



## Complaint filed against Student Government official

by Christopher Kindred  
Reporter

Metropolitan Police are investigating a complaint filed Tuesday accusing Student Government Entertainment and Programming Board member and former Senator Ed Marshall of embezzlement.

In the complaint, Isabelle Gross, owner of Discount Party Center, alleges that Marshall, a former employee, entered the store after closing on Tuesday, Oct. 30, without her permission and removed a number of items.

According to statements accompanying the complaint, Marshall was responsible for locking the store. The store owner said Marshall was aware of com-

pany policy that no one was to enter the store once it was locked for the night.

Witnesses said that they heard Marshall say he had been given the keys to the store and that they could get items for the Halloween dance that the Entertainment and Programming had scheduled for that night.

Student Senate Secretary Becky Birmingham said that while she was making a wizard's cap out of construction paper for Student Government President Joe Bunin's costume, she heard Marshall tell Bunin, "I can get you a better cap with stars and frilly stuff on it from the shop."

According to Birmingham, she continued to work on the hat. At that point, Bunin said, "Don't

bother."

Witnesses said Bunin and Bunin's date, Nonja Ellis, left the Student Government office with Marshall.

Store owner Gross told police that two of her employees told her that they saw Marshall and two others entering or leaving her store at about 10 or 10:30 p.m.

Among the items listed in the complaint as missing were balloons, a costume, a sword, a wizard's hat, a cape, fake teeth and eyelashes, valued at about \$200. Witnesses said a wizard's hat was worn by Bunin at the dance.

The costume was reportedly returned to the store, but the balloons and wizard's cap were kept in Student Government offices.

Liza Gripenrog, director of Entertainment and Programming told the Yellin' Rebel that the sword, which witnesses said was worn by Marshall at the dance, had been put in the trunk of her car.

Student Senate President Gina Polovina said Wednesday she was not aware of anything official [regarding the complaint].

"It's a sticky situation and unfortunate. You hope that things like this don't happen and I hope the allegations prove inconsistent," she said. "If they are indeed factual, justice has to be served."

When asked to comment on the complaint, Bunin stated, "I was not aware of them."

In an apparently related in-

cident, Senate Secretary Becky Birmingham Monday made a statement to campus police alleging verbal harassment by Bunin. Birmingham told the Yellin' Rebel she believed Bunin's comments were related to her friendship with the Yellin' Rebel reporter working on this story.

Dr. Robert Ackerman, vice president for Student Services, said the party shop incident was an off-campus matter that would be left to Metro Police. He said, however, that the university will look into the harassment charge.

Marshall could not be reached for comment.

Tina Crinite and Bonar Tucker contributed to this article.



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New parking fee - Students are greeted with these markers as they come to school.

## Thomas and Mack increases event parking prices to \$3

by Ilana Fiorenza  
Reporter

People looking for a parking place at Thomas & Mack parking lot will have to look for another dollar to be able to park there for any event they attend.

Parking fee signs have been painted over with \$3 instead of the previous \$2. Exactly where is

that extra dollar going?

According to Pat Christenson, assistant director of both the Thomas & Mack Center and the Silver Bowl, a recommendation for the change was proposed to and approved by UNLV President Robert Maxson allowing for the raised price as of Sept. 1.

Christenson cited the reasons for the increase as twofold.

"Major adjustments of the traffic patterns on Tropicana where students enter have been badly needed," he said. Some changes have already been implemented while others including the lifting and moving of the signs located near the new dorms have yet to be done.

The entire intersection has to be reorganized so "it's safer and more accommodational for students," Christenson said. "The project could approach \$250,000 by the time we're done."

by Sean Daley  
Reporter

Okay, you're a college student, and you've got your plans down to the letter. You're going to get your bachelor's and master's degrees in business and what then? Are you going to go to work for some huge company in an 8 by 10 cubbyhole? Well, maybe at first, but not for long. You're going all the way—straight to the top.

All right, it sounds great so far, but when you make it to the president's office, just how effective will you be? Is there anything you can do now to prepare yourself? Can you enhance your leadership abilities here at UNLV? The answer is yes. More accurately, the answer is the course entitled "Human Dynamics and Organizational Leadership."

Human Dynamics and Organizational Leadership (EDA 745) is taught by Dr. Robert Maxson. This is Maxson's third year instructing this course. When asked how he finds time to teach a class on his packed schedule he said, "This class meets once a week, on Tuesday evenings, and my staff and I simply do not make any plans for me that would impinge on the class schedule."

