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Regent says volunteer proposal not mandatory

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University of Nevada System Regent Sig Rogich said his initial proposal for class credit volunteerism by Nevada university students was not meant to be mandatory.

Further discussion will occur at the December Board of Regents meeting.

The proposal, Rogich said, was

to set up an upper-division, three-credit course in volunteerism with a one-hour class and a three-hour lab.

The course would be determined by a preapproved and pre-terminated social need, confirmed by the faculty, that the student would try to solve, he said.

If it worked it would then become part of the curriculum requirement, but it will not be mandatory, he added.

An article in the University of Nevada, Reno newspaper, the Sagebrush, reported that Rogich made his proposal in an effort to get students more involved in the community, but his suggestion aroused concern among Nevada's six campuses because of the idea of voluntary service being mandated.

Joe Bunin, UNLV student body president, told the Board of Regents recently that there is a high spirit of

volunteerism on campus. Making it mandatory would not be necessary, he continued.

Such things are a matter of academic freedom because there are some departments that have internships for volunteerism that they choose to make part of their curriculum. That doesn't mean, however, that others should have to do the same thing except by their own choice, said Bunin.

Rogich said that he did not want it to be mandatory; he wanted it to be a class that students would get credit for.

"I envision it almost as a social science, a type of cause and effect course for the social needs of the community," he said.

Bunin said that UNR is already coming up with a pilot program for a course in volunteerism, but what

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TAKING THE OATH



SENATORS BEING SWORN IN- Members of the 1989-90 CSUN Senate are sworn into office by Judicial Council Chief Justice Dan Wall. From left to right are James Swank, Scott Bennett, Melanie Rosenberg, Kim Elliott, Albert Tabola, Kari Cozine and Wall, facing the senators.

Professors deny senator's accusations

By Roy Theiss
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Two university professors who are also state senators have been accused of bigotry by State Senator Joe Neal.

Both Political Science Professor Dina Titus and Education Professor John Vergiels have denied the accusations. The statement made by Neal came after he was replaced as the minority leader by Vergiels.

Neal said Senator Don Mellow told him Vergiels called Neal a "nigger".

Vergiels said, "This kind of behavior Neal does lost him the caucus and this (Senate chambers) is no place for emotional outbursts as a leader. He has had outbursts before and this exemplifies his character and is the reason why the caucus won't back him."

Neal said that during a conversation with Titus concerning the television show "Designing Women" Titus said it was good to see a program that Jews were not involved in.

Titus said she likes the show because it's about southern women (Titus is from Georgia).

"The show hits it right on the mark because it is written by and is about southern women instead of New York or Hollywood." Titus said he may have interpreted that as being anti-Jewish.

Neal said he didn't believe Titus to be prejudiced against blacks,

but said he was taken aback by her remarks.

Titus said that Neal only undermines his own credibility with such outlandish statements. She added Neal made the accusations because he was replaced as minority leader and no one likes to be told that they didn't do a good job.

Titus said under the leadership of Neal the Democrats lost a seat to the Republicans and were looking for someone else before they lost more seats.

Traditionally, choosing a leader for the senate follows a general election.

Neal said there was no need for this to happen (replacing him now). "This takes away from the dignity of the Senate."

Neal added that this could have happened after the general election.

Neal said his predecessor, the late Jim Gibson, lost enough seats in the senate for the Democrats to go from majority party to minority party by no one complained.

"In fact he was praised as a leader," Neal said. "After I took over, then they started challenging me. When you don't have a particular reason to oust a guy then you leave it to the individual to determine their actions (replacing Neal)."

Neal said Vergiels "exemplified a bigot."

"Once I took over he tried to undermine me, he didn't cooperate and he didn't turn over the caucus

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Alumni center to open next August

By Christy McDonald
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When completed, the Richard Tam Alumni Center will have a price tag of \$2.5 million. The building, located between Maude Frazier Hall and Archie C. Grant is expected to open August 1990.

According to Fred Albrecht,

Executive Director of Alumni Relations, the center will be used as a focal point for the Student Alumni Association.

"We want to create an atmosphere and a home in which alumni can identify with and come back and also for students because all students are potential alumni," Albrecht said.

"It's an ambitious project with

some state money but the rest came from alumni and friends of the university," he stated.

Albrecht said state legislature appropriated \$400,000 to kick off the fundraising campaign, but overall funding has primarily come from private sources.

Richard Tam, a Las Vegas businessman and real estate investor

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