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Crowning achievement



photo by Rick Nielsen

Andy Lane was honored as Homecoming King and Marcy Bruno was named Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Rebels 14-10 loss to Nevada-Reno.

Maxson testifies before committee

by Thomas Moore

UNLV President Robert Maxson faced the music yesterday when he became the focus of the legislative committee looking into the events surrounding the resignation of former Rebel basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian.

Maxson was subpoenaed by the committee to discover, among other allegations, whether he or anyone in his administration had orchestrated a series of leaks and bad press to engender Tarkanian's resignation.

"I never tried to dismantle the basketball team or discredit Coach Tarkanian," said Maxson in his lengthy opening statement.

Maxson went on to chronicle his support of the coach and the basketball program from the time he (Maxson) was recruited by the university until the coach's retirement.

"I urged them (the NCAA) to drop the case against coach Tarkanian," said Maxson, describing a letter he said he wrote to the NCAA three weeks before he assumed the duties of university president. "Before I left Houston I started defending Coach Tarkanian," Maxson said.

Later, however, Maxson qualified his support.



"When I arrived at UNLV basketball was not at top of my agenda," he said, "and it is not at the top of my agenda today."

Maxson then went on to read a list of complaints from inside and outside the university which he said derided him for his support of the

basketball program.

"During basketball season I didn't have a week when someone didn't write me a letter chastising me for the activities of the basketball program," Maxson said. "We continued to defend the program but we had concerns."

Maxson also talked about the investigations surrounding the Lloyd Daniels recruiting controversy. Maxson said he gave instructions to Brad Booke and Board of Regents counsel Donald Klasic that he wanted Tarkanian and the basketball program vigorously defended and that any doubt should be resolved in favor of Tarkanian.

Maxson also talked about the day that photographs ran in a Las Vegas

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Former Church of Christ members recounts involvement

by Teri Helfrich

The difference between a cult group and a religious organization may be obvious to some but not so obvious to others. This is the story of a 20-year-old political science major who was a member of a group he called The Greater Las Vegas Church of Christ.

At first Bryan (not his real name) thought he knew the difference. Bryan wanted to tell his story after he read an article about the church in the Oct. 8 issue of *The Rebel Yell*.

Bryan said the church demanded more and more of his time pushing his other responsibilities to the side. The church told him his family was sinners, his friends were ungodly and, after giving half of his earnings to the church, God would take care of his financial responsibilities.

Eventually he left. Bryan refused to give his real name to avoid harassment. "I don't want them to bother me again," he said. "The last thing I need is for them to start harassing me about what I'm telling you about the church."

Bryan left the following account so people could become aware of the church and what it's about.

Q: How did you first hear of the church?

A: At school one day. I was invited to play volleyball with them, and afterward they asked me to a Bible study.



Q: How did you get involved?

A: There was a lot of pressure, but I thought it was right. They would come to my work, come to my home, they wouldn't take no for an answer.

Q: What is required to become a member?

A: The first thing is to attend studies, group devotions and services. You go through five studies with a discipler and when completed you are baptized. Then you are officially part of the church.

Q: What appealed to you about the church?

A: I was trying to fit in, so this appealed to me. The friendliness. There is a lot of unity, a lot of love involved in this church, you feel accepted and loved.

Q: Did your involvement in the church cause changes in your life or lifestyle? If so, what kind of change?

A: My relationship with my family almost diminished. I couldn't even go home for the holidays because my discipler said they were sinners. I was told to burn my bridges. I was told it was wrong to carry on

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The doctoral programs score: UNR 26, UNLV 8

by Donna Bates

The football field is not the only place the University of Nevada, Reno is beating UNLV. Though UNLV has nearly twice as many students as UNR, it has less than a third of the doctorate degree programs.

Currently UNR has 11,909 students and 26 doctorate degree programs while UNLV has 19,209 students and only eight doctorate degree programs.

This fall, UNR experienced a 5 percent increase in graduate students from 2,796 last year to 2,957 this year.

In contrast, UNLV has had a 14 percent increase in graduate students from 2,933 last year to 3,338 this year.

"It's not unreasonable that UNR has more Ph.D. programs than UNLV because UNR is by far the older institution," said John Unrue, senior vice president and provost.

According to Unrue, there is delay in the implementation of new graduate level programs because the university is waiting for the academic master plan to be finished.

"We made a commitment not to advance any additional graduate programs until the academic master plan is com-

pleted," Unrue said. "We anticipate its completion within a month to six weeks."

"Some of the funding has already been identified. We will advance the programs that we can support."

Unrue said there is a definite need for more graduate programs but the funding just isn't there.

"The UNS budget has never been funded for program development," he said, "that has worked to the detriment of UNLV because we are the growing institution."

"You must bear in mind that we are almost 500 miles from UNR. We can't assume that students in Las Vegas are able to pursue their graduate degrees in Reno given the current economic status."

When asked if outside funds are being sought to pay for new graduate programs, Unrue said, "It is not possible or wise to build academic programs completely on soft money."

"There must be insurance of continued resources and the safest place is the state budget."

As for the future of doctorate programs at UNLV, Unrue said, "It is logical to expect that

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