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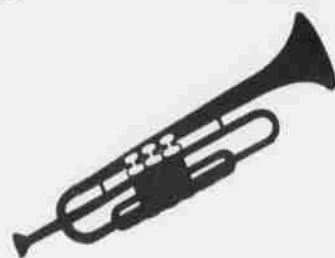
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UNLV student's condition unchanged

Brewer's companion listed in fair condition

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UNLV criminal justice major and former song leader Lauree Fujiuchi, 22, is still in fair condition at University Medical Center after being shot in the hand and chest early Sunday morning outside a Las Vegas night club.

Fujiuchi was a companion of UNLV graduate and former Rebel tight end Randy Brewer, 22, who was slain Sunday outside the Drink And Eat Too nightclub.

The gunman, former UNLV student Alexander J. Kaye, 21, took his own life in the parking lot of an adult bookstore near Paradise and Flamingo

Brewer remembered as inspirational 300 people attend memorial service

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A tearful memorial ceremony was attended by about 300 people yesterday at 1 p.m. for slain former

Rebel football player and UNLV communications graduate Randy Brewer at the UNLV Interfaith Student Center.

Brewer, who was shot to death early Sunday morning outside of a Las Vegas night club, was remembered by friends and family as an inspirational person.

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roads, after a standoff with the police following the fatal shooting of Brewer.

The shootings stemmed from a confrontation between groups of Kaye's and Brewer's friends, that started in the Beach Club, near Paradise Road

and Civic Center Drive.

The two groups ended up meeting up at the Drink, where no further interaction occurred, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Sgt. Kevin Manning said.

Metro police said that Kaye followed Brewer and Fujiuchi out of the club and began shooting.

Brewer was shot multiple times in the head and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The condition of Fujiuchi, who was a UNLV songleader on the dance team for two years and team captain last year, has not improved since she was admitted to UMC.

Dance team coach Sandy Roberts, who coached Fujiuchi during her time with the team, remembers her being a hard worker.

"She was very dedicated to all Rebel athletics," Roberts said. "She was very outgoing and always put her friends first."

Kaye was the son of local lounge singer Norman Kaye. The elder Kaye was the poet laureate for the state of Nevada for many years.

UNLV students lobby Congress not to cut student aid

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"We did exactly what we set out to do," said Tod Story, assistant director of Nevada Student Affairs, upon his return from Washington and conferences with Nevada's congressional delegation about proposed budget cuts to student financial aid.

"Our mission was to participate nationally and to increase our knowledge, and at the same time to inform Nevada legislators about student positions regarding the cuts," he explained.

Story, Nevada Student Affairs Director David Turner, and Student Government President John Pida met with legislators in Washington Sept. 10-13 to express their concerns for higher education.

At the Sept. 18 Senate meeting, Pida spoke briefly of his trip to Washington, claiming to have had a "busy but pleasant itinerary."

While in the nation's capital, Turner, Story, and Pida met with the United States Student Association, and participated in Emergency Action Week and the student rally to protest proposed Republican congressional cutbacks to student financial services nationwide.

The Republican budget proposal calls for \$10 billion in cuts from student loan programs over seven years. If passed, the cuts could raise

the cost of a college education by as much as \$2,111 for 12,200 college students. For 1,700 graduate students in Nevada, the cost of education could increase as much as \$9,424, according to the Department of Education.

UNLV's representatives expressed their concerns regarding the proposed budget cuts to Nevada Sens. Richard Bryan and Harry Reid, Congressman John Ensign, and representatives from

the offices of Congressman William Goodling and Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich.

"We were well-received by all of the delegates," said Turner. "We wanted our message to them to be concise. We set out with a short list of goals and we met and exceeded our list. We took advantage of every minute we got," Turner continued.

Sens. Bryan and Reid are opposed to the cuts and want to increase educational opportunities primarily for the middle class, people who will be most profoundly affected by the cutbacks.

"If these proposed cuts become a reality, Nevada's middle-class students will be hit the hardest," Bryan said. "Lower income students will still be eligible for student financial aid and upper income families will be able to afford tuition payments. But middle income working families, who will be denied financial aid,



UNLV students David Turner (l.), John Pida and Tod Story discuss with Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., proposed Republican congressional cutbacks that threaten student financial aid.

will find it difficult and in many cases impossible to send their children to college."

Convincing Congressman Ensign of the need for continued funding to the student financial aid program was a challenge, according to UNLV's three representatives.

"He took the time to listen and he gave the appearance that he was interested in what the students had to say. I don't think what we said made a difference to him, though," Turner said.

A spokesperson for Ensign said there wasn't a need for UNLV's representatives to come to Washington and that Ensign would have been more than willing to come to UNLV to answer any questions students have regarding this issue.

Ensign has emphasized his

commitment to act in the best interest of his constituents, and says that he will use his best judgment to do so.

"The fact remains that the national debt is the single most threatening obstacle to the prosperity of all Americans, especially students," Ensign said.

According to Turner, the biggest area of conflict is with direct lending. Whether the federal government or the private sector should sell loans is the primary issue being disputed. Republicans argue that handling student loans costs the federal government far too much money, and that the government should not act as a bank. Democrats disagree.

"There are two different agencies, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Congressional Budget Of-

fice (CBO). Both are non-partisan, but the methods in which they've accumulated their numbers are different," Turner said.

"The CBO numbers say that it costs too much for the government to handle loans. The CRS numbers say the opposite. Nobody knows which set of numbers is correct. Both agencies believe in their numbers. It really comes down to who does the best selling job," Turner continued.

Despite differences in opinion and opposing configurations, all of the parties involved agreed on the importance of higher education.

Says Turner, "The trip was definitely a success. We got the information we wanted and we learned a lot, too. But it's not over yet."