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Students protest 'unfair disqualification'

by Tina Crinite

A petition is circulating following the disqualification of Chris Robertson, Christian Hardigree, and Leo Poggione on March 7 by the Elections Board at UNLV.

The candidates, who were running for President, Vice-President, and Senate President, consecutively were disqualified for a picture that ran in *The Yellin' Rebel*. This picture was considered campaign material which the candidates failed to submit within three days of usage. The rule states that failure to submit campaign material within three days of usage is grounds for automatic disqualification.

The petition stated: "This petition is calling for an investigation into the practices of CSUN elections committee and asks for the University of Nevada Board of Regents to call for a mis-election in the recent practices due to blatant unfairness."

The idea for the petition was put forth by UNLV students Linda MacNamara and Edward Marshall on the morning after the Elections Board decision. The petition is an endeavor to show the Board of Regents that some students at UNLV feel that the dis-

qualified candidates were treated unjustly.

"The students of UNLV who signed the petition would like the Board of Regents to understand that we cannot tolerate inconsistencies with a committee as powerful as the Elections Board," Marshall said.

A table was set up in the UNLV Dining Commons at 12 p.m. on March 8 to make students aware of the "unfair disqualification." This display was made in hopes to gain signatures to petition the decision made by the Elections Board and "set the precedent for future elections," according to Marshall. The petition includes the student's name, address, social security number, and signature.

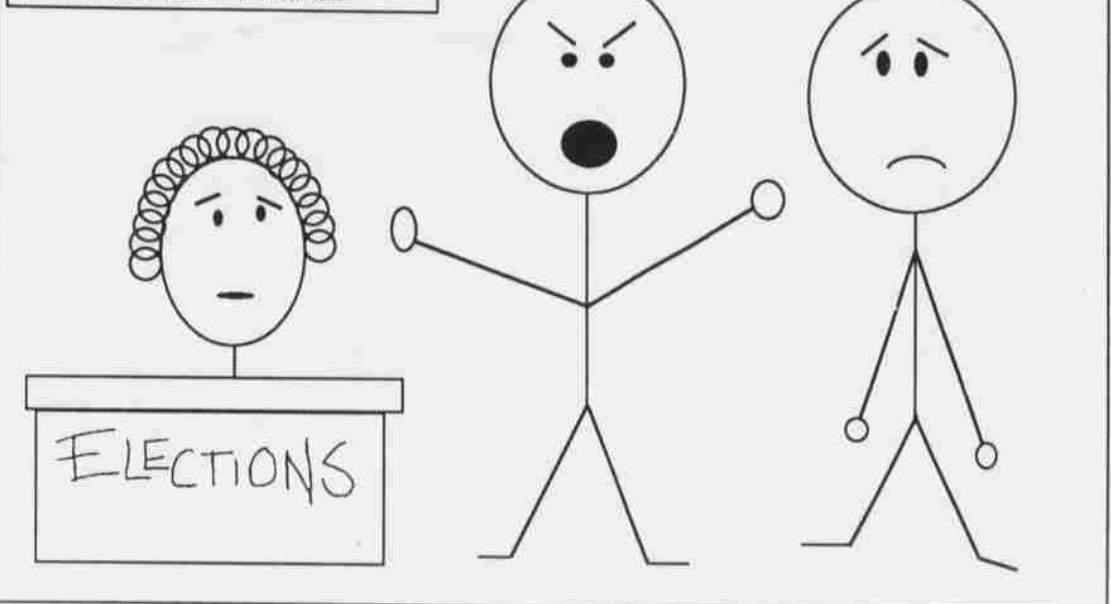
Within two hours more than 100 people had signed the petition.

Although located and initiated within the area of the residence halls, Marshall assured it was not specifically a "residence hall thing."

"It really doesn't matter who got disqualified, that's not the issue. It has to do with the unfair treatment of the candidates, and even if it were someone else who got disqualified I would be in support of this petition," Marshall said.

"Even though I don't want to

Editor's note: Due to employment problems caused by Student Government policies, *The Yellin' Rebel* is unable to pay enough photographers to cover all the stories in this issue. Some employees have since volunteered their artistic services.



Outraged student (left) yells while a distraught candidate (right) contemplates his disqualification at the recent CSUN primary elections held here on campus.

be in the public eye, I find it difficult when something's wrong to just let it lay," Marshall said.

Students who were present at the table had varied comments.

"Everything is so shoddy. It seems to be such an overwhelming coincidence with what happened at last year's election. I think it's unfair," said UNLV student Mircea

Micula, a freshman majoring in pre-professional biology. (Last year Robertson was disqualified for early campaigning.)

Senator Mike Bunin, a sophomore majoring in Finance, said, "I don't care what it sounds like, it's not a conspiracy on the part of student government. The only coincidence is that the same can-

didate failed to follow the campaign rules."

"I don't like to see anybody disqualified, but you have to follow the rules and I have nothing but respect for the integrity of the Elections Board. I feel bad for the candidates, and if they feel mistreated they should appeal to the Judicial Council," Bunin said.

