

# Negative publicity may have tainted university's image

In addition to a faltering image, UNLV is suffering from a lack of funding, assemblyman says.

BY CAROLYN ROSE

He told the R-J, "Maxson is a decent man and should be treated accordingly. My legislation has nothing to do with the continuation of Dr. Maxson as president of UNLV."

tem, said he would like to see UNLV's budget become larger.

"I think that the budget is suffering from the lack-of-money crisis in the whole state government," he said.

# 80% of faculty behind Maxson

Overwhelming majority of faculty and staff want President Maxson to stay, a poll indicates.

BY ERIN HIMES

munication studies department said they were not included in the survey.

"It is possible we may have missed the communication department," Skaggs said. "We had two women distrib-



# Argument of faith, expression of hope

by Kimberley McGee and Tricia Romano

The path to enlightenment has many directions. With the onslaught of religious presented through the media, many are stumbling upon their chosen path, turning to their belief system to find answers to life's questions—to find meaning. We interviewed six people, their paths spreading in different directions, with similar thoughts and answers regarding the hardest question of all; the question of faith.

For Mallory Rohach religion is an unquestioned authority on life. Born and raised in the Protestant church, Rohach takes the Bible at face value. Her great grandfather built the church in which she attends weekly, and for Rohach and her family, religion is tradition.

"It's a way of life," said Rohach. "It's where we came from, where we are, where we are going. The way we should be."

Rohach's only exposure to other religions came during what she called her "little rebellion stage," where she explored Mormonism and Buddhism. "That was a joke," she said of Buddhism.

She believes that the Bible cannot be construed to mean different things. "If God had the power to inspire people to write the Bible, I'm sure he would make sure that He would be able to get it translated," she said.

"It says in the Bible that you have to believe," but concedes that nothing can be proven "100 percent."

Faith is the way for Rohach. Although she believes a person may be ethical but, "that won't get them into Heaven."

Aimee Biever found God, twice. Unlike Rohach, Aimee's religion has been a choice. Last year Biever chose Mormonism over her birth religion of Roman Catholicism.

"The Mormon Church views you as an individual, not as a whole like the Catholic church," said Biever. "Mormons want you to live the way you live on Sunday. They want you to worship God ev-

ery day."

Biever found a problem with the Catholic ritual of confession, saying, "you can just say three hail Mary's and you're forgiven."

Like many, Biever has doubted her faith.

"You wouldn't be human if you didn't doubt, if you didn't question," said Biever. "God knows that, He expects you to."

For her, changing her faith was the most obvious decision of her life.

David Cherry has a different view of faith. Religion has nothing to do with the belief in Jesus for him. Cherry is Jewish and is in the minority, which is something he has come to grips with.

There is no other religion where a faith mixes culture and tradition with belief, "I think it's because we're such a small segment (of religious people)," Cherry said.

Cherry follows his faith loosely, "to be a very strict Jew you can't take certain aspects of being a very strict Jew and then ignore the rest. It's all or nothing."

While Cherry's faith in God is steadfast he believes that some take the Bible to be the exact "word of God."

"If you deny that the Bible is not the absolute truth," said Cherry, "then you have to deny anything after that is absolute historical truth. If you deny the Bible, then you have to deny the Civil War ever happened."

The Bible has been interpreted by many. One such interpretation led a man to the UNLV campus with his wife and children to help him on his endeavor to teach the Word as he saw it.

"Religion is Satan's greatest lie," said Michael Woroniecki, an independent believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ, not the current system of religion.

Woroniecki said that organized religion is "a system about Him (Jesus Christ), not a system of him."

"If I want to know you, do I read about you?" said Woroniecki, "NO! I go to you."

