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Student Government criticized

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Student senators, speaking anonymously, criticized expenditures made by Student Government for renovations in their office on the first floor of the Moyer Student Union.

Government spent a total

of \$3,548.78 for renovations to electrical equipment, phones and furniture. Also, accessories such as dry-wall partitions and picture frames among others were bought to brighten up the office.

Some are unhappy with the new face-lift. Sources claimed the cost was too

much.

"Why should we be renovating the office when last semester I don't think we fulfilled our mission," the senator said. "I mean we spent \$3,500 on renovations, when I think we put on, maybe, one event for students last semester."

Student Body President Joel Kostman responded vehemently, saying all expenditures were valid, and offered some stern advice for dissenting senators.

"If those senators didn't meet up to the standards that their students expect of them, then they should step down as

senators."

The senate constitution states that government is permitted to make expenditures of up to \$500 without the senate approval, provided such expenditures are reported to the senate.

Any item costing over \$500 must be reviewed by the

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Ed Marshall, organizations board director, helps a student in the newly redecorated Student Government office. Photo by Tony Han

Blind student overcomes adversity

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The gift of sight is taken for granted by most of us who have it. The modern world is plagued by superficiality and prejudices based on a sordid interpretation of what we see. Most people who possess the gift of sight use it not to appreciate the beauty of their surroundings, but to judge and discriminate against what appears ugly or unusual.

Brett Silver, a 17-year-old freshman at UNLV, is different. He is blind.

Most freshman have experienced the difficult and often confusing tasks involved in preparing for that first semester. The visually handicapped experience the same problems. Silver is able to find his way to and from classes because he has his route memorized.

A few months before the beginning of the fall semester, the Disability Center on the

third floor of the Flora Dungan Humanities Building is given a list of Silver's classes, professors, and books. The center gets his books directly from the publishers and puts them on tapes. Instead of reading when he studies, Silver listens.

School has always been a different experience for Silver. His parents had never before interacted with the blind so raising a visually handicapped son was both a learning and rewarding experience.

Silver entered preschool at age four and therefore has been interacting with sighted people all his life. As he grew older, his parents and their friends became more and more conscious of the severe lack of resources available to blind students in Nevada. Together they worked to pass a law that would ensure suf-

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Health sciences receives funding

UNLV's College of Health Sciences recently received \$75,000 and a substantial equipment donation from the Department of Energy to support the existing undergraduate program in health physics and to begin planning a graduate program.

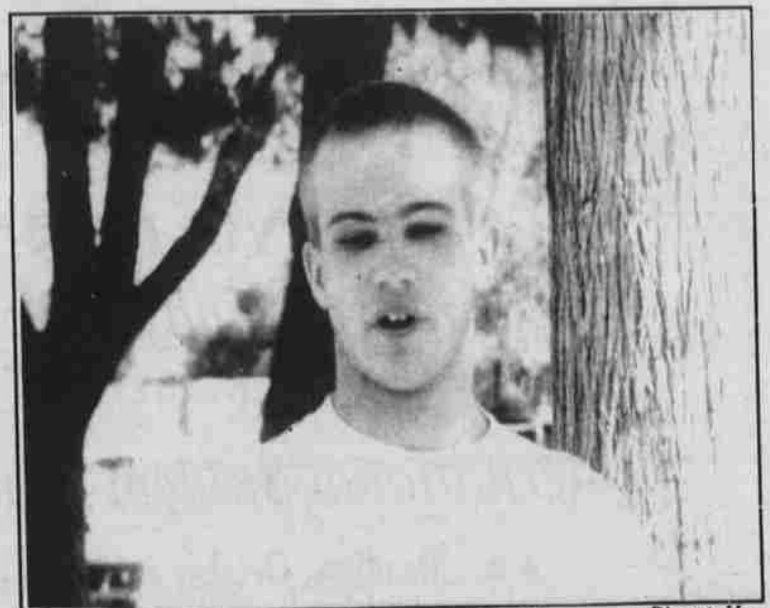
A needs survey was conducted in the summer of 1992 to identify community and regional needs for a master's degree program in health physics.

More than 180 potential students and employers overwhelmingly supported the program's development

in order to meet the increasing demand throughout the country for health physicists prepared at the graduate level, according to Dr. Vicky Carwein, dean of the College of Health Sciences.

"For the past several years, the Department of Energy in Nevada has repeatedly voiced the need for a master's program and has now provided substantial funding and equipment to support our planning efforts," Carwein said.

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Brett Silver enjoys his independence at the UNLV campus Photo/ Han

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