

# Foundation land deals focus of committee Monday

by Thomas Moore

UNLV Foundation documents were the focus, Monday, of the legislative panel looking into the events surrounding the resignation of former Runnin' Rebel coach Jerry Tarkanian.

At the start of the hearing, committee chair James McGaughey said the question was whether or not the foundation was being run properly and that he hoped a review of the documents would help the committee to correct any problems they found.

"The taxpayers should have an opportunity to look at every-



thing that's going on at the university," said McGaughey. "We're going to hear testimony as to what people do and what part they play in transactions made by the foundation."

Several sets of documents (each set containing three boxes full of papers) were on hand containing information which supposedly would explain land deals

the foundation engaged in. The documents were made available for the press free of charge and to the public, for a charge of \$50.

The land deals were investments made by the foundation or donations made to the foundation and then sold to other investors.

Some questioned whether the information contained in the documents was complete.

"Do these boxes contain all the information contained in the 12 boxes delivered to the committee?" asked Foundation attorney Leslie Sulley.

When Sulley asked where the rest of the documents were,

McGaughey replied that they were not yet copied and it was physically too difficult to have them available at this time.

McGaughey said the documents were being treated like any other evidence or testimony the legislature might review and that if any other citizens brought other evidence or testimony to the committee's attention it would be treated in the same way.

McGaughey also made mention several times of an apparent conflict of interest in an apparent reference to Lyle Rivera's dual role as vice president for finance and administration

and director of the UNLV Foundation as well as the fact that Rivera was a real estate agent while the foundation was engaged in several land deals.

After the hearings were over Sulley said that he did not see a problem with the number of roles that Rivera was playing. "I don't think there is anything on the law books that prohibits any public official from holding a real estate license," said Sulley.

Sulley said that it was "a fair trade off," referring to that the fact that Rivera is director of a foundation that brings the university money.

# Women business masters students on the rise

by Randy Miller

While the rest of the country has seen a decline in the numbers of women in MBA programs, UNLV is bucking the national trend in educating business women.

Female enrollment has fallen 25 percent or more in many MBA programs across the country, but UNLV's enrollment of female students has risen 42 percent over the last six years.

At other schools there has

been a general decrease in enrollment and a significant drop in female students, creating a growing gender gap. At UNLV, enrollment has steadily increased and females are maintaining a third of the MBA program's population.

Other schools are scrambling to figure out what is causing the disinterest among women. Experts have several different views.

Felice Schwartz, a consultant on women in business, be-

lieves there are a growing number of women questioning the economic value of an MBA and are concerned about "glass ceilings."

Marcie Schorr Hirsch, a career counselor at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass. said, "A lot of women who were the pioneers in MBA programs and big companies rushed blindly into what were formerly forbidden areas. Now, a lot of these women have come back and told their younger sisters, 'It's not that

great out there."

Still, other schools are working on their recruiting efforts. Some are even considering changing their admissions criteria to ensure they are not discriminating against women applicants.

When asked why he thought the number of female business students at UNLV was still growing, Duane Baldwin, UNLV Director of the MBA program, said, "I can only mirror what Dr. Maxson has already said."

According to Maxson there

are three reasons for this growth.

- We are recognized as one of the up-and-coming universities in the county.
- The MBA program is now accredited.
- The area around the university is growing, which is not the case in most university settings today.

Baldwin said he believes enrollment would have been even higher if it wouldn't have been for the program raising its standards for admission in the last two years.

# UNLV, Navy enter \$2.7 million agreement

UNLV has entered a \$2.7 million, three-year cooperative agreement with the United States Naval Research Laboratory to provide supercomputer time and other support for the study of global environmental change.

"We would like to thank Senator Harry Reid, who has played an important role in facilitating this agreement," said David McNelis, associate vice president for research. "Senator Reid was also instrumental in bringing the supercomputer to Nevada and to UNLV."

Under the agreement, which becomes effective Sept. 30, 1993, UNLV's National Supercomputing Center for Energy and the Environment will provide extensive supercomputer support to the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP).

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