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Legislators differ on university budget outlook

Chances of more university funding are slim, says one state senator, non-existent says the other.

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UNLV's future is bleak but just how bleak it is depends on who you talk to.

Two legislators who will, to a degree, decide what happens to the budget have decidedly different outlooks.

Bob Coffin, D-Las Vegas, had a cautiously optimistic outlook. Coffin based his prediction on an improving economy.

Dina Titus, Senate minority leader and UNLV political science professor, believes the budget will stay pretty much as is. Titus said the past budget short-

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falls burned the legislature's fingers, so an increase is unlikely.

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can increase the projections on income for the government," Coffin said.

Projections are predictions

that Gov. Bob Miller made about the economy as he worked out the budget. Because Nevada's budget depends on income tax and gaming profits the recession had a negative effect on government revenue.

Coffin said Miller proposed a "play-it-safe budget," and made conservative projections to ensure Nevada's spending stays in

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Traffic offenders perform service on campus

BY ERIN HIMES
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If you don't pay your traffic tickets you may end up mowing lawns or sweeping the hallowed hallways of UNLV.

Many of the people working in and around the campus are community service workers. When people are found guilty of DUI or traffic offenses they can be made to do community service and some end up on campus.

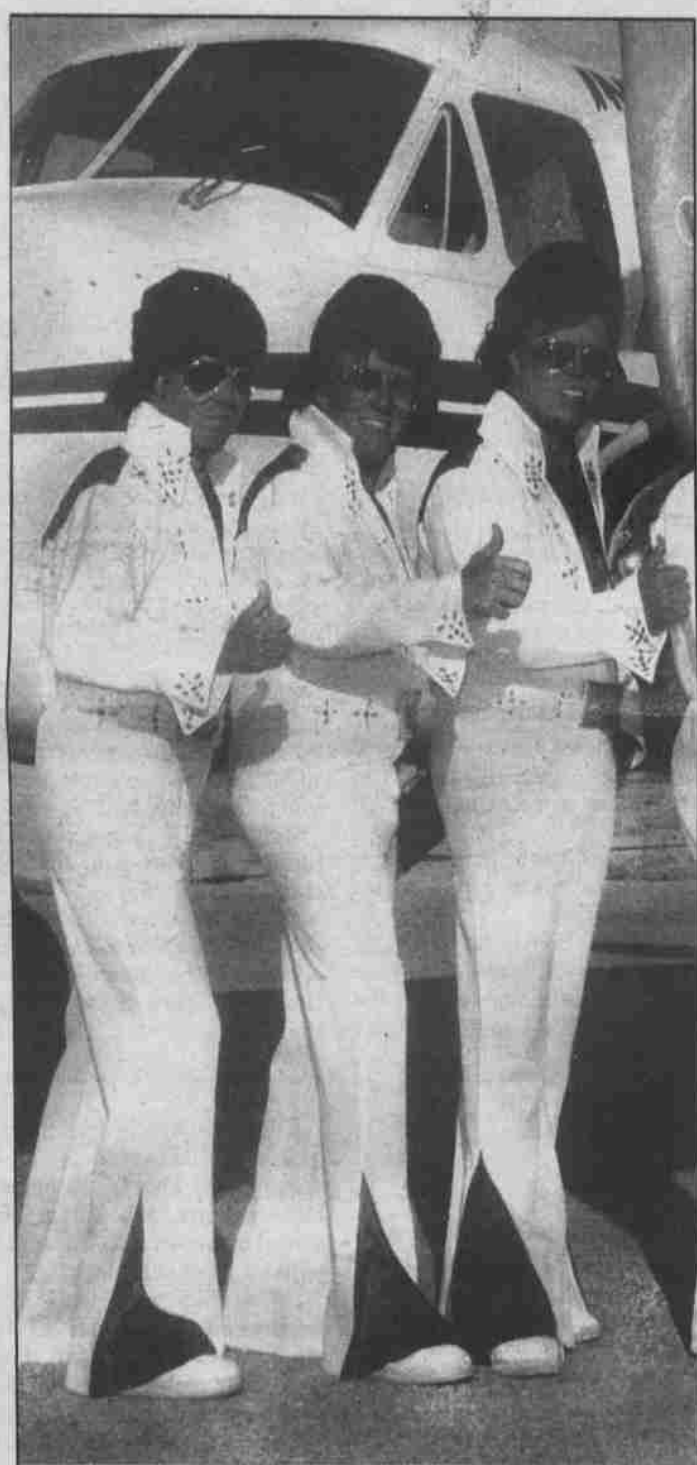
HELP of Southern Nevada is the organization running the program which assigns people to perform jobs that would otherwise be vacant for community service.

