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## Charges 'absolutely not true,' Maxson says

President accused of cutting classes by senator/professor.

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President Robert Maxson has denied harassment charges filed against him by Dina Titus, Senate minority leader and political science professor.

"I realize it is going to take some time for the investigation but I have an excellent case," Titus said. "It may also take administrative changes."

Also named in the complaint are James Malek, dean of the college of liberal arts, and Senior



Titus

He eliminated a class she taught and ended programs that allowed students to serve as interns at the Legislature and in Congress, she said.

"The allegations made are absolutely not true," Maxson said. Maxson said he became aware

Vice President John Unrue.

Titus said trouble began after she criticized Maxson for not attending legislative hearings.

of the matter last summer.

"Last summer we received a complaint of age and sex discrimination," he said. "When I saw it I called in my staff and no one knew what it was about."

But Titus said Maxson was aware of the complaint and what it was about before last summer.

"This has been going on since December of 1991," Titus said. "I filed the charge with EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) in September and the university was notified. I personally went to all the members of the Board of Regents, except Joe Foley, so that they could hear it from me and not the grapevine."

Maxson said the allegations of

dismantling the political science department can't be true because the administration is not responsible for those types of changes.

"I did not know of any changes, nor did Dr. Unrue," Maxson said. "I have no idea what (Titus) teaches. In the nine years that I have been here I cannot tell you a single class that she has taught."

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"The administration on this campus has never scheduled or cancelled a course and never will."

According to Titus, an outside chair, not even associated with the political science department, was brought in by the dean of the

college and the provost. Titus also said Maxson has written her dozens of memos critical of her stances in the Legislature.

## Maxson may not control his own destiny

Eliminating the control of interest groups has become the prime motivator of UNLV's two-year controversy, president says.

BY CYNTHIA SALINAS  
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President Robert Maxson said whether he leaves UNLV may be beyond his control when he spoke in front of the Faculty Senate Tuesday, however, he does not plan to resign.

"From what I have seen in the press I am not entirely in charge of my own destiny," Maxson said.

"When I came to this university I came under the agreement that I was a tenured professor and president," Maxson said. "When my term of office as president is finished I plan to become a full-time member of the faculty. However, I do not think it is in the best interest of the university for me to exercise that option now."

Robert Skaggs, chair of the Faculty Senate and John Swetnam, vice chair, sent out a memorandum March 22 that said Maxson should not resign because it would hurt the university.

The memo explained: "On Wednesday, March 19, we held



an hour-long meeting with President Maxson. We expressed our view that a resignation would severely damage the reputation of the university, because it would be

seen as the triumph of a clique of athletic supporters over both the regents and the administration of the institution."

There have been several allegations that members of the Board of Regents would like to see Maxson resign due to the handling of the J.R. Rider controversy. But Maxson feels the Rider matter is not as complicated as it appears.

"What was alleged to have happened is one student used another student's work. The athletic department

acted swiftly in the matter," Maxson said.

Maxson said controversy has plagued the university for the past two years because the university wanted to eliminate the control of interest groups.

"There was too much control

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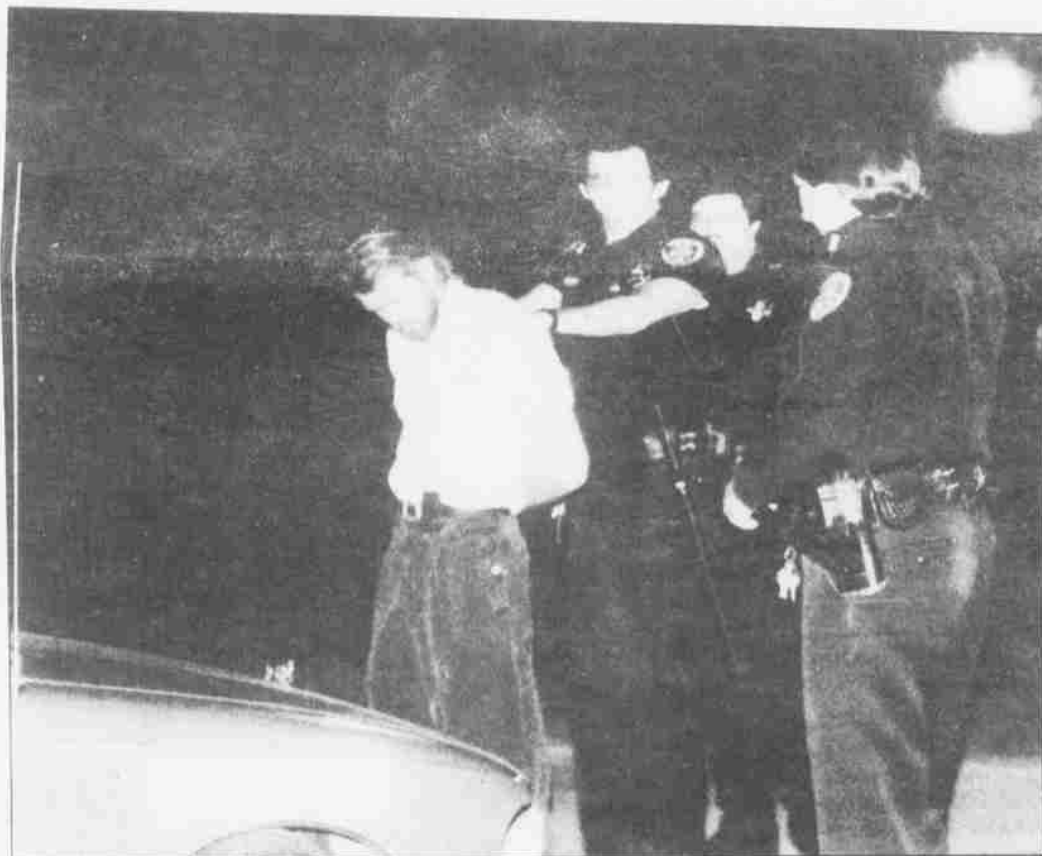


PHOTO BY JAY P. MORGAN

After a sting operation, police arrested Russell Nelson Monday outside the P.E. complex.

## Police arrest phony photographer

A sting operation ends in the arrest of a photographer after a student reported him.

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A man posing as an elite fashion photographer for a modeling agency was taken into custody Monday night at the McDermott Physical Education Complex. Russell Nelson, 30, was arrested for operating a modeling agency without a license.



Nelson advertised in *The Rebel Yell* for models to pose for fine art and glamour photo shoots in the tradition of fashion photographer Helmut Newton.

Detective Lonnie Barrett of the University Police said a student called the advertisement only to find Nelson wanted more than glamour photography sessions.

The student filed a report Friday with Barrett who promptly contacted the Labor Commission. Barrett found Nelson was not licensed to operate in Nevada.

The unidentified student said

Nelson was asking her degrading questions about her body weight, height and chest size. He then asked her if she would pose nude. He also asked her if she would accompany him to a mountainous area where he would take pictures of her in lingerie and skimpy swimsuits.

Lonnie Barrett, detective, University Police

*"All this man wanted was a young college woman which he could prey upon."*

The conversation ended with Nelson talking about the incredible amount of money they would make together.

"This man made a lot of

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