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Rolie Massimino

## Stalemate Stalls Guinn, Massimino

### Basketball: Two mid-week meetings gain little in UNLV's bid to buy the coach out

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A meeting between UNLV President Kenny Guinn and Rebel basketball coach Rolie Massimino to determine the coach's fate ended quickly with no resolution Wednesday.

Following a similar meeting Monday, Guinn said a decision could be made within the "next 24-48 hours" in regards to the coach's future at the university. Wednesday's meeting left the subject very much undecided.

"It lasted about 60 seconds," Guinn said of Wednesday's meeting. "He packed up his papers and left."

According to Guinn, the university had put its offer on the floor, somewhere in the range of \$330,000 a year for five years, according to some reports, and Massimino was willing to accept those conditions. But apparently, Massimino still wants \$450,000 he feels entitled to from the secret supplemental contract he signed when UNLV hired him in 1992.

"Certainly whenever you talk about a buyout, you have a ceiling and a floor," Guinn said Tuesday. "And you hope someday to meet in the middle."

That wasn't the case Wednesday.

"He has a floor above our ceiling and therefore, we don't have an agreement," Guinn said.

Guinn stressed the sticking point is the money Massimino believes he's entitled to from the supplemental contract, a contract Guinn said the university is not responsible for since the regents never approved it.

"We're not going to spend our

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Tim Grgurich, shown here discussing strategy with J.R. Rider during a game in the 1991-92 season, has been mentioned as possible replacement for Massimino. Grgurich is currently an assistant coach for the NBA Seattle SuperSonics.

## Unrue Resigns as Provost

### Unrue cites disagreement with Guinn

BY JEFF DUGAN  
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UNLV Provost John Unrue resigned Monday from the administrative post he held for 11 years, citing differences in management philosophy with UNLV President Kenny Guinn.

Unrue, 57, joins the ranks of three other senior officials, including former university president Robert Maxson, to leave a UNLV administrative post since April. Unrue met with Guinn Monday and described their conversation as "cordial." He returns to the English Department amidst a furor over travel expenditures incurred while he was provost.



Unrue

"I offered Dr. Guinn my resignation and I am grateful that he was as gracious and accommodating as he was in accepting my resignation," Unrue said.

Guinn praised Unrue's leadership in strengthening UNLV academics and wished him well on his return to the classroom. "(Unrue) has made

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY

Sub-District D Candidates Mark Peplowski (l.) and Mark Alden (center), and Moderator Steve Schorr (r.) are shown here during Wednesday's debate at the UNLV Alumni Center.

## Regent Candidates Stake-out Positions at Campus Debate

BY JAMES EMBREE  
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Candidates for the two open seats on the University and Community College System of Nevada Board of Regents met Wednesday in a debate organized by *The Rebel Yell* and CSUN.

The event, moderated by TV personality Steve Schorr, held at the Richard Tam Alumni Center, was the first regent debate ever held on the UNLV campus that was organized by students.

Several media organizations covered the forum including the *Las Vegas Sun* and the *Review-Journal*, UNLV-TV and KUNV radio.

Mark Alden and Mark Peplowski, the two remaining candidates for Sub-District D, squared-off in the first half-hour of the debate.

Dave Phillips was scheduled to debate Linda Howard for the seat in Sub-District A, for the second half-hour, however Howard, who had confirmed previously, canceled, citing problems with the set-up of the debate.

Phillips is a 1974 UNLV graduate and a practicing attorney in Las Vegas. The Howard University School of Law graduate said, if elected regent, he has the "where-with-all" to lead UCCSN in a positive direction.

The prospective regents fielded questions from a five-member student panel comprised of Thomas Lacy, news editor and Jeff Dugan, staff writer of *The Rebel Yell*, William Romero and Phoebe Block of CSUN, and Gemma Lund, an Honors Program student.

Alden, a Certified Public Ac-

countant, and Peplowski, a instructor at the Community College of Southern Nevada shared with students, faculty and others their views concerning the issues they would address if elected regent.

Phillips, who said, on his arrival that "I'm ready to do surgery," was disappointed after learning that Howard had canceled.

Phillips said the budget is the number one goal for the university. After that, Phillips said the new library was a top priority. "Without the new library, the university will not keep up with the rest of the nation," he said.

"I am a firm believer in cultural activities on campus," Phillips said when asked about efforts to

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## Massimino's Rumored Exit Fuels Ticket Sales

BY JOHN SANTANA  
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Rumors of UNLV basketball coach Rolie Massimino's departure have fueled requests for season tickets, UNLV coordinator of ticketing Kathy Smith said Tuesday afternoon.

"We've had about 100-200 calls today," Smith said. "It's been non-stop since 8 a.m."

Smith said requests have been coming in to her office and the Thomas & Mack Center box office both for season and scholarship tickets.

"(The calls are coming from) people who are interested in coming in to the program and people

who want to come back," Smith said.

Scholarship ticket sales prior to Monday's reports were down over 30 percent from last year and numbered 3,059, bringing in about \$1.95 million in revenue. Athletic director Jim Weaver had projected \$3 million would be raised this year.

A source with the UNLV scholarship office confirmed Tuesday that scholarship ticket sales were being purchased at "a pretty strong pace," although specific figures were unavailable.

Scholarship packages, which also include season tickets for

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