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Political controversy may kill "freedom" plaque

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A plaque in front of Wright Hall which supported freedom fighters has recently been removed because of its controversial political statement.

President Robert Maxson said that the plaque, which was erected by the College Republicans, was approved by the university under confusing circumstances.

"Everything that has been done has been done with good intentions," Maxson said. "Everyone has agreed, why not honor all people that have stood and fought for freedom? A new plaque will be representing that."

Maxson said he was under the impression that student services had already approved the wording on the plaque.

Dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman

said student services was approached by the College Republicans only at the beginning of the project.

"What we agreed to was the concept," Ackerman said. "There was never any approval for the final wording of the plaque or the way it was to be displayed."

"Originally when it was presented, it was presented as a bi-partisan effort to honor freedom fighters. It seemed like something that would not be offensive," Ackerman said.

Ackerman said he never heard about the project again after his office approved the concept for a plaque. He said he happened to notice the plaque one day as he was coming out of Beam Hall.

"The wording bothered me," Ackerman said. "Universities are not supposed to get involved in political issues."

No one the Yellin' Rebel talked to could give the exact wording of the plaque.

Ackerman said he was also surprised to see how large the base of the plaque was, since he had expected to see a small plaque underneath a tree.

Ackerman said the confusion was because the university did not have a policy to deal with this kind of situation, but is working on one now.

"It's been a learning experience for all of us, I guess," Ackerman said. "We were caught off guard. It's one of those things you don't think about until you're asked." "It's a project that kind of took on a life of its own," he added.

Maxson said the College Republicans, and particularly Scott Black who was the group's president at the time, did not do anything to misrepresent themselves.

"When students make



CAN YOU SAY XERISCAPE? — President Robert C. Maxson and former president Donald H. Baepler, current director of the Museum of Natural History, dedicate the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden behind Wright Hall. photo by jon ansok/Rebel photo editor

a request from me, I try every way I can to honor the request," Maxson said.

Dean Thomas Wright of

the College of Arts and Letters said he was surprised to see the plaque appear.

"I have certainly a very

strong objection to a plaque on our campus, or anywhere, in honor of the contras. I have trouble

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Security may be student affair in near-future

by lisa essary

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If UNLV's Senate President Steve Evenson has his way, certain social functions at UNLV will eventually be monitored by student security rather than by the private security firms that have been used in the past.

"Private security firms that we have used before have not lived up to our expectations," Evenson said. "I think students will be able to do a better job because they are students themselves and they can

relate well with other students."

The proposed student security program will be patterned after a similar organization that broke up about two years ago called the "Red Shirts," according to Evenson. The Red Shirts broke up due to lack of funding and lack of direction, he said.

"The student government pays \$25,000 a year to fund one campus police officer," said Evenson, "and if we could get that money re-allocated, we could have one of the better security systems on

the West Coast. I'd like to see [student security] become a symbol of prestige. These guys would be on patrol from dusk until about midnight, serving as an escort service, and checking buildings to see if they're locked and being maintained. It's up in the air right now, but it will happen."

Evenson hopes to attend the 1989 session of the Nevada State Legislative in Carson City in an attempt to help secure the proper funding for UNLV.

Apartment owner threatens to tow student vehicles

by kurt hildebrand

editor

Can't find a place to park on-campus? Maybe you would rather not find anywhere to park at home? This is the situation, the people living at the Off Campus apartments have found themselves in, and apartment manager Randy Broberg said she is tired of it.

According to Broberg, every time there is an event at the Thomas & Mack, the parking lots to her apartments fill up with

people who do not live there.

"I used to find broken bottles in the parking lot after a Rebel game or something else, but I didn't want to tow away anyone's car over it," she said.

But, since Broberg doubled the number of apartments she possesses through the purchase of the old University Arms apartment building, she said the situation has become intolerable.

"I don't want to tow people off," she said. "But

every morning after an event I have 90 irate people screaming at me about how they can't find any parking when they come home at night, and I am going to have to start doing something about it."

Broberg said she is going to start towing cars away if the situation doesn't change drastically.

"I would rather handle it nicely, but I am going to have to start towing kid's cars off if they don't cool it," she said.