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are not effective...most go unnoticed," Lexi said. "Televisions are more visually oriented and I think more people will notice (the broadcasts)."

The senate approved two concepts, that of the Rebel mascot and the extension of the student annex, but no funding has been allocated to date.

The Rebel mascot is a 25-foot inflatable balloon, which would represent UNLV at various events, including football games and pep rallies. The mascot is estimated at a cost of \$8,600.

Fleischman also expressed concern about the amount of research put into the project.

"(The inflatable Rebel) isn't such a bad idea, but the upkeep must be considered. These

things tear," Fleischman said. "Theft, training, and transportation are also factors to consider."

If funding for the mascot is approved, CSUN will solicit donations from various UNLV organizations. These groups will in turn have access to the mascot, but possession would belong to CSUN, according to Fleischman.

CSUN is also looking to build an annex-extension in the Classroom Building Complex where students can get pencils, scantrons and bluebooks. This would prevent students from having to get these supplies from the CSUN office in the MSU.

If funding is approved, the new annex will mark the third on campus. The others are located at the Bigelow Health Science Building and in the MSU.

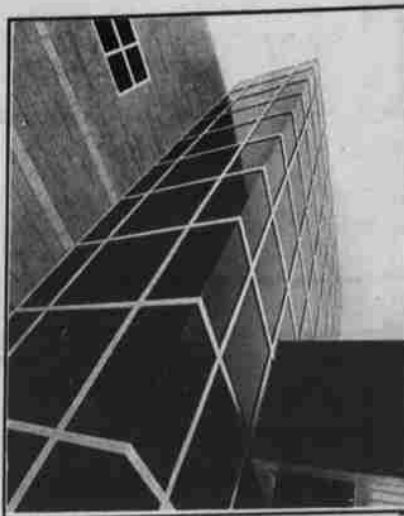
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complex, located across from Rebel Park, includes locker rooms, auditoriums, meeting rooms, coaches offices and strength and conditioning equipment. It also houses state-of-the-art whirlpools and training rooms for injured athletes.

Each locker room is equipped with private showers and dressing areas, and areas designated for coaches.

Football offices, Olympic sport headquarters and an administration area are housed on the second floor of the complex. A media workroom for press interviews with Rebel athletes and



The 65,00-square-foot Lied Athletic Complex carried an \$ 8.5 million price tag.

coaches is also stationed inside.

The Lied will serve as home to all UNLV sports teams, excluding basketball, which uses services within the Thomas &

Mack Center, and soccer, which uses the Robert J. Miller Building located beside the Peter Johann Memorial Soccer Field.

The \$8.5 million complex was funded with money donated to the athletic program. Majority of the funds were donated by Christina Hixson, whose \$4 million donation is the largest in UNLV sports history.

"This is a first-class facility," Rebel Football Coach Jeff Horton said. "The Lied will help us become competitive with any program in the country. The opening of the complex, coinciding with our entrance into the WAC, shows how much UNLV has to offer student athletes."

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(Kinesiological Sciences, Exercise Physiology, Sports Injury Management) were established.

Some colleges underwent changes in name only—for example, the College of Science and Mathematics is now the College of Sciences, and the College of Business and Economics has been renamed the College of Business.

A summary presented to the Board of Regents indicates that these and other name changes were made "in order to establish more general, umbrella titles to UNLV's academic colleges."

While other programs were dismantled, the Honors program was upgraded to a full-fledged college. Honors College Dean Len Zane is excited about the advancement of his program. "Of course I'd rather be a college than a program," Zane said.

According to Zane, one advantage for his college is increased visibility. "There are definitely more recruiting advantages," Zane said. "Being a college obviously gives us greater visibility than just being a program."

"In some sense the change is cosmetic," Zane continued. "Most everything will be staying the same from the students' point of view but I think it will definitely have a positive impact."

For many, however, the initial impact of the proposed reorganization was not positive. Articles published in the *Las Vegas Sun* confirmed uncertainty among students and faculty.

In one report concerning Ferraro's address to the faculty senate, Economics Professor William Robinson said, "[Harter] has already said that some colleges will be growth college and others won't. I see this reorganization as an attempt to funnel money into those growth colleges."

Others have criticized the College of Urban Affairs itself, deeming it a mish-mash of detached and unrelated departments. But Harter and Ferraro maintain the contrary. Both said they are confident that the College of Urban Affairs has great potential as the representation of UNLV's evolution toward becoming a premier urban university.

Students within the separate entities of the new college will soon realize the opportunities gained from uniting them, according to Ferraro. "I think there is a lack of experience about what a collective can do. This college represents the infrastructure of our community," Ferraro said.

He added that the college can unite its efforts to effectively reach out and help solve problems in Las Vegas.

Patricia Markos of the new college's Department of Counseling has already moved toward that effort. She submitted a proposal that she hopes will unite the efforts of all six Urban Affairs entities in the fight against homelessness.

"Homelessness affects all the departments—Communications, Social Work, Counseling, even Environmental Studies," Markos said. Through her proposed Institute for the Study of Homelessness, Markos said she hopes to pool each department's resources together to battle the social epidemic.

Other faculty members have offered support for the new college, including Gary Kreps, former dean of the Greenspun School of Communication. Kreps now serves as its executive director.

Kreps said he is enthusiastic about working with other de-

partments in the new college and that changes are generally administrative. "This is an exciting opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration, and a bold move into the future," he said.

Assistant Dean of Architecture Michael Alcorn was also optimistic about his school's move into the College of Fine Arts. Regarding their transition, Alcorn said, "It's going splendidly...it was amazing, when the deed was done, how much better off the program is in the College of Fine Arts."

Although some may see Architecture under the mantle of Fine Arts as a mismatch, Alcorn said there are many common denominators between Architecture and Fine Art studies that most people don't realize. "There are model shops, lighting labs and sliding libraries that both Fine Art students and Architecture students use...it's not at all a radical thing for Architecture to be aligned with Fine Arts," he explained.

The move into the College of Fine Arts also ensured accreditation of the Architecture program, which was a primary consideration in the realignment.

Students voiced equal concerns about the reorganization initially, but from a different perspective.

At the CSUN student forum in July, communication stu-

dents lobbied for their autonomy, stating that going from an independent entity to a department within the College of Urban Affairs would result in lost visibility, identity and stature.

Many students weren't sure what their diplomas would read, if their class requirements would change or if combining with other colleges would spread scholarship opportunities thin due to an increased number of applicants. But Ferraro said he wants to put students' minds at ease.

"From the outset, we have said that the reorganization would be relatively seamless for students," Ferraro said. This transparency will be maintained as the semester progresses, he added.

"In a couple of weeks, I expect [students] will forget that the transition ever occurred," he concluded.

CSUN President Aaron Rosenthal agrees with Ferraro that the reorganization doesn't seem to have left many students unsettled.

"I haven't heard a lot of concerns because I think the

transition will be fairly transparent for the students," Rosenthal said. He added that the student forum held with Ferraro helped students better understand the changes.

His main concern, Rosenthal said, was ensuring that the senators whose colleges were experiencing changes were adequately informed so that they, in turn, could inform the students they represent.

Overall, Ferraro said he is encouraged by the reorganization and its progress. "It's going extremely well. I am pleased by the potential that has already been realized," he said.

According to Regent Shelley Berkley, the Board of Regents is also pleased by the transformation. She said she's confident that students, faculty and UNLV in general will advance academically from it.

"We are optimistic," Berkley said. "This is an important step in the future of UNLV. I'm sure there will be glitches, change is inherently difficult. But once [the reorganization] is given a chance to work, we all will be pleased with the results."

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