

Berkley could replace Rogich

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The controversy over Sig Rogich's ability to work in the White House while being a University of Nevada System Regent has risen again since he missed a recent meeting.

Rogich, a media advisor for the president, said he was unable to attend the meeting because he had to coordinate the president's visit to earthquake-stricken San Francisco.

The controversy of Rogich's position has been fueled by his state-

ments that he will step down early next year.

Rogich said he wants to stay on as a regent to develop some ideas and see them to fruition.

Two of his more controversial ideas are a class in volunteerism and using the land near the airport for the university.

Regent Chairwoman Dorothy Gallagher said the board has encouraged Rogich to stay on as long as he feels comfortable. Gallagher said she does not know any board

member that Rogich hasn't helped.

To keep Rogich abreast of matters concerning the board, Rogich is faxed information, Gallagher said, and added that he is very up on the issues.

In the educational and political arena, rumors have circulated that political activist Shelley Berkley will replace Rogich when he steps down.

Because of her discussions with Governor Robert Miller, Berkley said she is under the impression that she will be given serious considera-

tion for the spot.

Tim Quillin, executive assistant to the governor's office, said the governor has several people in mind and Berkley is one of them. Quillin said, "The governor thinks the world of Shelley."

He added that she is front runner for the position.

Local media has indicated that there is animosity between Gallagher and Berkley, but both women deny it. Rogich said he has talked with Gallagher many times and he has never heard her say anything

derogatory about Berkley.

Gallagher said she has never worked with Berkley, and said that she doesn't have any thoughts about working with Berkley, one way or the other.

Berkley said if there are any differences, it doesn't mean the two can't work together.

"The goal of the Board of Regents is to make the university system the best possible education for all students attending any campus," Berkley said. "Education is education whether you're attending UNR, UNLV or Community College.

'Sound Bites and Unsound Reasoning' lecture set

UNLV philosophy lecturer Francis J. Beckwith will discuss "Sound Bites and Unsound Reasoning: Critical Thinking and Popular Moral Rhetoric" Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 241.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is part of the

University Forum Series.

According to Beckwith, we live in a society in which moral debate is commonplace.

"Unfortunately, many popular spokespersons and organizations who defend particular moral posi-

tions have resorted to rhetoric which, upon critical examination, has little logical merit," he said.

In his lecture, Beckwith will critically analyze three major areas of debate, using examples from such popular current controversies as abortion, teaching creationism is

public schools, and animal rights.

Beckwith earned a doctorate and master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University, a master's degree in apologetics from Simon Greenleaf School of Law, and a bachelor's degree from UNLV.

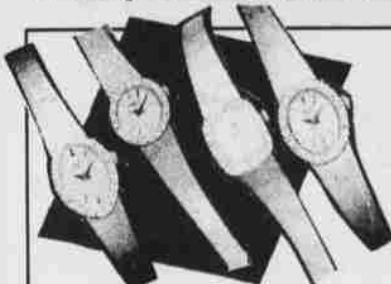
The author of several scholarly

articles and reviews, Beckwith has written two books, "Baha'i" and "David Hume's Argument Against Miracles: A Critical Analysis."

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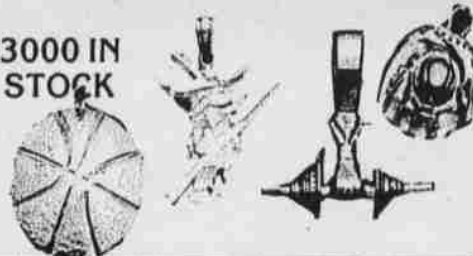


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