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Kostman and Berkley lock horns

by Thomas Moore

A political melee has erupted between Student Body President Joel Kostman, and Regent Shelley Berkley. The feud broke out at a regents meeting in Reno Thursday.

Rumors began circulating Thursday morning when some members of Student Government received word from Reno that Kostman was in danger of being impeached by the regents for a number of charges and a closed personnel session was going to be held on Friday.

Berkley and a number of other unnamed regents allegedly disagreed with the hiring of lobbyist Gary Milliken to represent student interests. A host of other minor charges were also made against Kostman including not representing the student's interest and acting

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as a maverick.

Although the rumors of impeachment died down and the closed personnel session scheduled for Friday was canceled, the war of words continued.

Some members of Student Government blamed the whole confrontation on

Berkley's resentment at not being recommended for re-election by a panel of students that Kostman convened earlier in the year.

"We don't understand what the hell she is trying to do," said CSUN Sen. Kerry Brown. "We've been told that she has contacted the attorney general."

"I think he (Kostman) should hang his head in shame for stealing student money," said Berkley in an interview later that day. "I can't stop students from spending money, but what a waste of \$5,000. It could have been put into the day care center or toward scholarships."

According to Kostman, the problems began when he arrived at the meeting. He claimed he was approached by some members of the board and general counsel Donald Klasic.

Klasic said Kostman may have vio-

lated the law when he hired Milliken. Several regents asked him to investigate the issue.

Kostman also said some of the regents told him that if Student Government is not spending student's money correctly, it could have its budget taken away.

The issue of hiring a lobbyist had been brewing for some time before the meeting according to Robert Ackerman, vice president for Student Services and UNLV President Robert Maxson.

"In the past weeks there was some concern about people going different directions," Maxson said.

Supposedly, the crux of the issue is that the university system, UNLV and the regents need to provide a united front

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Student claims mistreatment at health center

by Tonya Lomeo

A female student who lives in the residence halls said she has been mistreated at the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center during visits over the past two years.

Because the health center is her only choice for medical service, the student asked to remain anonymous for fear of causing further problems for herself at the center.

She said she received inappropriate treatment during an examination last fall when a female nurse practitioner, after asking about her sexual life, proceeded to try to persuasively force her into taking birth control pills instead of using condoms.

"She (the nurse) kept saying, 'Do you want to get pregnant? Well, it's going to happen,'" the student said.

A physician has justification for attempting to change a patient's mind about a birth control device, said Ed Marshall, Residence Hall Association president and former health center peer educator.

If a patient refuses on an unsound basis, "it is the physician's responsibility to explain those (sound medical) reasons to the patient," he said.

Marshall said, however, that in this situation it seemed as though "she was obviously wronged."

This fall, during another examination, the same female

was asked to give a urine sample by another nurse practitioner which was used for a pregnancy test to determine whether or not she could take a medication.

"We have to do that (pregnancy test) with certain medications because, if there is a chance of pregnancy, it could mean birth defects for the baby," said Lori Winchell, director of the Student Health Center.

Winchell agreed patients should be informed beforehand if they are going to be tested for pregnancy. The patient claimed however that she was not informed this was the reason for the urine sample.

In a second incident this semester, the same student used the health center for an unrelated examination. She said the male examiner "seemed really nervous" and was acting "unprofessional" during the exam.

When he left the room so she could remove her shirt, he left the door open.

Winchell said the conduct allegedly received was bad, but she emphasized it is the student's responsibility to report these incidents when they occur so they can be corrected.

Winchell and Marshall were adamant about students voicing their opinion, either good or bad. Winchell said there is a suggestion box set up in the lobby which allows students to voice their opinion and keep complete

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A winning season?



photo by Wray Hallerman

The Rebels routed Montana State 36-7 Saturday at the Silver Bowl to even their record at 5-5.

Remodeling completed at T&M

by Randy Miller

Friday night, before the Runnin' Rebels trounced the Russia Select basketball team, the Thomas & Mack Center held a party to exhibit the \$3 million worth of remodeling that had just been completed.

From the moment a spectator walks into the T&M the remodeling efforts are apparent. Colorful designs have been painted on the floor at each entrance to help solve the problem of people not remembering where they came in. Another thing that one might notice when entering is the air. The T&M is now a non-smoking building.

Several additions have been made to the concourse. Those who just can't stay away from the overpriced concession stands will be happy to see several new additions. Now hungry fans will be able to have much more to choose from.

For those who find they are hungry or just have to have that concert T-shirt but forgot their cash at home, a teller machine has been installed.

Restroom lines will also be shorter because both men's and women's lavatories have been expanded.

The management has also spent \$1 million on improving the sound in hopes of attracting

more than hard rock bands to play there.

Daren Libonati, T&M's booking manager said, "It has given the middle of the road performers like Rod Stewart, and your Neil Diamond's, those types of acts, more incentive to play, because before, they would leave here and get a bad rap because they sounded terrible."

He used Guns N' Roses use of a live recording at the T&M on their new album to illustrate the improved acoustics.

Concert fans won't be the only ones to benefit. For the T&M's faithful basketball fans, the scoreboard is now complete with animation.