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## Masters in physical therapy must wait

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Students who wish to pursue a masters degree in physical therapy at UNLV will have to wait at least two more years, said Vicky Carwein, dean of the College of Health Sciences.

The entry level degree program, approved by the Board of Regents in 1989, has suffered years of setbacks due to a lack of funding. The latest and final decision is to put the program on a two-year moratorium.

Due to Governor Bob Miller's cuts in the

university's budget, the College of Health Sciences "did not have adequate resources in place to begin a quality program," Carwein said.

In addition, the university was put on a hiring freeze, one of the biggest assets needed to initiate the program.

Carwein explained that she was "very disappointed" about not being able to carry through on the program as originally planned, but stated "starting a program knowing we didn't have everything (necessary) wouldn't be fair to the students and it wouldn't be fair to the community."

Carwein insisted that the college has "every intention to get the program off the

ground" as soon as budget restraints allow for such a move.

In a letter sent out to the program's applicants, Carwein said, "it is our intention to begin faculty recruitment in fall 1994 for the 1995-96 academic year."

The degree program is quite important to Carwein as it would be the only one in Nevada.

Applications for admission to the masters degree program were being accepted in the Graduate College through the spring semester, and files were set up in the College of Health Sciences for future enrollment.

The decision to post-

pone the program until greater resources became available came when a consultant from California was hired in the fall of 1992 to assess the feasibility of the program's inception. There was also a concern that without the proper resources the program would not receive accreditation.

As for future funding, Carwein can only hope that the budget crunch will ease up enough to allow for the hiring of necessary faculty. The program needs a department chair and at least three full-time faculty members of which Carwein is hoping to get practicing physical therapists with doctorate degrees.

This has been another obstacle that the College of Health Sciences has faced.

Carwein explained that, because the profession is still evolving, doctorate degrees in physical therapy were not necessarily sought by those in the profession.

Jobs for those with degrees are readily available across the nation. Carwein said they have had qualified applicants for the positions, but there are "not very many to choose from."

A group consisting of Carwein, Graduate College Dean Ronald Smith, Provost John Unrue, and the Physical Therapy Community Advisory Board will be meeting sometime in next summer or fall to look at budget projections and the program's future.



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Smoke from the Dunes fire was seen all throughout Las Vegas on Thursday.

## Internet comes online at UNLV

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This is the first of a two-part series featuring UNLV's new Internet system. Part two will appear on Thursday.

Internet, the academic computer network that has been experiencing geometric growth of late, is the subject of an intense debate in academia, business, and some of its more than 15 million users worldwide.

At UNLV, students with Internet accounts can gain access to a network with six trillion characters in monthly information traffic, according to the National Science Foundation.

The Internet predecessor was established in 1969 as a means for the U.S. Department of Defense scientists to communicate, and was then named the Arpanet. The Arpanet was established for research purposes, and Internet is intended to continue that function. Internet has grown from its obscure roots as a highly specialized, highly technical service.

The Internet is now a burgeoning industry that, in many ways, competes directly with commercial long-distance telephone carriers and commercial on-line bulletin board services.

The net is supported by \$10 million to \$30 million a year in federal funds.

Internet is managed by vol-

unteer boards, and is owned by no one entity. The net is an association of 12,000 to 30,000 smaller networks.

Internet offers many services to college students, faculty, and researchers. Among the most popular services it offers are: electronic mail function (e-mail), and Usenet newsgroups. These two functions of Internet have been heralded as bringing members of the academic community closer together. Socially, the Internet allows students and faculty to be members of a "global village."

Moreover, students have devised more exotic uses for Internet, including multi-user dungeons (MUDs), which are narrated odysseys through electronic cyberspace. As non-data intensive narrations of a virtual reality, many users consider MUDs as the precursor to genuine multi-media virtual reality.

For more traditional academic applications, Internet offers the query system known as Archie, which allows users access to more than 50 gigabytes of information.

The University of Michigan has developed Gopher, which is a file-access and identification tool that uses menus and user-friendly commands. Many libraries offer on-line card catalogs.

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## Regents focus on faculty health care costs

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A health care ad-hoc committee will be established to study the increased cost for University and Community College Systems of Nevada employees.

John Richardson, UCCSN Board of Regents' interim chancellor, requested an eight-member committee be formed to analyze current benefits, monitor communication of benefits and offer advice on future causes of action to the chancellor at the Regents' meeting Thursday.

The measure was prompted by concerns from the classified employees and faculty stating that "increases have occurred because exist-

ing state budgets made no provision for inflation and health costs."

A memo to the regents said: "The current fiscal year budget allocates the same per-employee amount as 1992-93 (213.75) while medical costs have gone up 14 percent. The 1994-95 allocation will increase less than five percent."

John Swetnam, chair of the UNLV faculty senate, will request interim financial support of \$2 million from the employee health care system at the regent's meeting continuing today at Truckee Meadows Community College.

"If the current appropriations are not enhanced, the resulting changes in

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