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Maxson outlines future for university

Campus will keep changing

by Rick Nielsen

In his State of the University Address President Robert Maxson said he is committed to progress despite the state budget crisis.

The speech, his ninth address since taking office, was delivered Thursday in the Flora Dungan Humanities building.

"We are victims of a weakened state economy," Maxson said, blaming the state economy for the need to freeze 80 new faculty positions and raise student tuition.

Maxson praised faculty and staff for their hard work and understanding which have helped to lessen the impact of the



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ment since 1984.

"Of those 20 buildings, the state of Nevada paid for less than half of them," Maxson said. "We built the rest on our own devices, our own imagination, and our own hard work."

cuts and he thanked them for their unwavering support.

He said regardless of the current economic conditions the university has added 20 new buildings and doubled student enrollment

Maxson proudly referred to UNLV's third reference as "up and coming" in *U.S. News and World Report's* College Guide rankings.

"I hope we're always up and coming," Maxson said. "I hope we're always getting better and better and better."

Maxson reviewed the list of recently completed construction projects, such as the Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences Building and the Alta Ham Fine Arts addition.

In addition, Maxson pledged to keep charging forward and cited examples like the negotiations to purchase University Park Apartments for housing students, visiting faculty and Greek organizations.

He mentioned the acquisition of another supercomputer and announced the implementation of four new Ph.D. programs.

Declaring 1992-93 the "Year of the Library," he promised to ask the 1993 legislature for sufficient funds to start the planning of a new \$4 million facility.

He proudly quoted a report from the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

The report said that "from virtually any perspective, UNLV is an excellent undergraduate institution and positioned to become a significant graduate institution."

Robert Skaggs, chair of the senate faculty, gave the opening monologue and compared Maxson to a boxer who had just been through a very bad round.

He said Maxson had managed to survive the shots and bounce back focused and determined to improve the universi-

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Victory ride



photo by Wray Halterman

The Rebel horse Rouser debuted Saturday at the Silver Bowl where a crowd of 15,000 watched the Rebels beat the UTEP Miners 19-17. The 1-0 Rebels face Northern Arizona Saturday.

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Date rape forum stresses awareness

Prevention means admitting it can happen

by Hetty Keaton

Issues such as date rape prevention and victim's rights were discussed Wednesday at a forum titled "Date Rape: Has it Happened to You? Can It Happen to You?"

An audience of approximately 50 people, mostly women, expressed their concern for these issues during a lengthy question and answer session.

Speakers at the forum included Melanie McEvoy of the UNLV Women's Center; Tracy Van Quaethem, survivor of date rape and activist against the

crime; Ray Rodriguez, student health educator; Rochelle Sax, university police officer; Gayla Baker, counselor for the UNLV Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program; Renata Cirri, executive director of CAAR; and two date rape survivors, who asked that their names be withheld.

Rodriguez defined rape as "any sexual act you perform against your will, without your consent, or in a state in which you are unable to decide for yourself."

Van Quaethem told the audience that rape is often not the stereotype of a person being attacked while walking down a dark alley. Usually the victim is not beaten, and no weapons are involved.

"It is just one person's word against another's," Van Quaet-

hem said.

"The criminal justice system has been increasingly interested in sexual assault victims," Sax said regarding police involvement.

"It is not perfect" she admitted, and added that many seminars and classes regarding rape are being held around the country to educate doctors, lawyers, and judges about victim's rights.

Soon, Sax said, the UNLV police will be required to take such a class.

Sax also said in the state of Nevada a victim's past can no longer be "brought up in court." One rape survivor, told of how the defending attorney tried to use her clothing and previous

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Mail service goes modern

by Teri Helfrich

At a constantly growing university like UNLV, change is a factor for every department, and the University Mail Services department is no exception.

More than \$500 thousand in changes will be headed to the mail department in an attempt to increase efficiency. The money will help incoming mail reach the right department faster and make inter-campus correspondence more efficient.

An addressing system is currently being added to issue new box numbers for each department in addition to the

Maryland Parkway street address.

Previously, the department hand-sorted mail for approximately 290 departments and then stuffed it into 93 boxes.

In addition to the box numbers, new bar-coding equipment will be purchased between now and 1995.

Barcoding will eliminate the majority of hand sorting. Mail Services Coordinator Jina Fletcher said, "We're hoping this is going to help in getting mail to the right person."

The updated system will speed processing, cut costs on outgoing mail, reduce the vol-

ume of return mail when recipients can't be located.

It will also establish a data base of department numbers to ease campus moves for faculty and staff by ensuring that their mail follows them.

With the new equipment and the new box numbers, UNLV will be added to the U.S. Postal Service's national data base. Until now, UNLV was seen by potential correspondents and the postal service as one entity.

The data base will allocate UNLV a block of 10,000 numbers in the form of bar codes or four extra postal code digits.