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Executive Board hopefuls debate

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Top contenders for CSUN Executive Board duked it out in the third annual Yellin' Rebel debate Wed., Feb. 24.

Candidates for President Steve Evenson, Mike Popp, and Toby Romer agreed that more funding for student service was required for student growth.

Romer said that he would work with the Nevada legislature to obtain more money, rather than burdening students.

"We as students don't want sacrifices to come out of our pockets," he said.

Evenson said UNLV needed more money to "catch up" to the University of Nevada at Reno. He added that UNLV was a much larger institution. He denied his campaign was "kicked off" by a press conference he held several weeks ago to compare monetary differences between the two universities.

Popp said his current CSUN position prepared him well for the job of President.

"As Athletic Director, I've had to make unbiased decisions," he said.

Romer said he was looking for UNLV to progress into more of a live-in campus, rather than the heavily commuter one it is now, and added that UNLV.

Of UNLV's growth, he said "We need to face the problems of keeping up with those changes."

When asked by KVBC reporter Dave Riggleman (one of the media panelists, including the Las Vegas Sun's Erik Pappas, the Review Journal's Sean Whaley,



MAKING A POINT — CSUN Presidential hopeful Toby Romer answers a question while Steve Evenson and Mike Popp look on.

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and the Yellin' Rebel's Kurt Hildebrand, along with debate moderator Sharon Dockters) why each candidate felt he was qualified, Evenson, Romer and Popp listed their credentials. Popp said he knew of every organization on campus.

"I have a vision for UNLV," Romer said. "This university is waiting to bust out." He added he felt he had more "life experience."

The Vice Presidential Candidates, Tammy Fountain (running independently), Jennifer McGinty (running with Evenson), and Mike Mixer (running with Mike Popp) said they would fully support their Presidential candidates, and echoed concerns on growth and funding.

"I want to give students the opportunity to participate in their student government," said Mixer.

Fountain said accreditation was a high priority for her agenda.

"We need to start working with our departments to achieve total accreditation," she said.

McGinty mentioned her full support of MSU 2000 and she too would work for increased funding.

Mixer said UNLV is bound by law for proposed funds to go into their intended programs and didn't feel "kicking assemblymen in back of the pants" would be necessary to allocate funds.

Jack Spicer, senate president candidate, said "We [the senate] are going to have an active policy."

Supreme court to hear Tarkanian case

by seamus brennan

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The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would review a lower court decision which barred the NCAA from ordering the suspension of UNLV head basketball coach, Jerry Tarkanian.

Sam Lionel, Tarkanian's attorney, said the case will probably be heard sometime in December or early next year.

The decision is the latest development in a protracted battle between the NCAA and Tarkanian. In 1976, he was accused by the NCAA of numerous rule violations and unethical behavior. After conducting its own investigation, the NCAA ordered UNLV to suspend Tarkanian from coaching for two years and placed the university's athletic program on probation (1977-1979).

A court order blocked

his suspension and Tarkanian continued as UNLV's basketball coach.

Last August, the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that the NCAA had violated Tarkanian's constitutional rights during its investigation by failing to afford him the due process to which he is entitled as a state employee.

Lionel explained, "It is a matter of state action. Anytime an individual working for a government institution is fired, he or

she must be given a hearing; that is guaranteed by due process in the (U.S.) Constitution."

"There is no question that UNLV is a state actor in this matter. The NCAA, by telling UNLV it had to suspend Tarkanian, is no different than UNLV trying to suspend Tarkanian on its own."

The NCAA opposed the court's decision. A spokesman for the organization said, "The NCAA maintains that

regulation of student-athlete recruitment, admission, financial aid matters and the conduct of institutions, students and coaches in these areas should be left to the NCAA membership, and not deemed to be governmental actions."

The NCAA also protested to the Supreme Court that Tarkanian had a "homecourt" advantage in Nevada, that Judge Paul Goldman ruled "in favor of a popular, local

personality" against the NCAA.

The spokesman for the college sports' organizing and legislative body said that the NCAA was pleased with the decision, "We look forward to a full discussion of these issues in the U.S. Supreme Court."

Refusing to comment on the announcement, Tarkanian would only say, "My attorney has assured me that we have nothing to worry about."