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Maxson challenges state to renew commitment

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Pay raises considered the biggest priority on campus, Maxson says.

Appropriate salary raises for faculty and staff at UNLV was the major topic of discussion when President Robert Maxson spoke at his annual State of the University address.

In front of a packed auditorium in the Humanities Building, Maxson said, "I don't believe we can advance in the next 10 years academically the way we advanced the past decade—with the sweat of our brow and private fund raising.

"I see us at another crossroads," he said. "Our greatest needs now are not equipment and buildings. The challenges we face now are grounded in human needs, and in order to meet them we must have the renewed commitment of our state government."

After the university completes its current construction wave, which will include a new library, Maxson said the school will "in my judgement, have enough general classroom space and office space to last this campus for the next 10 years."

With most of the campus building needs behind him, Maxson is now pooling all of his resources to get raises for faculty, many of whom have not received a raise in three years.

The other two priorities on Maxson's agenda are creating 100 more faculty and staff positions and building the new library.

The new positions include 70 faculty and academic support staff, such as lab assistants and secretaries, and about 30 more campus positions such as maintenance crews and custodians.

Altogether, these requirements, Maxson said, represent "the greatest human needs of this campus. The men and women that work at this institution need a fair salary increase commensurate with their time and efforts," he said.

The earliest Maxson can meet with the state will be 1995. By that time, it will have been four years since the faculty has had a raise.

However, he began his campaigning efforts Monday afternoon, saying the financial problems of the university "can only be solved with the re-commitment of our state government."

Maxson cited statistics to back up his cause, saying "87 percent of the men and women who go to this university are from the state of Nevada, and 60 percent are from

this community.

"This is not an economically disadvantaged state," he continued, "especially when you consider that most of the students that come to this school are the sons and daughters of the taxpayers and the citizens of the state of Nevada. UNLV is the university in the state of Nevada that is in demand by Nevadans."

On a positive note, Maxson said he had never worked at another school "where the faculty and staff have kept such high morale or been so productive, even in the face of adversity."

He praised the faculty for going "the extra mile," especially

a year ago, when the faculty and staff declined to accept a merit raise in order to funnel the money into pro-

"I have never heard of another faculty and staff anywhere doing such a thing," he said.

Maxson read an excerpt from the latest issue of *100 Best College Buys*, published in Boston.

"The main heading that appears at the top of the page," said Maxson, "reads 'University of Nevada, Las Vegas. A National Flagship University.'"

Under a subheading that read, "UNLV: America's Youngest National University Rises Steadily in Stature," the publication listed UNLV among a group of 34 "Best Value Flagship Universities" around the country.

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President Robert Maxson

Student government constitution in revision

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At the Senate meeting on Sept. 22, James Yohe and Allan Kandcer faced off for the election of the chairman of the constitutional revision committee.

Kandcer gave his reasons for running for the position, "I want student government to represent as many people as I could, and I understand that there are people that don't have representation."

Yohe stated that, "A constitution is the organism that limits government and it needs to be as clear and concise as possible.

"I've been a senator for over a year," Yohe added, "and I haven't always agreed with what this senate has done, but I've always fought for right and not backed down."

Yohe was elected to chair the committee.

Senate President Bud Benneman addressed the problem related to the creation of "studies programs" that are outside of "academic colleges."

Benneman noted that there are at least four studies programs that are not represented in the Student Senate. The four, Benneman said, include: "communications studies, women's studies, liberal studies, and environmental studies."

Unless a constitutional revision is made, the Senate will be powerless to include any representation for these programs,

Benneman said.

Under the CSUN Constitution, under Article VI, he continued, the composition shall consist of 21 representatives from the academic colleges. The CSUN Constitution makes no mention of any "studies programs."

During open discussion, Benneman added, "We're not passing anything on this, because we can't. This whole thing's got to be addressed by a constitutional revision. I don't like that process, but that's what we're faced with, unless the JC [Judicial Council] rules are different, somehow."

Entertainment and Programming Director Jami Nalder thanked senators for their involvement in the tailgate party featuring the band Liquid Tree, along with free food and beer.

Nalder proposed two events for next year, including a comedy night set for February 17, and a Reggae Jam on March 9. The comedy night will use \$7,500 of CSUN funds and the Reggae Jam will cost \$5,200. Nalder also proposed a larger tailgate party for homecoming, which will feature, "more food, more beer, and hopefully more people."



On Tuesday UNLV students donated blood to charity in the Union.

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