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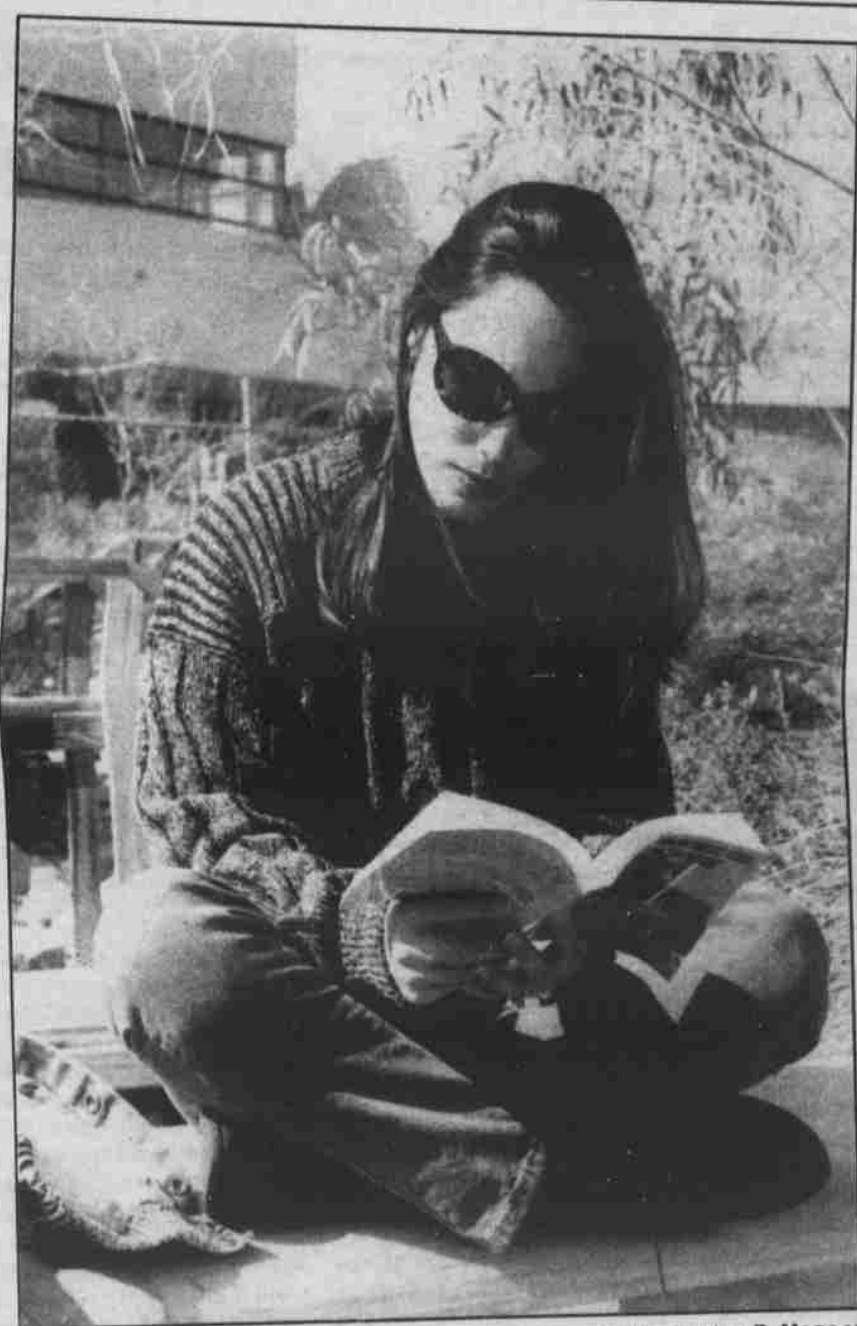


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The reader

Paty Seidenstein absorbs the sunlight as she reads between classes

Maxson presents list of goals to legislators

Restoring lost positions and faculty pay increases are among Maxson's budget priorities.

BY THOMAS MOORE
NEWS EDITOR

The state of funding for the university is still up in the air with President Robert Maxson and at least one state senator is only cautiously optimistic.

Maxson presented UNLV's revised wish list to a combined meeting of the Senate finance committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee last week. He described the legislators as receptive but aware of economic realities they could not ignore.

"This is the fifth legislature I've addressed and I thought this group of legislators were as receptive as any I've ever talked to," Maxson said. "But the resources are scarce. It's not like the last couple of years."

Maxson outlined the three goals he talked to the Legislature about on Wednesday, when the two committees heard from him as well as a number of university-related notables about the needs of higher education.

Maxson said the first goal he wanted the legislators to consider was restoring the positions lost in the last round of budget cuts.

"My point was, we've made UNLV the in place to go for Nevada high school students," Maxson said. "But I think that without these positions we simply will not be able to accommodate them."

Maxson's second goal was an increase in pay for the faculty.

"If you don't pay attention to the salary situation you're in danger of losing your best," he said.

The last thing Maxson said he asked for



was to get construction for the architecture building underway. Construction is currently awaiting an appeal of a state ethics board ruling.

The board had ruled that a group of architects could not bid on the project because some of them taught in the architecture department. Currently the go-ahead is

waiting the outcome of the appeal. Maxson said accreditation for the department is awaiting the start of construction which is why he was pressing for the Legislature to do something.

"We don't care who the architect is. Our students need that building," Maxson said. Democratic State Assemblyman Larry Spitler, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, praised Maxson's presentation and commented on the architecture situation.

"While we have on the one hand the legal process on the other hand we have 400 people that are waiting for accreditation," Spitler said.

As for Maxson's other goals, Spitler said Maxson and the others did a good job of contrasting UNLV's needs with budget realities.

"My reaction was that his and (regent) Carolyn Sparks' presentations were right on target," Spitler said. "Even though we are in tough economic times we have to start planning ahead so we don't have to cut in the middle of the biennium."

"We agreed with his message and it's going to be hard to get funding because we need to make up for money that was lost

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Athletics vs. academics discussed at public forum

Faculty members are disturbed by the relationship between academics and athletics.

BY DONNA BATES
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Faculty members discussed the relationship between academics and athletics in a public forum on campus Thursday.

Chris Hudgins, English department chair, and Jim Weaver, director of athletics, spoke about the controversial topic with an interactive crowd of about 50 in the Thomas Beam Engineering Complex.

The event was moderated by Len Zane, director of the honors

"And 68 percent of our respondents agree that athletics are overemphasized at this campus...twice as many faculty at UNLV are disturbed by the relationship between academics and athletics on this campus as would be the norm in their experience."

Chris Hudgins,
English department chair

"The striving for excellence in athletics is the same challenge to human capacity as the striving for excellence in other departments... The athletics department enhances the university's image by providing competitive athletic teams that engender the sense of pride and recognition of the university."

Jim Weaver, athletic director

program, and was sponsored by the Faculty Senate ad hoc Committee on Athletics.

"This is a discussion, not a debate because they (Hudgins and Weaver) agree that academics and athletics can co-exist," Zane said.

Hudgins cited The Presiden-

tial Task Force Report that was compiled by six subcommittees over two years ago but has not yet been released. Hudgins said the purpose of the report was to measure faculty perceptions about the relationship of academics and athletics, and to make recommendations for improve-

ment.

"Faculty perceptions at UNLV pretty clearly suggest that there was certainly some fire where many saw all that smoke," Hudgins said.

Hudgins said 97 percent of the respondents agreed that student-athletes should meet the same

minimum academic standards as other students and 55 percent disagreed with the statement that student-athletes actually do meet the same minimum standards. An additional 32 percent were undecided.

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