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## School of Social Work accreditation in danger

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Understaffing and the lack of a permanent director are placing UNLV's School of Social Work in danger of losing its accreditation, according to Interim Director Ron Ferrell. First and foremost, said Ferrell, the school must hire a permanent director whose Ph.D. is in social work. The School of Social Work has had an interim director for the past two years, and before that, several directors who each stayed for only short periods of time.

"This clearly is an indication of instability," Ferrell said.

The school is also understaffed, said Ferrell. For the amount of students enrolled in the program, there should be 19 faculty members. Cur-

rently there are only 11.

In addition, too many classes are being taught by part-time faculty. Forty percent of all core classes this term are being taught by part-timers. Part-time faculty should be reserved to teach special courses as working experts in the field.

In a letter written to fellow social work students by the University Association of Social Workers, many of the school's problems were attributed to "...the university's neglect and failure to provide adequate support and resources necessary to maintain a quality program in the School of Social Work."

But Ferrell contends it's not the university, rather the state which is not providing sufficient funding.

"I'm not inclined to blame the university itself in the

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—Ron Ferrell

present or the past, rather it's been largely a result of the university not receiving funding from the state," Ferrell said. "The university can't give something it doesn't have."

Ferrell also attributes some of the problems to the school's rapid growth. He stated that the school has not been assigned additional faculty to keep up with the growing number of social work students enrolled each year.

A reallocation of resources by the university may be the answer to some of the problems faced by the school, Fer-

rell said. Ferrell along with some other faculty have already met to discuss a reallocation of funds through the university.

"I'm certain a good, hard, objective look at this program would result in a reallocation of funds," Ferrell said. "It's very easy to justify."

The school must submit its eligibility forms by June 15, 1996 to the Council of Social Work Education. In the meantime a few changes must be made.

First, a search committee is being formed to find a new director. They plan to have a permanent director hired by Jan. 1, 1996.

"We have to find a director who we can appoint at the senior level, who is able to be tenured and someone who is up to a challenge," Ferrell said. "We also need someone who is

an accomplished scholar."

Although the amount being offered to the new director is competitive, the school may need additional funding to attract the level of person they need who would be willing to face many difficulties, Ferrell said.

Second, in an effort to balance the student-to-faculty ratio, the number of students admitted to the graduate program will be reduced. Last year out of 250 applicants, nearly 80 students were accepted to the graduate program. Next year they will accept only between 25 and 30 students.

"That affects you very directly," Ferrell said. "We just can't produce as many social workers as are needed here in Las Vegas."

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## Judicial Council rules Pida veto invalid

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The Judicial Council ruled Monday, that Student Government President John Pida's veto of the Senate's decision to deny payment to Tod Story, newly appointed assistant director of Nevada Student Affairs, was invalid. The veto, according to the Judicial Council, violated the Senate Constitution.

Senate President Pat Smith requested the opinion of the Judicial Council regarding the validity of Pida's veto upon receiving it Sept. 8. The hearing occurred Sept. 22. Five voting members of the council were present.

Student Sen. Scott Schwartz spoke against Pida's veto, quoting Article 5-C3 of the Senate Constitution:

"The President shall be empowered to veto, as a whole, any Senate action, within 48 hours of adjournment of the meeting at which it was passed."

Schwartz argued that the veto was invalid because the motion to compensate Story financially for his position never passed through the Sen-

ate, leaving Pres. Pida with no authority to veto the Senate's unanimous decision to fail the motion.

"He vetoed it because he wanted it to pass," Schwartz said.

"Under Article 6-C2, 'Senate approval is required to disperse CSUN funds."

"Even if we did not override his veto, there's still no approval (to pay Story for his assistant directorship)," Schwartz said. Sen. Pres. Pat Smith concurred.

The council, responsible for interpreting the Senate Constitution, reviewed the case upon adjournment of the hearing. It was the unanimous decision of the council that Pida's veto violated the Senate Constitution, making it an invalid act.

A written statement from the Judicial Council was released Monday, ruling, "The Judicial Council found in accordance with Robert's Rules of order and CSUN Constitution Article 5-C3, an action may not be vetoed unless the action has been moved and passed by the voting body."

Sen. Pres. Pat Smith was not surprised by the Council's decision.

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## Fifth Annual Oozeball Tournament, a success

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The Student Alumni Association and the UNLV Intramurals Department held their fifth Annual UNLV Oozeball Tournament on Saturday at the intramurals field on campus, with the defending champions winning the title once again.

Tip-off was at 7:30 am, and the students wasted no time hitting the mud. A wide variety of clubs and organizations were represented. The event consisted of four mud pit volleyball courts with eight teams playing at a time. Teams were primarily coed with a minimum of two females per team. The matches were played to 12 points or 12 minutes with a referee and scorekeeper at each match.

In the final round, returning champs "Straight Down" met up with the "Mudholios." Despite a close earlier match, "Straight Down" prevailed with a score of 12-3.

The event was co-sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the UNLV Intramurals Department. Other sponsors included The Edge, Snapple,

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## Set... Spike... Splat!



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY

Sixty-four teams participated in the fifth annual Oozeball Tournament co-sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the UNLV Intramurals Department.