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a liar. The crowd, inspired by the bitter exchange, joined in and called for Klasic's resignation. They shouted at him to leave the room.

The second, and less dramatic, meeting of the committee involved Sands, a former *Review-Journal* columnist. Sands is credited with revealing the relationship between his former employers and former interim Athletic Director Dennis Finrock as well as others in the UNLV administration.

Sands said Finrock was the origin of many stories involving Tarkanian and Richard "the Fixer" Perry.

"First I was supposed to take them (pictures of Perry) to Finrock," Sands said. He said the *Review-Journal* ran a picture of Perry at the Final Four that he thought was not worth running, "I did not want to run it but

(then-editor) Sherman Frederick said to run it. I thought that running it was nothing more than innuendo," he said.

Rivera accused the panel of McCarthy-like tactics and derided the boxes of documents used by the subcommittee handed out to the press and the public.

Rivera said several of the documents questioned his role in land dealings supposedly involving the foundation. The transactions occurred before he worked for the university and before the foundation was formed, he said.

Rivera was asked at length about the structure of the foundation and his role in it. He was pressed to defend the fact that he and others worked for the foundation and the university at the same time.

The questioning evolved into a discussion about the founda-

tion as a private or public institution.

"The problem with that (the foundation becoming a public entity) is that the people involved don't want to be subject to all the hassles, the open meeting laws and the discussion of personal wealth," Rivera said.

The meeting closed with a statement by the foundation's attorney Leslie Sulley and questions from the public. Sulley said the foundation is answerable only to the Board of Regents and the public can exercise its right to vote if it does not like its procedures.

The subcommittee will resume proceedings Monday when the counsel's attorney will present a report of the progress of the hearings.

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elections," Kostman said. "I would like to point out that there were 14,666 voters who also believe Shelley is not suitable for a regent position."

Berkley said, though she felt "victimized" by the student panel's recommendation against her, she thinks this is an attempt by certain members of Student Government to draw attention to themselves.

"I think there are certain people in Student Government who are trying to elevate themselves at my expense," Berkley said. "I think it makes them feel important.

"This is the year of the woman. They (the student panel) endorsed two men."

Though she was present—and shook his hand—at the Sept. 16 Student Senate meeting at which Milliken was hired, Berkley said the regents only learned of his hiring recently.

"I was there for only five minutes," she said.

"We never knew that he had

been hired," Berkley said. "When we found out, we were very upset about it."

Kostman finds it hard to believe that it took the regents two months to discover Milliken's status.

"All of our (Student Senate) agendas are public notice," Kostman said. "(Berkley) said 'hello' to Milliken before the meeting." Kostman also said Milliken sat in on the student recommendation panels.

Kostman questioned Berkley's claim of wanting to save student funds in light of the Board of Regent expenditure on a retreat it held to help its members get along.

"It's a little hypocritical. There's some \$6,000 figure that keeps popping into my head," Kostman said, referring to the regents' retreat.

"Student Governments' retreat cost \$300," he added.

Kostman also questioned Berkley's criticism of Milliken's receiving compensation when she herself has been paid to be legal counsel to Student Government.

Though Berkley was quoted in the Nov. 30 *Las Vegas Sun* as saying she volunteered her time, records show she was paid at least \$22,000 for her services between 1985 and 1989.

Another bone of contention between Kostman and Berkley is Kostman's claim that Berkley has promoted the idea that UNLV student ambassadors, who are appointed by the administration should speak before the Legislature in place of elected student officials.

