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Maxson makes choice: Weaver is new AD

by Ched Whitney

UNLV President Robert Maxson called a press conference Wednesday morning to announce that Jim Weaver, currently in his third year as Associate Athletic Director at the University of Florida, would be taking the reins as UNLV Athletic Director.

"I'm introducing Jim Weaver as the new athletic director, pending confirmation by the UNS Board of Regents," Maxson said.

He said the regents' decision, which could come as early as today, would be in by Dec. 5.

Maxson, who had to leave the conference early to meet with the Board of Regents, said that Weaver's appointment would be effective Jan. 1, but he would be taking control of the athletic program immediately.

"No important decision will be made without Jim Weaver's approval," Maxson

said.

Maxson said he would recommend to the regents a five-year contract worth \$105,000 a year.

At Florida, Weaver has been responsible for overseeing the primary NCAA compliance program. He stressed that for him, integrity is the bottom line. Weaver said he would vigorously oversee UNLV's compliance measures.

"There is no gray in terms of NCAA rules," Weaver said. "You cannot fight the NCAA, they are our governing body."

"My No. 1 objective is not to ever compromise the integrity of UNLV."

Weaver was asked about his plans on a number of topics including the football and basketball programs and the possible addition of another NCAA sport at UNLV.

"I have a concern about some of the football facilities," Weaver said, citing pos-



photo by Jay P. Morgan

President Robert Maxson introduces Jim Weaver as his choice as athletic director.

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Callicott addresses man as part of nature

by Rick Nielsen

The University Forum Lecture Series continued in style Nov. 14, by presenting accomplished author, editor, philosopher and leading expert in the field of environmental ethics, J.B. Callicott.

Callicott, a committed environmentalist, has been a professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, since 1969. In 1973 he helped create the multi-disciplinary Letters and Science Environmental Studies Program there, directing it from 1980 to 1986. He acquired his undergraduate degree at Rhodes College in Tennessee and earned a Ph.D from Syracuse. His books include, *Clothed in Fur and other Tales: An Introduction to an Ojibway World View*, *Companion to the Sand County Almanac*, *In Defense of the Land Ethic* and the soon to

"Society has got to realize that change in nature occurs regardless of whether or not it is induced by man."

— J.B. Callicott



be published, *River of the Mother of God*, which is a collection of works by Aldo Leopold, who many in the field of conservation and ecology consider to be an environmental prophet.

"Conservation can be seen as a choice of leave it alone, locked up and undisturbed or develop it and spoil it," Callicott said. "It boils down to economics versus environment and in that

situation environment is always on the defensive. You can't create more of it, you can only hang on to what you got and with the massive opposition it is a losing proposition."

He said he feels that the pilgrims misinterpreted what they assumed to be a "wilderness" when they arrived here. In fact, this was

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MSU opens its doors



photo by Morgan Fisher

Students get to come in from the cold now that the Moyer Student Union is open.

Basketball ticket distribution

Distribution for student season tickets will take place Friday at 7 a.m. at the Thomas & Mack Center

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