

Tsongas vows to bring George Bush to his knees

By Natalie Lutz

The first democrat to announce his candidacy for president and air his views on the Yucca Mountain project visited Las Vegas Saturday. Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas vowed to bring George Bush to his knees.

"Issues are going to mean something in '92," he said. "We have to maintain a tradition of social issues. Individual rights are something we need to be proud of. There is no turning back."

For those turned off by the conservatism of the '80s, Tsongas' approach to business may fit the bill. His pro-business philosophy, found in his book, *A Call to Economic Arms: Forging a New American Mandate*, is

far from the mainstream democratic focus on government involvement.

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philosophy, it's all in the book," Tsongas said.

Tsongas' primary message is to make the democrats a pro-economic growth party.

"When they (voters) swirl around, you grab them with real economics," he said.

His Las Vegas tour not only focused on his own fundraising, but raising consciousness for the democratic party.

"We democrats can get away from the taint of money and come down to the issues," he said.

Tsongas' pro-economic philosophy is focused on an economic view of the world. His target would begin with capital gains reductions to encourage long-term investment. The goal would be to stimulate manufacturers who will build labor-management cooperation to improve productivity and quality.

Every democrat will have to put a national health care package on the floor. Canada's health care won't work in the United States, he said. Tsongas' health care package will include coverage for everyone and won't bankrupt the coun-

try, he said. *The New York Times* endorsed his policy, an off-shoot of Stanford's, which will include changes in the malpractice laws, efficient health care and a strong preventative component.

"What worked in '88, won't work in '92," he said. "We have control of the House and the Senate. If we don't turn it around, throw us out."

"We have had it too good, too long. How do you bring back the economy? Invest in people, education, research and development."

"Nevada's Yucca Mountain project is going to be part of the future. The project is not a short-term decision."

The project should be investigated by a third unbiased party, like the National Academy of Science, he said. "No one will argue with what they say, they have no vested interest," Tsongas said. "I will follow their recommendation, even if it is Nevada."

The Headstart program is Tsongas' primary focus in education.

"Children are the most important," he said. "What happens to them, happens to their parents." "In Bush's '88 election, he committed \$2 million to education. When he was elected, he took the \$2 million from education and put it into the Star Wars program."

Tsongas' said he feels that we as voters should "Make it (United States) a strong economic entity that we can turn over to our children with pride. If we can do that, we can beat George Bush."



photo by Wray Halterman

New system helps with student problems

by Kelly Hansen

Students at UNLV have recently been the recipients of a new telephone system program which should aid with health problems. The new system called the Overall Health Awareness System, is a comprehensive audio message program that provides information about topics of interest including drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS, sexuality, stress management, nutrition, suicide and weight loss.

Each message is two to four minutes long and is professionally recorded and stored on a computer. The audio message library contains 70 message se-

lections with additions of new topics as needed. The messages are continually reviewed and revised, insuring callers of accurate and up-to-date information.

The program also gives alternate phone numbers in case more information or counseling is needed. This is all done confidentially.

The program cost UNLV \$7,000 and was funded by Charter Hospital, CSUN and the Student Development Center.

The total number of calls in each subject is compiled. Those areas which seem to be a problem at UNLV are looked further into or referred to Karen Strong for possible seminars in the residence halls.

The system is already being well used.

"There have already been 410 calls in less than one week," said Rex Purkins, counselor/coordinator of the Student Development Center.

To use this system call 597-4679 or 597-4680 on your touch-tone phone. After listening to the message, type in the three digit code of the subject of interest. The list of codes is on a brochure which has been distributed throughout the campus by the Student Development Center and is available.

This service is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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He gets "frustrated" over setbacks, but Maxson emphasized he won't let that get him down.

"I know what we're all about," he said. "The university has been a wonderful success story. No one can take that away from us. Everything else is peripheral to that."

Many of the state's best high school graduates are choosing to study at UNLV, "and these youngsters can go anywhere," Maxson added.

One thing Maxson said he was anxious for new de-

gree programs to be started, so UNLV can be on the same level as the University of Nevada, Reno.

"Nevada deserves to have two universities of equal quality in the state," he said, referring to the perceived notion of UNR as superior.

When he first came here in 1984, Maxson said UNLV was "much better than he thought it was."

"It doesn't serve the state well if only one is the flagship university," he said. "I happen to think the state is blessed with two first-rate institutions."

Debate and Forensic Team does it again

by Kelly Hansen

Saturday and Sunday the UNLV Debate and Forensic Team competed in the Color Country Classic at Southern Utah University, which consisted of 18 universities.

The UNLV competitors won several awards. Receiving top speaker awards in senior division policy debate were Wendy Finmark, fifth place; Sean McConville, sixth place; Jenny Cole, ninth place and Carolyn

Potter, tenth place.

The Finmark/McConville policy debate team advanced to the semi-finals, ending with a 5-3 record.

Team members who won individual events awards were Cynthia Salinas: second place in prose interpretation, fifth place in informative speech and sixth place for poetry interpretation. Mike Stock: fourth place in prose interpretation, fifth place for poetry interpretation and fifth place for program oral interpretation.

Friday and Saturday UNLV will host the UNLV High School Invitational, which will involve high school students from Utah, California and Nevada.

"This will be a great opportunity for recruiting and exposing high school students to UNLV," said Barb Pickering, team coach.

For more information on the UNLV Debate and Forensics program call Barb Pickering at 739-3455.