

Prof Dina Titus Runs for State Senate

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Using the slogan "she thinks for herself and nobody owns her," Political Science Professor Dina Titus is running for state senate in district 7.

"It was a last minute decision," Titus said. "A lot of people came up to me and asked me to run because the man who said he was going to (Carl Lovell) backed out at the last minute."

"At first, I said 'no' because it was kind of late to get started," Titus said.

Titus, who is a democrat, has so far received the support of several politicians, including former U.S. Senator Howard Cannon and former Governor Mike O'Callahan. She has also

been endorsed by the Central Labor Council.

"For 11 years I've been teaching and researching on Nevada, and now, instead of studying it, I'm going to do it," Titus said.

While Titus has never run for office before, she has plenty of experience with state issues.

Some of her activities in the last few years include being chairperson of the Nevada Humanities Committee, serving on the

Nevada Bicentennial Commission and the Nevada Nuclear Waste Commission. She has also written about gaming regulations,



federal control of state land, and Nevada water and land use policy.

"A big issue will, naturally, be education," Titus said. "Nevada needs to spend more money on

education at all levels."

"We're going to have to broaden the tax base to do that, but that doesn't mean across the board," she stressed.

She suggested, for example, that the gold mines be taxed more heavily.

Titus said that unlike many teachers, she has not committed to the idea of a state corporate income tax. She said she is waiting to make her decision on that issue until an out-of-state firm completes an unbiased study in November or December.

Titus said she is committed to seeing that southern Nevada receives a fair share of tax dollars.

"We pay 60-70 percent of the state's taxes, but don't get that much back," she pointed out. "While we have some obligation to the

North, we shouldn't have to pick up the whole burden."

Being elected will make her an even better instructor, Titus said.

"I'll have an insight on what I've been teaching," she said.

Her plan, if elected, is to take a leave of absence every other spring and implement a student intern program, she said.

Titus said that much of her campaigning effort is devoted to walking her district trying to meet as many voters as possible.

"Everybody says that door-to-door visit makes a difference in the voter's mind," Titus said.

With the exception of Sundays, she spends every morning and evening knocking on doors.

Titus said she is ad-

justing to the fact that, unlike teaching or writing, she isn't solely responsible for the success of her campaign.

"You are so dependent on so many different people. What you do yourself is just a part of it."

She also said she can't say the same things as a politician that she can as a teacher.

"I want it to be a positive campaign," Titus said. "I'm stressing things I have that my opponent doesn't—experience with Nevada topics, education, maturity, responsibility."

Titus faces Tom Kirkpatrick in the September primary. She said that Terry Tebbs will probably win the Republican primary.

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Vallen Resigns Post

by gary mantz
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Dean Jerry Vallen has notified the College of Hotel Administration that he intends to resign his leadership post in July of 1989. He will not be leaving UNLV, however, but will return to the classroom full-time.

"I had often talked about serving in the job for 20 years," the dean said. "It turns out now it's going to be 22." He said there is no problem precipitating his departure.

"Twenty years is up, and it's just time to let the new dean come in and reorganize a little bit."

In principle, Dean Vallen gave 1½ years' notice, as of last spring. Accordingly, he is prepared

to stay until January 1990 awaiting a successor. The ample span is intended to preclude installation of an interim dean. Vallen said he does not want to see a situation in which major decisions at Hotel must be put "on hold" while a permanent replacement is sought.

The Hotel College has experienced tremendous growth under Vallen. When he took charge in 1967, the program was only a division of the Business School. Three faculty members taught 18 students. Today there are 29 on the faculty and 1,050 students, and Hotel Administration, now a mature entity apart from Business, has developed an international reputation. Ten percent of the program's

students come from other nations.

"I've been to 25 other countries of the world, promoting us," the dean said.

Vallen's contributions to the university include having sat on the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committees. He served two years as chairman of the latter.

The search for his replacement is underway, final selection of a new dean is the responsibility of UNLV President Robert Maxson. Vallen was asked what would motivate a successful administrator to leave an office from which most people would have to be carried out. "Maybe that's one of the things," he replied. "I don't want to be carried out."

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surgery Department of University Medical Center, treasurer of Pacific World Medical Foundation, and president of the Spinalcord Injury Program of Nevada.

He said he would like to see a general college within the university which would help students with low grades raise them to the level needed to enter their area of interest. The college would be open to entering freshmen as well students already attending the university.

Hammargren said he would also like to expand the architecture program at UNLV and prepare the universities for the arrival of the larger number of students who have been enrolling each year.