

Debate team receives national recognition

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While other students were frolicking in the sand and surf of spring break, UNLV's Speech and Debate Team was hard at work.

"The debate team's only thoughts for the break were to be prepared and to win," said senior Cynthia Salinas, captain of the debate team. "Unlike many students, doing anything that might slur my speaking skills was the farthest thing from my mind."

First, the team hit the road for two key tourneys including a district-qualifying tournament at Fresno State University and a national tournament at Colorado College.

At Fresno, Salinas won a first place bid in after-dinner speaking to the American Forensics Association national tournament. Sophomore Gerrilynn Hardcastle took fourth place in informative speaking. Freshman Sarah Mason was a semi-finalist in poetry.

After a three-day hiatus, the Rebel debate squad traveled to Colorado College to compete in the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha tournament in Colorado Springs.

"Because DSR (Delta Sigma Rho) is a select forensic honorary organization, not all colleges and universities can compete at this tournament," said Barbara Pickering, director of forensics. "It's also one of the few tournaments where schools from all over the nation compete."

While the team usually com-

petes in District 1 and District 9 which includes California, Utah and Arizona, in Colorado Springs the team competed against such schools as Notre Dame, Cornell, George Mason, Illinois State and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Hardcastle received fifth-place honors in communication analysis and was a semi-finalist in informative speaking.

"It's pretty cool to have been a finalist at Frat-Nats," Hardcastle said.

Salinas was a semi-finalist in prose interpretation, after-dinner speaking and informative speaking.

In two weeks, Salinas will compete in the AFA tournament at Rice University in Houston for a national title in communication analysis, after-dinner speaking and informative speaking.

"I've been to 15 tournaments this year preparing for nationals," Salinas said. "As a joke, I was voted 'Most Talkative' in high school. I'm glad I was able to put it to good use."

A native Texan, Salinas said, "Even though I have the home field advantage being from Texas, I'll be competing against the best of the best, that's extremely intimidating. I'm glad Barb (Pickering) and Rosie (Mays, assistant director of forensics) are going to be there with me."

"I'm very pleased with the progress the team has made this year," Pickering said. "They're not only talented but a pleasure to work with. I look forward to additional progress for the team."

Fines on overdue books exceed \$90,000

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Simon

Overdue fees and replacement costs for unreturned UNLV library books loaned to community borrowers outside the university total over \$91,000, according to Matthew Simon, James R. Dickinson Library dean.

This figure accounts for 49 percent of all book delinquencies on a university-wide basis and is rising at a rate of \$30,000 a year, Simon said. "That's more than the annual book budget of many small academic libraries."

"Extending borrowing privileges to the non-UNLV com-

munity is one way the university says thank you for citizens' support. However, the university's gift stops short of giving away taxpayers' money to borrowers who won't return books."

In November 1992, UNR began to impose a \$25 user fee on library patrons who are not affiliated with the university. "UNLV does not want to impose these fees," Simon said.

Fees, however, are being charged by most public and private universities in the United States, he noted.

Simon said the university does not have the authority to excuse delinquents.

"We do have the responsibility for making certain library materials are freely available for our primary clients, our students and faculty," he said.

According to Simon, UNLV is examining a variety of options to make certain that books will be returned. "It is our intention to select one plan that achieves the objective without penalizing the thousands of responsible community borrowers," he said.

Time line (cont.)

MARCH 17

Joseph Mallk, head of the Northwest Accrediting Association, is chosen by Maxson to conduct an independent investigation of the problem.

Despite an emotional pre-game greeting from Rider, the Rebels lose their first-round NIT game to USC, 90-74; it is their worst loss ever at the Thomas & Mack Center.

March 18

Rider holds a press conference to charge that UNLV administrators used him as a scapegoat by suspending him. Rider also denies he received improper help on his homework and said a tutor used his "thought process" when writing a paper for him.

March 19

Sports Illustrated hits the streets with an article about the Rider controversy titled "Discredited" in which Maxson is quoted as saying, "There is nothing embarrassing about this." The article concluded by saying, "Maybe UNLV has simply lost the capacity to be embarrassed."

Bertolino, who previously taught journalism at UNLV, holds a press conference to dispute Rider's comments on his course work and to point out he never finished the class assignments. In addition, UNLV Faculty Senate President Robert Skaggs says Rider's paper published in the *Review-Journal* constituted cheating.

The *Sun* banners a story stating "Maxson in limbo" and claimed he was negotiating with regents to resign.

March 21

In a strongly worded editorial, the *Suns* says, "It's time for Maxson to step down as UNLV president." The paper observes: "A university president is ultimately responsible for what goes on in his administration. Maxson simply has not taken charge. Instead of becoming part of the solution, he became part of the problem." The paper also criticized five university regents, including Carolyn Sparks and Joe Foley of Las Vegas, for blindly supporting Maxson.

Throughout the past 10 days Maxson, Weaver and basketball coach Rollie Massimino are criticized by a variety of newspaper columnists and television journalists and several suggest all of them should resign or be fired.

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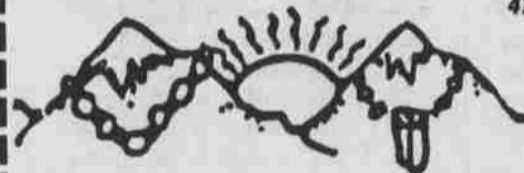
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