In those three years of teaching the course Maxson has never missed one class. He said he has even had to fly in from legislation in Carson City to make a lecture and then fly back after class.

The course syllabus states that "EDA will be a classic blend of the theoretical and the practical, a wedding of the academy and the market place."

When asked to expand on this, Maxson replied, "The class is two and a half hours long and I divide it into two sections. The first hour and a half I lecture on the more clinical aspects of leadership, and the last hour is devoted to a different guest speaker each week. The guest speaker presents more of a hands-on view of the problems and solutions faced as a leader."

There are no textbooks for the course, so in order to provide the students with the most recent

information available, Maxson goes to the library himself and does what he calls his homework. This is no small task considering the topics discussed range from "Major Theories of Leadership" to "Cognitive Dissonance as an Agent of Change." The course grade consists of two exams and a brief research paper.

A glance at the list of speakers is like looking at a Who's Who list. So far the class has had the opportunity to speak with Sherman Frederick, the editor of The Review Journal, Steve Wynn, CEO of Golden Nugget Inc., and Robert Miller, governor of the State of Nevada, to name a few.

The course is a three-credit, graduate-level course consisting mainly of students with degrees in Business, Hotel Administration, or Education. There are about 40 to 50 students in the class every semester.

When asked what he hopes the students get from the course, Maxson said, "I hope we can equip these students with better leadership skills as well as a greater knowledge of the latest research and data available on the subject

of leadership."

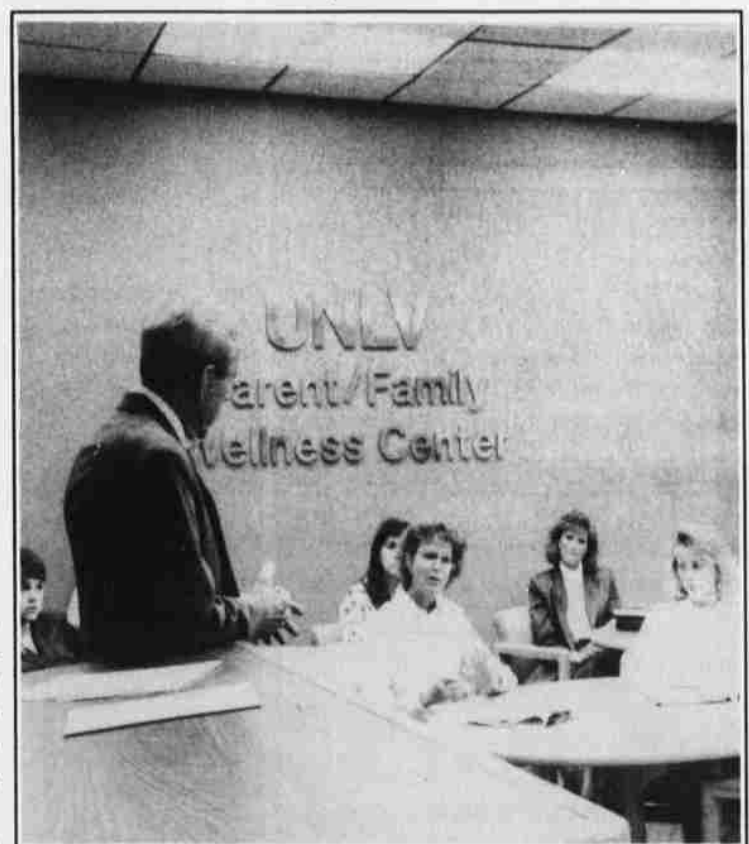
Lucy Klinkhammer, a student in the class as well as an employee of the UNLV Foundation, said, "I took the class because I've worked with Dr. Maxson since his arrival here at UNLV and really wanted to know more about the way he looked at leadership."

Has taking the class given her a greater insight to why he's the kind of leader he is?

"Yes, now when I watch him and see the kind of moves he makes in his dealings with people, I realize he is actually exercising a polished skill, not just something he was born with."

Klinkhammer said that one point Maxson is always emphasizing is that good leaders "can be made." Klinkhammer also said that the speakers are eager to answer questions, and they do so with a frankness that is refreshing.

In the words of the course syllabus, this course is tailor-made for people who "are in, or aspire to be in, leadership positions."



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President Maxson - instructs his class on the art of leadership

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