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together instead of against each other," said Ana Rodda, a junior biology major. "And if Maxson and Tarkanian talk to each other instead of through the press, lawyers, etc., they will come up with a solution."

The students' waning patience was typified by statements such as:

→ "It's time to put this to rest and get about the business of education."

→ "This is ridiculous, it's dragging UNLV down in the gutter."

→ "I am sick of the whole

situation—let's get on with it! There are more important things in the world than basketball."

Phong Nguyen, a senior majoring in English, said it may be the students who are suffering most.

"I think it is important for the administration to realize that not only the reputation of UNLV is at stake in this continual fight between it and Coach Tarkanian, but the controversy is hurting the student body and its respect for the president," Nguyen said.

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they need to graduate. We could be harming those we're so intent on caring for."

Student and CSUN presidential candidate, Ross Kurzer, said he felt the general student body population was against the fee increase, and suggested the issue be tabled until students could be polled.

"What processes did student leaders use when talking to their constituency?" he asked. "I ask that a referendum be pro-

vided for the students themselves to decide."

"By referendum, two to one, students approved a \$20 fee for the health center. I have not imposed that fee," Maxson said in response.

Regent Chair Carolyn Sparks also referred to Kurzer's call for a referendum by stating, "Student leaders are present each year in order to represent the students views."

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"I am sick of hearing, 'If it weren't for a particular program, we would be nothing,'" she said.

Neither Maxson, who was at a Board of Regents meeting, nor Tarkanian attended the rally.

Len Zane, physics instructor, said the entire controversy seems as if Nevadans are more concerned with basketball than they are academics.

"Who pays your salary?" one woman screamed at Zane, while another yelled "What have you done for the university?"

Other supporters of the coach chanted, "Keep Tark," and "Ree-beels, Ree-beels" drowning out some speakers altogether.

One supporter of Tarkanian was allowed to speak after Professor James Deacon, who advocates shutting down the basketball program for two seasons, offered the microphone.

Nate Cebrun, a self-described "close friend" of Tarkanian, said without the Rebels, the school will be in serious trouble.

"I love (UNLV) academics," Cebrun said. "But everywhere I've gone, I've never heard the words 'hotel management.' I've heard the words 'Runnin' Rebels.'"

Cebrun said academics and athletics can work together, contrary to what some would believe. The same people protesting against the program now, he said, were proudly wearing their Rebel colors after the team had won the 1990 National Collegiate Athletic

Association Championship.

William Wright, a junior majoring in social work, said the feud between Maxson and Tarkanian is now a battle between athletics and academics, and the coach is getting a bad rap.

"The man's been here for 19 years, and everything about him is negative?" Wright asked. "That's not right. My degree's not going to be diminished by Jerry Tarkanian. Not one little bit."

Biology professor Peter Starkweather told students they must remember what is important—the skills they take away from UNLV. "Don't get trapped in the seductive politics of victimization coming from the Thomas & Mack," he said.

French instructor Christian Dolin said the activities of basketball boosters greatly disturb him. "Many of these same boosters feel UNLV isn't academically sound enough for their own children," he added.

Long after the rally had ended, several small crowds of people could be found discussing the controversy. Deacon said he doesn't think the rally started the healing process, which won't begin until "Tarkanian walks off into the sunset."

Las Vegas Regent Shelley Berkely said when she was going to college, in the late '60s, demonstrations were held every day.

This particular rally, she said, was a good outlet for the community.

"Everyone has a right to (give) opinions," Berkely added. "Where better than a college campus?"

Students rally for themselves

by Tricia Romano

Students rallied in front of the Moyer Student Union Friday, not for Tarkanian or Maxson, but for themselves.

"I was very disturbed that students did not have a chance to speak. Today it's your turn," said Roderick Colebrook, student body president.

Students were allowed to go up on stage and speak their minds on the Tark-Maxson issue.

One student said those involved "are trying to divide the student body and get them to (take) sides."

Another said, "There are a lot of employers who perceive UNLV as a joke. Stand up, not for President Maxson, not for Tark, but for ourselves."

Still another student said Maxson and Tarkanian are "two

super egos, trying to win. Both are losing."

Student Government presidential candidates also spoke their minds.

"We have to fight to keep tuition down and to make the campus safe," said Joel Kostman. "They're overlooking the obvious issue — you the students."

"The scandal has grown out of hand. It is detracting from our image," said Paul Stuhff.

"From where I stand there are no sides," said Ross Kurzer. "We all sink or we all swim."

While students didn't agree on whether basketball should be suspended for two years, as suggested by James Deacon, they did agree that the university has to clean up its image. Not for Maxson, not for Tark, but for themselves.



photo by Wray Halterman

Roderick Colebrook.

Elections

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, primary elections will be held for student body president, vice president and senate president. Students may vote at the Student Union and other campus locations. In the primary, a candidate needs only 51 percent of the vote to win out right and eliminate the need for voting in the general election.

All you need is your student ID card to vote. Remember, your vote does count.

Presidential candidates

Joel Kostman
Paul Stuhff
Ross Kurzer

Vice presidential candidates

Jay Jay Held
Sean Klimek

Senate president candidates

Bud Benneman
Jennifer Cole

Senate unhappy over rent charges

by Karen Splawn

The Student Government Senate recently approved paying \$2,470 to Residential Life for renting office space while the Moyer Student Union was under construction, but not everyone is happy about it, according to Senate President Mike Kennedy.

Residential Life will be paid, Kennedy said, but the only reason Student Government has to outlay that much is because of construction delays—

due to asbestos removal—for MSU.

"We're not particularly happy because we have to pay that much," he said. "It's not our fault we have to pay thousands more for space. We were told when we moved out (of the MSU) we'd be back by August."

The renovated MSU didn't reopen until November.

Lori Snyder, CSUN business manager, said she is investigating whether MSU can also pay some of Student Gov-

ernment's bill.

"I'm interested in getting (part of) the money back," Kennedy said.

Student Government must also pay MSU \$26,985 in construction costs for the new offices, Snyder said, adding she is trying to find out if MSU's construction fees were reduced because of the delay.

If they were, Snyder said, that could mean Student Government's construction bill would be reduced.



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