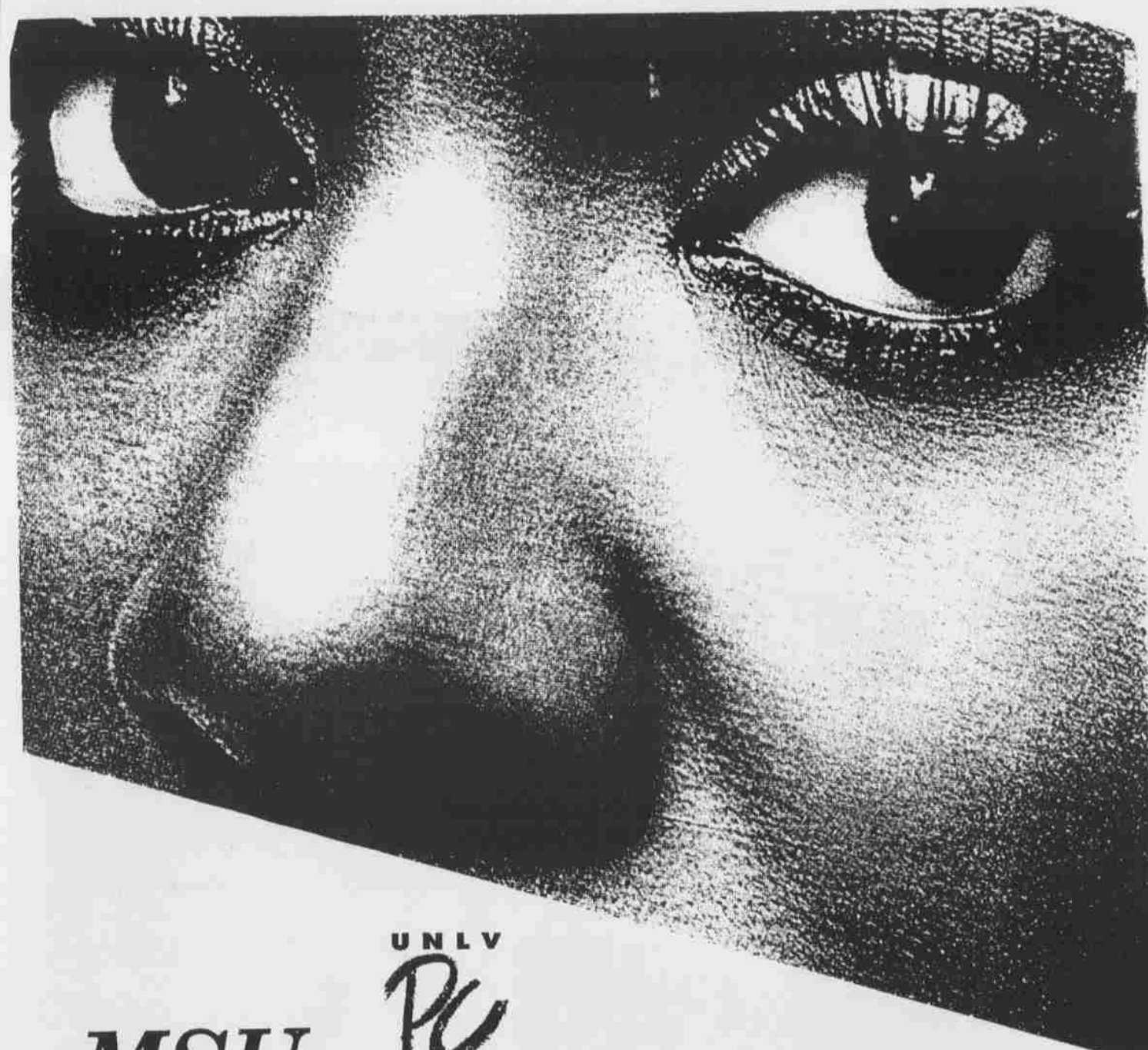
Berkley said she has absolutely never contacted any student ambassadors about this matter.

However, a Student Government source was told by a regent that, in a meeting, Berkley had given justifications why student ambassadors should be selected.

Clearly this controversy has bruised feelings on both sides.

Berkley called this "the most painful experience of my whole life," as she cited her long dedication to the university.

Senate President Bud Beneman concluded Wednesday's Student Senate meeting by saying, "Shelley Berkley is the most unprofessional person I have ever met. I'd like to start a recall election against her but I don't have the time or the money."



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