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# \$1 billion budget proposed by regents

The Rebel Yell

The University and Community College System of Nevada Board of Regents approved a tentative budget of \$1 billion which will be sent to next year's Nevada Legislature.

The budget, which is a 35 percent increase over the current biennial budget, calls for several major projects at UNLV, including a dental school, massive renovations to the Dickinson Library and student services complex and a new teaching and learning center on campus. It also calls for yearly raises for UNLV's professors and an increase in student fees.

System officials expect that the number of students attending the state's universities and community colleges will increase by over six percent in both 1999 and 2000. This will cost the state at least \$57 million of the \$275.5 million increase just to maintain current services.

The budget plan must still be accepted by the regents at their August meeting in Elko. However, the members of the board, who were meeting at Western Nevada Community College in Fallon, directed members of their staff of begin assembling the final numbers of the plan.

As detailed last month, students at UNLV and UNR will see their per credit costs rise 3.6 percent in each of the two fiscal years (1999-00 and 2000-01). The costs will be \$71.50 for 99-00 and \$74 for 00-01.

Chancellor Richard Jarvis said that the student fees were modest, stating that they show that the students are contributing their share in helping the state meet its higher educational needs.

Jarvis said that Nevada's students pay less than \$2,000 per year in fees, compared to the national average of \$3,300. In a recent study, Nevada ranked 14th out of 16 Western states in the average cost of tuition and fees for resident students. Only Idaho and the California State system were less expensive.

Another major element of the proposed budget is the creation of a dental school at UNLV. President Carol Harter told the regents that a consulting study should be completed in the fall. Early information from that study shows that Nevada has the largest percentage of people who are underserved by dentists in the entire nation. According to the data, Nevada requires 40 new dentists every year, just to keep up with the population growth.

This new school would cost approximately \$5.3 million per year. The first class would consist of 40 students and more classes would be added after that time.

The regents also proposed a new construction program which would allocate \$178 million for construction of 35 new buildings by 2001 at the state's colleges and universities. UNLV would see a large piece of the money for new facilities and renovations to existing

School of Law; \$3.8 million for a 20,000-square-foot addition to the Student Services Building, which would house the admissions, international student affairs and registrar's offices, among others; \$9.1 million for a 37,000-square-foot addition to Wright Hall, including a new auditorium; and \$9.1 million for a teaching and learning center that will include facilities for distance education, computer facilities and technologically advanced classrooms.

The request list has been prioritized in order to give the Legislature another funding option, should they choose to not accept all of the proposed budget. The top priorities will cost the state approximately \$103 million.

Jarvis said that the system realizes that the increased university funding may not be acceptable to

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President Carol Harter buildings.

Included in the funding plan are: \$7.7 million for furnishing the new Lied Library, which is now under construction; \$13.1 million for renovating the James Dickinson Library, which will become the home for the William S. Boyd

## Senate discusses funds

By Brad Tittrington  
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The CSUN Senate will hold their final meeting of the semester tonight in the Moyer Student Union, Room 201 at 7 p.m. as the agenda is filled with funding requests from various organizations.

The following organizations have all submitted funding requests for \$500: Beta Theta Pi; UNLV ASME; APHP; Poetry Club; UNLV Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery; PRSSA; Alpha Kappa Psi; Native American Student Association; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; Sigma Alpha Mu; U.A.S.W.; Pakistani Indian Association; UNLV Bowler's Association; Pi Sigma Alpha; Black Student Association; and the Human Powered Vehicle Club.

The Aikido Club is asking for \$450, Alpha Kappa Alpha is asking for \$250, LGBA is asking for \$239.41 and Sigma Gamma Epsilon is requesting \$196.43.

The other items on the agenda up for discussion/approval are a request for \$200 to go to Leia Fleishman as merit pay as director of elections board and the stipends and fee waivers for directors.

The stipend and fee waiver item calls for the entertainment and programming director to receive a \$420 a month stipend and a 24 credit fee waiver, the organizations board director to receive a \$400 a month stipend and a 24 credit fee waiver, the office of student information director to receive a \$400 a month stipend and 24 credit fee waiver, and the Nevada Student Affairs director and the elections board director to receive \$400 a month and a 24 credit fee waiver.

The meeting is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. This will be the first meeting that Senate President Rick Kimbrough will preside over and will be the last meeting of the semester. However, the senate will meet over the summer.

## Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta take honors

By Brad Tittrington  
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Lambda Chi Alpha won the President's Cup for the first time and Alpha Gamma Delta won it for the second consecutive year and fourth time in five years at the Greek awards ceremony on Sunday in the Moyer Student Union.

"It's just overwhelming," Lambda Chi Alpha President Josh Nisenson said. "I am stunned. It hasn't hit me yet. I feel very honored. I am accepting on behalf of 61 members. We paid the price for the past two years with hard work and dedication. It's easy when you have over 60 guys helping the cause. I love it. It is for the chapter."

"This is for all of our sisters, not just one member," Alpha Gamma Delta President Crystal Wayne said. "They have tried so hard this year. All our hard work paid off. We are finally recognized



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Greek awards being showed off included President's Cup.

for doing good. It's the highest honor we can imagine. Every single member participated in the Greek Week events. All of the girls feel a little bit of pride."

Plenty of other awards were

also presented at the ceremony. Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Mu won the best banner award for Greek Week. Alpha Gamma Delta

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## Social Work director steps down

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The director of the School of Social Work has resigned from his position that he has held for less than a year.

Leroy Pelton's resignation becomes effective June 30, but according to Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Dean Martha Watson, Pelton may leave the post earlier.

Pelton left the post because he felt there was constant interference and harassment from Watson. He took his complaints to top administrators who refused to make any changes in order to keep Pelton at the university.

According to Watson, the resignation will not hurt the program's future. Watson plans to replace Pelton with a faculty member for the time being.

The School of Social Work has had many troubles during the past year. Last fall, the Council on Social Work Education informed UNLV that they were initiating withdrawal of the program's master of social work accreditation. Pelton was successful in helping UNLV win a reprieve. Pelton and other top administrators persuaded the council to place UNLV in conditional status.

Pelton, who is a national expert on child welfare, came to UNLV after serving on the staff at Salem State College in Massachusetts. He had planned out what the future of the program would be and was given much of the credit for the reprise received last fall.

The school was on probation because of a number of reasons, including the inadequate background of the previous program director. Pelton had made many changes and helped turn some of the problems around and his resignation may jeopardize the accreditation of the school.

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