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## Fischer memorial set for today at Ham Hall

The death of Brian K. Fischer, the UNLV swimmer who lost his life in an explosive fire last Thursday, will be commemorated today in a memorial in the Artemus Ham concert Hall.

A number of people who knew Fischer will be speak. Friends of Fischer,

Swim team dedicates meet to Fischer - page 5

students, and the general public are invited to attend.

Anyone with questions about the memorial can contact Nancy Flagg at 895-3888.

— Thomas Moore

# Governor Miller proposes massive UNS budget cuts

University budget would be cut by almost \$400 million if Gov. Miller's proposal is accepted. Consequences to UNLV would be dire, Unrue says.

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Administrators at UNLV are predicting dire consequences if the budget Gov. Bob Miller laid out in his State of the State speech Monday night becomes a reality.

Miller's budget allocated the university system \$397.5 million less than what it was given in the last budget.

This is not simply because Miller is holding the line on new spending; it is because proportionally, the university system will get a smaller piece of a smaller pie.

Miller plans to allocate 18.2 percent of his \$2.1 billion budget to higher education, a decrease from the 19.9 percent the system got from the last budget.

Reaction from UNLV administrators to the budget was mixed.

John Unrue, senior vice president and provost, said the cuts will have a direct effect on students.

"This will have some extraordinarily serious implications for UNLV," Unrue said. "We will certainly not be able to provide the numbers or the kinds of classes all our students will need."

Unrue listed several other implications of the cuts:

• On faculty: "Unfortunately, we are going to see a heavier dependence upon part-time faculty. I think we will see a

## Kostman admonishes regents for wasting funds

Student body president cites research, discretionary funds and duplication of services as debilitating factors to UNLV.

BY THOMAS MOORE  
NEWS EDITOR

While other university officials were lamenting Gov. Bob Miller's proposed budget, Student Body President Joel Kostman was upset about the alleged waste at the university.

Kostman believes this waste causes budget cuts to affect UNLV dramatically.

He listed a number of problem areas where the university is wasteful with its funds. One of the first he emphasized was the time professors spend on research.

"When research takes precedent

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serious morale problem among our faculty members who will, if the governor's projections hold true, have endured three years without a pay increase.

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# Berkley: new projects now 'a pipe dream'

BY THOMAS MOORE  
NEWS EDITOR

An extremely difficult time is in store for UNLV because of Gov. Bob Miller's proposed budget, Regent Shelley Berkley said at a recent Faculty Senate meeting.

Berkley, who spoke to the Senate Tuesday, said UNLV's share of the already small Nevada budget was cut, proving UNLV had dropped on the state's list of priorities.

"I will be succinct. We're in deep s---t. Are there any questions?" Berkley said. "Not only didn't we get our budget restored, we, in fact, lost ground."

Berkley said monies allocated to the university

system had been 20.5 percent of the last state budget but it had dropped to 18.5 percent in this budget.

She added that projects like the architectural study for the proposed library are now "little more than a pipe dream."

Because the budget is still only a proposal and must pass the state Legislature, Berkley urged the faculty to organize and help lobby the Legislature

for more money.

Even with the help, Berkley cautioned that

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Shelley Berkley, UNS regent

the past there have been only minor increases in the governor's proposed budget.

"History tells us that the most the Legislature has added to the gover-

nor's budget is \$3 million, which is a spit in the bucket," Berkley said.

Berkley said Miller was

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## Pool shark

Orit Borowsky, a freshman majoring in landscape architecture, goes for the corner pocket.

# Police seek four suspected in connection with campus thefts

Burglaries at the T&M and bookstore have University Police seeking four suspects, one a former T&M employee.

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University Police believe four suspects are responsible for two major thefts at the Thomas & Mack Center and the UNLV Bookstore.

Initially University Police did not find a correlation between the two burglaries, Detective Sergeant Lonnie Barret said.

"We (University Police) had been in contact with Metro sharing details about several burglaries on campus," Barret said. "When the investigations began we did not know we were looking for the same suspects, but then two of the names from the liquor case investigation popped up as definite suspects in the ring case."

University Police believe the suspects could be responsible for many of the burglaries that have occurred on campus as well as others throughout the county.

One of the suspects has been identified as a former employee of the T&M. None of the other suspects have any relation to

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