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Plan may ensure accreditation

If a new plan is accepted, architecture students will be licensed practitioners when they graduate, vice president says.

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The fate of the architecture program will be decided later this week when university officials meet to work out accrediting problems.

Vice President John Unrue and Architecture Chair Hugh Burgess will update the National Architectural Accrediting Board on plans for construction of an architecture building.

Accreditation cannot be instituted until the architecture program has a building.

Planning was halted last summer when the State Ethics Commission questioned the eligibility of the designers Ray Lucchesi and Steve Carr. Because Lucchesi and Carr worked as architecture professors it was decided they presented a conflict of interest in a design competition because they were employees of the state.

Lucchesi and Carr have filed a civil suit which has delayed construction until early summer,

"Students are already leaving because they don't want to graduate without an accredited degree."

John Unrue,
vice president and provost.

if all goes well, Unrue said.

But that is too late for the students who will graduate in May. If construction doesn't begin this year, accreditation won't follow.

"This is a main concern because our students in the program have come to that point when they have to decide if they can afford to stay in the program," Unrue said. "Their ability to be licensed is contingent on that building."

Unrue and Burgess will present a series of options to the NAAB to acquire accreditation at the preliminary meeting. A determination won't be made until June, Burgess said. If the plan is on target, a follow-up visit in the spring of 1994 will ensure accreditation. The program will then be officially accredited in spring 1995.

"We must convince the accrediting agency that we have enough alternate space," Unrue said.

This would serve to show the

accrediting agency that steps are being taken until construction can begin because the current classroom space does not comply with NAAB guidelines.

If the program is accredited by spring 1995, students graduating this year will receive a license because of a two-year period that protects them under NAAB regulations.

The options of the backup plan include trying to gain accreditation for the present facilities, gain accreditation for some other permanent space on campus only for architecture students or to go off campus and lease space. If any of these options are accepted, full accreditation will follow.

Burgess said he hopes the plan will "get us over the hurdle of the physical facilities and get us full accreditation."

The backup plan may be the last hope for the university and the architecture program. If accreditation isn't secured by the end of the semester, students will receive an unaccredited degree.

Students "absolutely" could sue the university, Unrue said.

General Counsel David Hintzen said he has never heard of a case where students sue because a program isn't accredited, but

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Cheerleader of the Year

Cindi Heil was recently named the first annual winner of the Cheerleader of the Year Award. The contest was student organized and promoted by community radio KUNV.

Polling error delays returns

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Although the CSUN primary elections were held eight days before spring break, the results of the 14 survey questions on the ballot were not available until just last week.

There is, along with the delay, a problem with the accuracy of the count that raises questions about the usefulness of the ballot questions.

For all of the questions except one, the number of responses lies between 845 and 998. However for the last question, which asked students to rate the student health center, there were 1641 votes.

Becky Jo Spray, the election board director, said that the reason for the discrepancy might be that one of the piles of ballots was counted twice and said she plans to recount only the ballots concerning that question.

Also, Spray said, some votes that were disqualified for the Senate President race were in-

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Election results

★ Student Primary Elections ★

SENATE PRESIDENT:

Bud Benneman	448	53%
Uri Clinton	230	27%
Willie Romero	111	13%

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

Do you feel the following are issues or problems at UNLV?

AIDS	Student Fees	Safety	Health Care
A 528	A 670	A 519	A 586
B 295	B 265	B 321	B 247
C 104	C 54	C 78	C 90

Discrimination	Parking	Sexual Assault	Tuition
A 422	A 636	A 544	A 691
B 355	B 213	B 202	B 170
C 75	C 48	C 139	C 43

Environment	Quality of Ed.		
A 678	A 604	A	Yes
B 209	B 184	B	No
C 71	C 57	C	No opinion

OPINION QUESTIONS:

How would you rate the following:

KUNV (Campus radio)	Student Security (Shuttle)		
Excellent	Excellent	181	143
Above standard	Above standard	185	131
Average	Average	244	319
Poor	Poor	69	159
No opinion	No opinion	291	246

The Rebel Yell	Student Health Center		
Excellent	Excellent	123	197
Above standard	Above standard	147	326
Average	Average	312	422
Poor	Poor	207	316
No opinion	No opinion	63	380

Students more aware of drinking pitfalls

A November 1992 survey found UNLV to be just under the national norm in alcohol use.

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If UNLV has the reputation of being a party school, a recently released survey may change a few minds.

Of UNLV students surveyed, 88 percent said they had used alcohol at some time, compared to 92 percent of a comparison

group of 59,539 students from four-year colleges across the United States.

In a lengthy questionnaire completed by 675 students in November 1992, 64 percent reported using alcohol in the preceding 30 days. Of underage respondents, 61 percent reported the same use.

Rex Purkins, program coordinator at the UNLV Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program in the Student Development Center, directed the survey and is optimistic about its results. He said

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