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Reid talks politics to Young Democrats

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staff writer

Speaking before members of the Young Democrat Club in the Moyer Student Union on Wed., March 9, Sen. Harry Reid stated that the Democratic Party was at a crossroads in Nevada. He also said it was important for university students to become very active in their party because the 1990's would be a pivotal decade.

When asked why he endorsed Sen. Albert Gore of Tenn., Reid said Gore has great insight into the future. He commented that the results of Super Tuesday proved that the American public aren't interested in the same old fashioned politics and said that Gore carried the Silver State because he knows and understands Nevadans.

Reid also said that if the Democratic Party is to win the Presidency, it must have a candidate who can carry the West and the South. He noted that Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter were elected because they represented the South. "Gore," he said, "if elected, will be the most surprising elected President in this century."

Reid noted that the media counted him out on the morning of Super Tuesday, yet he carried six states which was more than any other candidate.

On another subject, Reid said that he supported a bill which would change the method by which Congress elects its constituents. Under the present system, the average congressional race costs 3 million dollars. "We need to make a change so that

elections do not go to the highest bidder. The Republicans, this year, would not agree to curb campaign spending.

"At the same time, I also feel that we need to shorten the election time period and make the air waves more accessible and cheaper. Great Britain, for example, has elections which last only three weeks," he said.

When questioned about the need to continue nuclear testing, Reid said that as long as the United States has an arsenal of weapons, it must continue to test them. He also noted that attention should be directed toward the INF Treaty with the Soviets. He said he also felt that while many people are concerned about the money spent on testing, testing is a very small part of the money spent on national defense.

Reid also noted that the method for selecting the Democratic presidential nominee should be changed so that there would be only five or six regional primaries. "In Iowa, for example," he said, "Dick Gephardt beat Paul Simon by less than one-half of one percent. He (Simon) was not given any credit. As a result of being beat, money stopped flowing into his campaign and this triggered the beginning of the end for Simon. It is ridiculous that Simon's candidacy should be determined by 1/2 of 1% in Iowa. Thus, I am totally in favor of setting up a number of regional primaries. If we could do this, it would be good for the people. These primaries should also be staggered so that they don't go on forever."

Calendar of Events

March 15

University forum lecture: "The 1988 Presidential Primaries" Dina Titus & Michael Bowers. 7:30pm Wright hall 116. Free 739-3401.

Seminar: "Italian Cuisine; the Grand Finale" 6:30-10:30 pm Beam Hall 233. \$30 739-3394

March 16

Panel Discussion: "The Practical Side of Political Life" featuring former senator Howard Cannon 7:30pm Wright auditorium 103. Free, 739-3252

Dance Concert: Clark County School District Dance Festival. 7pm Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Free 739-8429.

March 17

Film Series: "The Sound of Trumpets" 7pm Wright Auditorium 103. Free 739-3401.

MSU board seeks new leaders

by gary mantz

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Moyer Student Union Board is preparing its search for the next chairperson and three other student officers, who will take over May 1, said current chairman Sam Lieberman.

The board, assisting the Union administrative staff in an advisory capacity, will be presiding over construction phases of MSU 2000, the largest expansion project by far in the history of the facility.

"We're looking for people who are interested in getting involved in a programmatic and administrative arm of the university," said Lieberman, who noted that the task of the board is not to make policy but recommendations to MSU/Activities Director Burt Teh, and other campus administrators regarding Union business.

MSU 2000 is an ambitious undertaking, aiming at meeting social and practical needs of a booming UNLV population. When construction is finished, the Union will have much larger seating in the food area, a third-floor elevator, an expanded arcade, and a restructured activities program "appealing to a broader range of students," the chairman said.

Seeking a chairperson and officers to provide the necessary input will be a wide-open affair. A 3pm briefing, detailing the function of the board, will be offered to all interested parties on March 30, and again of April 13. The meeting site will be printed on all applications. For the top spot, those forms will be available (in MSU 126) Mar. 21 - Apr. 8, and from Mar. 21 to Apr. 14 for the others. Interviews are scheduled the week of Apr. 11 for the chairman-

ship, and the following week for the rest.

Lieberman indicated that four seats, including faculty representative, an alum spot, and representatives of Classified staff and graduate students are also to be filled, by the new board's Executive Committee, in a separate process.

The chairmanship brings with it a \$1,000 stipend and an in-state fee waiver. Unsuccessful candidates for the position are welcome to apply for one of the remaining student member seats, which are not remunerated, Lieberman said.

"You learn a tremendous amount about how the university works", he said. "You learn to watch people and listen, picking out what you think they want to see happen in MSU, and implement that." Questions may be directed Sam Lieberman, at 739-3221.

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