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The 200-room Claudine Williams Hall is empty this semester despite the new freshman residency policy.

## 380 dorm rooms vacant

by Donna Bates

One residence hall on campus is vacant this semester and another has only 20 residents. This has left 380 rooms empty, despite a new policy requiring most freshman to live on campus.

According to UNLV administrators, Claudine Williams Residence Hall, a 200-room building, is empty, not because of poor planning or a drop in enrollment, but because the 215-room Tonopah Residence Hall was refurbished for residence use and not converted to office space as planned.

Tonopah Hall is now an all-

**"If you ran occupancy like that in a hotel for three to six months, you would be fired"**

— Dave Nicholes

freshman dorm because first-year students who reside outside Clark County are required to live in a residence hall.

Robert Ackerman, vice president for Student Services, said the freshmen housing requirement was not related to the need to fill the dorms. He

claimed freshmen are forced to live in dorms to reduce the dropout rate and stressed that the two issues were not related.

Terry Piper, director of residential life, said the hall is empty for a number of reasons including the recession's effect on student enrollment at UNLV.

"When the recession is over and the students return, we will be filled to capacity," he said.

Piper also said forethought and planning were the reasons for the empty dorms. "It is normal business practice. You buy big and grow into it," Piper said. But he also said that "if Tonopah

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— Former Rebel coach Jerry Tarkanian

## Tarkanian among first to testify

by Thomas Moore and Cynthia Salinas

Former Rebel basketball coach, Jerry Tarkanian, will be among the first witnesses heard Monday by the legislative panel looking into matters surrounding Tarkanian's resignation, the UNLV Foundation, and alleged false academic claims by the UNLV administration.

The hearing will be held in the Cashman Field Center, Room 207 at 9 a.m. Officials from Valley Bank and Security Pacific Bank have also been asked to testify.

The committee subpoenaed the bank officials seeking all the statements and cancelled checks that might shed light on the UNLV Foundation and UNLV bank



accounts used by the administration.

Tarkanian has said he is more than happy to testify in the hearings. "It is im-

portant that the truth be brought out. He (Robert Maxson) can not be trusted. I don't believe he is capable of telling the truth."

According to Las Vegas Assemblyman and chair of the investigation committee, Jim McGaughey said if possible, the panel will hold the meetings weekly starting with Monday's hearing.

## Campus to get a facelift: five new buildings added

by Randy Miller

THIS IS PART 2 IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES CHRONICLING UNLV'S GROWTH.

The rapid increase in enrollment over the last few years has prompted the implementation of several new buildings on campus.

The new buildings will house various departments including physics, student services, new classrooms and offices, student health, architecture and the library.

Construction for the physics building is tentatively set to begin the last week in October and is slated for completion in December 1993.

The 45,000-square-foot building will house offices as well as laboratories for teaching and research. Dr. James Selser, of the physics department, said the

### Growth, part 2

expansion is needed to accommodate growth and the fourfold increase in space will "greatly enhance the capabilities of physics at UNLV."

The building will be located west of the chemistry building.

Ground breaking for the Newmont Student Development and the Reynolds Student Services buildings is set for January 1993.

Newmont Mining is funding \$1.5 million for a two-story section of the building earmarked for an academic advising and counseling center.

Donald Reynolds, owner of Don Rey Publishing, is funding \$4 million for a three-story section of the building which will be occupied by Student Services.

The section will house a

cashier's office, and various departments including, disabled student services, academic advancement, financial aid, multicultural student affairs, career planning and placement, and the international students offices.

Communication professor Mary Ruth Carleton is trying to raise approximately \$250,000 to fund a women's center addition to the student services building.

In addition, a 150,000-square-foot complex devoted to general classroom and office space will be built on the parking lot of the Thomas & Mack Center. Ground breaking is planned for early January 1993 and the building is expected to be completed by fall 1994.

According to Nancy Flagg, special assistant to the senior vice president and provost, the complex "will be built on a parcel of land near the T&M, ap-

proximately where the rodeo cattle pens are currently located, alongside Gym Road."

The \$22 million needed for the complex will be funded as a capital construction project by the state legislature. Flagg said the complex will meet the increasing needs of a growing student population which has spilled over to portable trailers.

Student Health Services will soon negotiate with architects Carpenter & Sellers Associates soon for a contract to build an addition onto the Student Health Services building.

Lori Winchell, director of Student Health Services, said the addition will be dedicated to the students of UNLV since they are paying for it with the new health fee.

Approximately 4,000 to 5,000 square feet will be added to the front of the existing

building at an estimated cost of \$550,000.

The addition will allow Student Health Services to double the number of examination rooms and add a laboratory to provide for on-site lab work.

Planning for a new architecture building has been plagued with problems. A contest was held for the design of the building last fall. Steve Carr and Raymond Lucchesi, university faculty members, were awarded the contract in November to design the first phase of the \$8.5 million building.

Soon afterward a possible conflict of interest with state employees bidding on public works projects began.

The issue was brought before the state Ethics Commission. In January, Carr and

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