UNLV Debate Team enters Junior Varsity National Tournament

by Stephanie Penner

The UNLV Debate and Forensics Team hopes to finish the year in high standing at the Junior Varsity National Tournament to be held at Johnson County Community College in Kansas, March 14-16.

Thomas L. Murphy, director of forensics, said he expects the students to do "extremely well there." Jeff Bradley, member of the debate team, agreed that the chances of winning are good.

"Most every time we have entered a junior varsity tournament we have either won or gotten to the finals," he said.

The team of Bradley and Jason Gordon placed first in the junior varsity division of the

Governor's Cup tournament after defeating Pepperdine in the beginning of February. The team placed second at the Utah Fall Scrimmage at the University of Utah during its first competition.

"Our debate teams have now been to the elimination rounds 10 straight times, which I think is very good," Murphy said. Currently, the team, which is ranked as high as fifth. Murphy said he expects the team to finish somewhere in the twenties.

The first weekend in April the team will conclude the season at the National Cross Examination and Debate Association (CEDA)

tournament at Western Washington University. The CEDA tournament is the largest division of intercollegiate debate with more than 300 teams competing.

"Though our chances are better at JV nationals, we're looking forward to doing well at CEDA nationals," Bradley said.

Four members of the debate team will compete in the CEDA tournament. Bradley and Gordon compose one team. The other team is freshmen Wendy Finmark and Sean McConville.

UNLV hosted the Las Vegas Debates, a national tournament, March 1-3.

The Yellin' Rebel has \$46,000 budget surplus

by Bonar Tucker

The Yellin' Rebel student newspaper, which has been under fire since asking for independence in early January, will finish this school year with a budget excess of \$46,000 according to Business Manager Sue Hobbs.

Hobbs, who has been working on the budget for the newspaper since coming to UNLV in January, said the extra money will exist after all debts are paid and operating expenses have been met.

Included in her calculations are allotments for back-pay to the employees who have been working for months without pay and for raises and new positions that have been requested by *The Yellin' Rebel* staff to the Publications Board.

"The Publications Board should not use a lack of funds as a reason for not approving the new positions and the retroactive pay," Hobbs said. "Lack of funds is just not a valid reason."

Lack of funds has been given as a primary reason by the Publications Board for not approving the positions needed to run the paper and also for not paying the people who have worked hours at the paper.

Although University President Robert Maxson told

Yellin' Rebel staff members that he is their "firmest supporter," he told editors that changes must be made with the approval of Dr. Robert Ackerman, vice president of Student Services.

Promising editors he would look into the matter, Ackerman has yet to make changes.

Positions and raises were requested last semester by *Yellin' Rebel* former Editor Richard Crow. Due to the lack of Publications Board meetings, these were never approved.

Positions and raises were again requested in January and were not made by the Publications Board. The former director, John Ynigues, then resigned.

On Feb. 20, a new list of positions, raises and back pay owed to *The Yellin' Rebel* staff members was presented to the new Publications Board Director, Monica Ricci.

Although the board has held two meetings since Feb. 20 involving several hours of discussion, the raises, positions and back-pay have not been approved.

According to Hobbs, 25 percent of the remaining money generated by *The Yellin' Rebel* newspaper (in this case, the \$46,000) will be given to Student Government, of which the Publications Board is a member.

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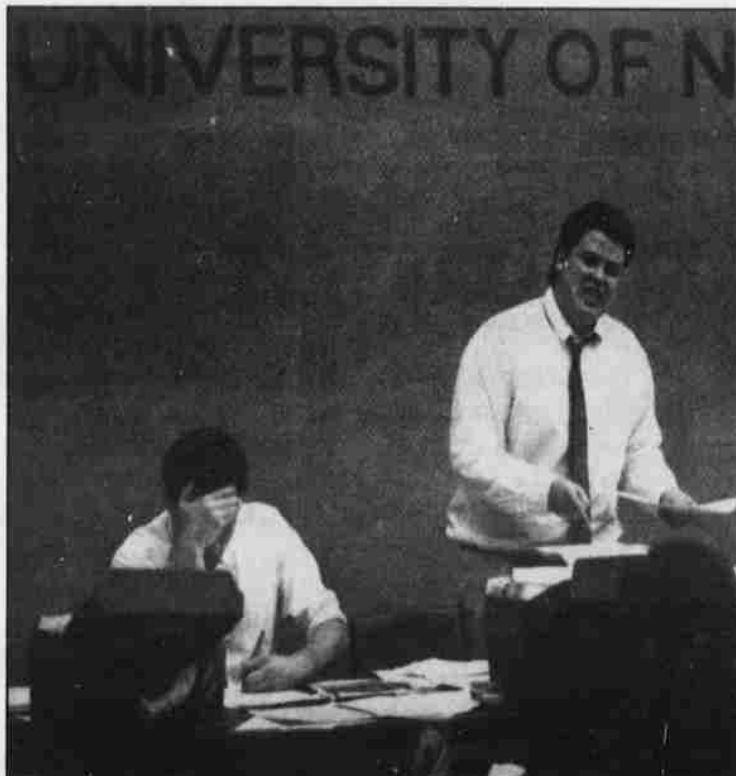


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USLA vs. defending champion Central State University in the MSU during the Las Vegas Debates last March 4.