside counsel to represent him in the lawsuit, the Legislative Commission inquiry, and any possible Grand Jury inquiries.

The request came after each individual regent was named by the Nevada State Press Association in their suit. Hammargren said since he is both a regent and the employee in question, he needs his own counsel to represent his specific interests.

Yes, it's football season



The Rebel football team kicks off the 1992 season hosting the UTEP Miners Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

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