Woroniecki referred to

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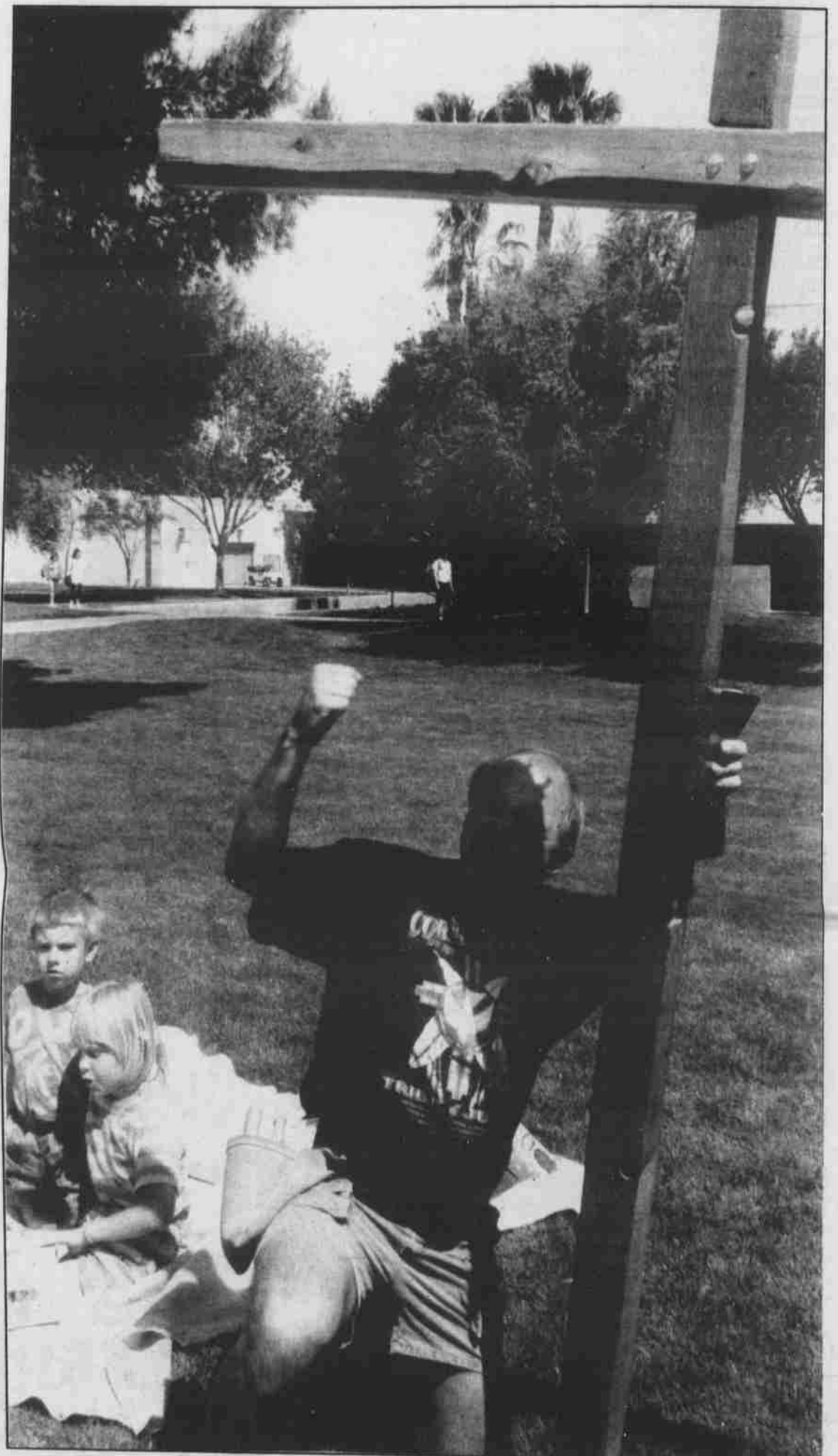


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A pleading Michael Woroniecki preaches to students passing through the academic mall with the desire to convince his listeners the way to save their souls is by turning to Christ.