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Candidates Seek District A Regent Position

The four remaining candidates are set to square off in an Oct. 12 debate

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There just five weeks left before voters decide whether Dave Phillips or Linda Howard will assume the position of District A Regent. The duo are preparing for a debate sponsored by *The Rebel Yell* and Nevada Student Affairs.

The debate, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12, will begin at 1 p.m. concluding at 2 p.m. in the Richard Tam Alumni Center. Refreshments will be served and all students and faculty are invited to attend.

All four candidates in the race for the University and Community College System of Nevada District A and D have agreed to the event, which will have a five-member, panel consisting of two Rebel Yell staff members, two UNLV Student Government



Dave Phillips



Linda Howard

members and one student, not affiliated with either organization.

Moderator for the event will be Steve Shore.

Both candidates for UCCSN District A Regent recently outlined why they are seeking the six year, non-compensated term and discussed the issues they believe are important to higher education during interviews with *The Rebel Yell*.

Phillips, a 42 year resident of Clark County and a graduate of

UNLV, said he wants to be a regent because of his big stake in Nevada's education system. Phillips said he cares about Nevada's higher education because he is a product of education received in Clark County and has children who want to attend UNLV someday. "It's part of me," he said "It's deep in my heart."

Howard said she would like to be a regent so that she can devote time to the issues that are not being dealt with and effectively represent the people in

her district. "I have always been committed to education," she said, "and I always will be."

Phillips said that getting adequate funding is the biggest problem facing the university right now. "There is a big coalition working together to solve the problem," he said. "The Nevada Faculty Association, The Alumni Association, and the administrations of all these institutions state-wide, including the Community College have all agreed to form an alliance to lobby the Legislature for adequate funding."

Phillips indicated he would take part in the lobbying effort with the coalition to "get the money that is necessary from the legislature to fund the needs of the system."

"The breakdown of the communication and of the relationship between the university, students and the community" is what Howard cites as the biggest problem facing UNLV. "Until bad feelings are healed," she said, "we cannot go forward."

Howard said that her good relationship with many of the students and administration at the university, with key civic leaders in the community and with

the State Legislature will allow her to bridge the communication gap. To better inform and involve the community about the university, Howard said she supports open door regent meetings.

When asked what qualifications he has to be a regent, Phillips said his qualifications include an undergraduate degree from UNLV, a law degree from Howard University School of Law and the ownership of a successful business since 1983.

"I have a lot of experience in litigation, I'm a litigation attorney," he said. "I understand all of the legal issues that are brought before the university-contract issues, civil rights violation issues and a number of issues involving whether students can do certain things."

Phillips said that he understands funding and knows the intricacies of balancing the books. As a Marine Corps officer, Prosecutor and platoon leader, Phillips said he knows about management and people.

When asked what qualifications she has to be a regent, Howard said "I don't have all of these high degrees, but I don't

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Irsfeld Heading Back to English Department

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UNLV Vice President John Irsfeld will step down from the \$116,000-a-year administrative post he held for 10 years.

President Kenny Guinn announced his decision last Thursday, which returns Irsfeld to the English Department, where he started his career 25 years ago.

Irsfeld, 56, was a close aide to former UNLV President Robert Maxson, and has been linked to Rollie Massimino's controversial \$375,000-a-year supplemental contract.

In his position as corporate secretary of the UNLV Foundation, Irsfeld witnessed the secret contract in April 1992, and later signed a legal document assigning the UNLV Foundation's obligations to the Varsity Club, the nonprofit organization set up by

Maxson to pay Massimino the supplemental funds.

When he was first questioned by Guinn earlier this summer, Irsfeld denied knowledge of the supplemental agreement. However, Guinn later learned through documentation provided by Athletic Director Jim Weaver that Irsfeld had, indeed, been closely involved.

Irsfeld's dissembling was factored into his demotion, Guinn admitted, but emphasized the larger issue was a question of reorganization. He is planning to replace Irsfeld's job with two lower-level administrative positions.

"That (contract controversy) is not the biggest reason," Guinn said. "We're trying to reorganize the workload around here."

Guinn is looking for senior

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Wallow, Anyone?



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY

Muddy waters of the Oozeball Pit attracted more players than the tournament could accept.

Guinn Calls for Unity Among Student Senators

Emergency meeting set for Friday to approve homecoming activities funds

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President Kenny Guinn told the CSUN Student Senate Monday the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the system's legislative package.

He cautioned the group, however, to "pull together" for the effort needed to win approval of the package in the Legislature.

"We are going to need the help of this group," Guinn said of the UNLV Student Government. He asked the body to work out internal problems between senators and the CSUN President and to come up with a list of goals it will work to achieve in Carson City. "I want us to go up there as a unified group," he said.

The Student Senate as a group has "something to say about funding," Guinn said, hoping the senate would take a position.

One goal the group could work on is getting a salary increase for

the faculty at UNLV. "We haven't had one in four years," he said.

Guinn said the package also requests \$40 million for new equipment and estimated UNLV's share at about \$10 million.

"We're working hard to build our credibility," Guinn said. "With your help, we can get a lot done."

In an interview Tuesday, CSUN President Stephanie Boixo said she welcomed the support from President Guinn. She said, however, that she didn't feel the senate will do UNLV any good with the Legislature.

"I am willing to say it's water under the bridge," she said. "I'm not a person who holds a grudge.

If we can get things done—great. But they are putting all their energy into me and not looking at the big picture."

Boixo said the system is based on checks and balances and the system was being abused. She cited Monday's agenda, which included items for Homecoming expenses submitted by the Executive Board as well as Senators' Smith and Block. "We have a core group of senators who are trying to put things into the agenda separately," Boixo said.

A measure passed 9-4 at the Sept. 19 meeting which reduced her salary was vetoed by Boixo, who said she would take the matter to the judicial council if

her veto is overridden.

Boixo said there were a number of legal violations concerning the salary reduction vote including violations of Nevada open meeting laws and Roberts Rules of Order. Boixo said aside from the legal issues, the main reason for the veto was her performance. "I feel I'm doing a good job," she said. The senate is expected to vote on the override Monday.

Because the senate did not make quorum at its Sept. 26th meeting, Senate President William Romero called an emergency meeting for Friday at 1:30 p.m. in hopes of having monies approved in time for Homecoming Week, which starts Monday.