Due to budget cuts implemented last year, UNLV was short of help and had to find a cheap alternative. So Sharon Braddy-McKoy of the Human Resource Department and Custodial Services Manager Harold Archibald found a viable solution to their employment problems.

"A hiring freeze occurred and we were short a great many people," Archibald said. "And with Sharon's creative foot work we got the program started. The program has saved the university \$50,000 to date."

A good example of how the program works is the custodial department. It needs to hire 20 employees but does not have the money. Community service

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UNLV field manager Jim Bozarth (middle) is a member of the Flying Elvi. The skydiving group was featured in the 1992 film, 'Honeymoon in Vegas.'

Birds? Planes? No, they're the Flying Elvi

BY CYNTHIA SALINAS
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During the week he is a mild-mannered athletic field manager at UNLV, but on the weekends he flies through the sky with his big hair and mutton-chop sideburns rustling in the wind.

His name is Jim Bozarth and he is one of the infamous Flying Elvi.

Andrew Bergman, who wrote and directed the 1992 film *Honeymoon in Las Vegas*, is the creator of the flying sensations.

"Andy Bergman wanted something for the movie that would be totally ludicrous," said Bozarth.

At a recent jump, the organizer of the Flying Elvi, Mark Mischevic, landed on a car and was seriously injured. Mischevic remains hospitalized.

"We're not going to jump for awhile," Bozarth said.

Bozarth has worked at UNLV since 1988 and has been a skydiver for 11 years. When not skydiving with the Flying Elvi he flies with the Into the Fire Skydiving Exhibition Team.

"We were contacted because we do movie stunts," Bozarth said. "We're all members of the Screen Actors Guild Union. My troop also did the stunts for the movie *Red Dawn*. We were the Russian paratroopers."

"(The producers of *Honey-*

moon) made a very lucrative offer. I made half of what I make in a year at UNLV for the stunt we did in the movie."

The Flying Elvi consist of five members of the Into the Fire Team in addition to five more skydivers. Two executives from the Sands Hotel act as management for Flying Elvi.

"We had a great time doing the movie. After we did it, there were over a hundred requests for us to do it again," Bozarth said.

The Flying Elvi have been jumping in and out of town, from the Fremont Hotel to local high school football games to the opening of the Hard Rock Cafe in Newport Beach, Calif.

"We're going to jump as the Flying Elvi in Japan in June," he said. "The costumes we jump in are almost identical to the ones in the movie (*Honeymoon in Vegas*). The ones you saw in the movie cost four grand a piece."

The Flying Elvi do not use the lighted costumes from the movie because of the upkeep required for the costumes.

"I love skydiving. I've been doing it for 11 years. My little girl wonders why everybody's daddy doesn't skydive," Bozarth said.

Efforts to bring fast food on campus run into snags

Various dilemmas in contracts, bidding processes impede the MSU from having fast-food restaurants. Burger King may appear next fall.

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Fast-food restaurants are in-

expensive, provide quick service and are popular among students. So why aren't there any in the Moyer Student Union?

MSU Director Teresa Chiang said the MSU Board, a group composed of students and faculty members, has recently tried to get such restaurants to come to the MSU.

"For the past year, we have worked diligently to get Taco Bell on campus," she said. "Every-

thing was pretty much worked out, but we hit a snag at the last minute."

The snag was a stipulation in the local Taco Bell franchiser's contract that said no two outlets could be within one and one-half miles of each other—making a Taco Bell on campus too close to the one on Flamingo Road and Maryland Parkway.

Robert Ackerman, vice president of Student Services, said

negotiations are still taking place with the franchiser, but added that the university may be "out of luck."

An attempt was also made to get a McDonald's in the MSU, but trouble occurred during the bidding process—a process in which the MSU Board notifies food and other providers that the university needs a certain service and asks if they would be interested in coming to campus.

Interested companies then submit references, financial statements, company history and, in some instances, send representatives to campus to discuss qualifications.

"We wanted to get McDonald's," said Ackerman, "but they wanted the whole area in the MSU just for McDonald's. We couldn't do that."

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