



State politicians speak at UNLV communications class



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Governor Bob Miller - informs COS 484 class members on the dealings between his office and the mass media.

by Tom Daniels
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To provide students with a basic understanding of the relationship and inner workings between American journalists and politicians, Vickie Bertolino's Mass Media Political Communication (COS 484) students have been following candidates of their choice this semester.

On Monday, four of these candidates spoke to the class as guests of the students.

The topic, other than current issues, was rapport, or lack of it, between the mass media and politicians.

The first guest speaker was Nick Horn (D), Senate District 7, who is the incumbent. Horn has served in state government for 14 years, first as an assembly member, and later for two terms as a state senator. He now serves as senate assistant minority leader, as well as being an instructor at Clark County Community College.

Horn said that "endorsements by any group are important," but are not the deciding factor. When asked if newspapers can elect a candidate through the power of the press, Horn said, "Newspapers cannot elect, but they can defeat a candidate."

Following Nick Horn was Governor Bob Miller (D), who has been a deputy sheriff both in Clark County, Nevada and in southern California while completing his education. He was

appointed to the office of Clark County Justice of the Peace in 1975 and was elected as district attorney for Clark County for two terms. In 1986, Miller was elected lieutenant governor under Richard Bryan. When Bryan was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1988, Miller was automatically elevated to complete the term as governor, or as acting governor.

Miller said he feels it is necessary to maintain accessibility both to and from the media so that information can flow without being hampered.

When asked about his views on Question 7 (the right of choice), Miller answered, "I am personally going to vote 'no' because I favor the preservation of life; however, I am in favor of this issue being on the ballot, because this is something that all the people of Nevada should vote on."

The governor said that the southern part of the state is not alone in having water problems. Washoe County is presently curtailing the use of water from the Truckee River, due to the lack of rain and snow for the past few years, affecting the whole of northern Nevada.

Following Governor Miller, came Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa, who is now a candidate for the office of attorney general.

Del Papa said she drafted the current version of Question 7, which will be on the ballot next month. She is firmly in favor of

its passage. She said that she has been in public service for a long time.

A native of Nevada, she graduated from Rancho High School in Las Vegas. In 1967, and continued her education to become an attorney. Her opponent said that as secretary of state, she had not been a practicing attorney. Del Papa replied that about three quarters of the office duties entail practicing her abilities as a lawyer.

"TV can make or break you, depending on how you come over," Del Papa said, regarding her rapport with the media. She said that many of the characteristics that are praised in men are criticized in women by the media, although the gap between the sexes is finally beginning to diminish.

Finally, Assembly woman Myrna Williams was given the floor, but since there was little time left for an extensive interview, her talk and question period was short.

Williams is speaker pro tempore of the assembly, and also a member of the ways and means committee, taxation committee, committee on commerce and others. She has chaired several subcommittees. She is opposed to Question 6 and in favor of Question 7.

UNLV-TV will present all or a portion of this meeting in the near future on CSPAN II, Channel 31.

Hands are out, fins are in Student Financial Services gets new director

by William Holt
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When Linda Grimmer, a new real estate agent in Las Vegas, moved here, she immediately got wrapped up in the basketball games. She noticed the traditional #1 foam hands scattered throughout the stadiums and got the idea to personalize UNLV's foam into shark fins.

Appearing this season at UNLV will be fins with a #1 on them that only the Rebels deserve. The silver or grey fins will be 20

inches high, will have a slot for a human hand, and will have a side for making artwork or for receiving autographs. Grimmer said, "I want to inspire the audience and the season. UNLV will be the first to have them (personalized foam)."

Also, there will be reduced sized fins, 10 inches high, for the windows of cars, just like the Garfields.

On these fancy foams can be your choice of four slogans. These are "#1 UNLV, #1 Go Rebels, #1 USA" or "#1 Attack." The 20 inch fins will sell at \$7.95 per fin, and the 10 inch fins will sell at \$4.50 each. The easiest way to get one will be to look for the fin stand at the Thomas and Mack Center. Also, 40 of them will be given away free before each game.

Grimmer said that she hopes the UNLV spirit will stay alive regardless of the result of the school's appeal. For more information, call Linda Grimmer at 255-4264.

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Judy Belanger joins UNLV as the new director of student financial services.

Judy Belanger comes to

UNLV after five years as assistant financial aid director at Arizona State University. Describing UNLV as a "dynamic, vibrant, and growing institution," Belanger has already begun to map out her initial plans to improve

financial services.

Belanger said she will first conduct a full and thorough assessment of the office and its policies to determine what is needed and the place and direction it will

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