

## Debate

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reduce student apathy. "If elected, I plan to support those activities, not only cultural, but others that contribute to make UNLV a learning environment."

Phillips said he has a vested interest in UNLV and added "My three children will go here."

Commenting on the absence of Howard at the debate, Phillips said "I thought that she should have been here. It's too important for her not to be here, regardless of what might have happened. The future of the institution is at stake."

While Phillips was unopposed, due to Howard's absence, Alden and Peplowski, candidates for Sub-District D, were able to state and defend their positions.

When asked how UNLV could develop other nationally recognized programs, like the Hotel Program, Peplowski and Alden offered conflicting strategies.

Peplowski said that the greatest effort should come from within the department. "The individuals teaching and leading each department have to make a concerted effort to get the best out of the people they have. I believe the time spent between teach and student is the greatest way to develop a credible, desirable attractive program."

Alden disagreed. "It is up to the regents to direct the university in the right direction and develop those programs based on need and growth."

Alden said the board must develop programs carefully. "The programs must be funded properly. Don't put programs up there that don't work. Don't put programs up there that are not funded, and don't put programs there that don't have growth."

**On the issue of student fees**  
Alden said that students should be protected. "We should do everything we can to control tuition and fees. That's an obligation of the regents." He thought fees should only be raised about one-and-a-half percent a year.

Peplowski said the funding the university is a difficult issue because of the legislative budget and the fact that funding is only approved every two years. Raising fees is "not something anyone wants to do, but something everyone takes a grave look before they make a decision."

Both Alden and Peplowski

they have put their own personal funds into the race. Alden said he has put about \$50,000 into the race while Peplowski said he has offered up about \$17,000.

Regent Shelley Berkley attended the debate and commented: "I'm extremely pleased *The Rebel Yell* sponsored this very important event, and I'm optimistic it will be the first of a tradition. It was very important that the voters be knowledgeable about the regent's positions."

Berkley added that while all the issues were not fully comprehended (by the candidates), "The fact that they were here and participating and had obviously prepared was very encouraging to me."

The debate will air today on UNLV-TV channel 4 at 5:30 p.m. and will also air on KUNV 91.5 Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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tax dollars on that," he said.

So Guinn wanted to see if anyone in the community was interested and willing to make the donation, of sorts, to cover the additional money to pay Massimino off.

"There just wasn't an appetite," Guinn said.

Another possible option would be for Guinn to simply fire Massimino.

"That's a step I have not considered at this point," he said.

However, Guinn said he is going to meet with university attorneys today "to see what's best for the university."

There is a sense of urgency in the proceedings as official practice begins Saturday.

Tim Grgurich, who served as former head coach Jerry Tarkanian's assistant for many years at UNLV, has been touted as Massimino's successor by local media. But Guinn said no formal contact has been made.

"I have never met Tim Grgurich," Guinn said. "I've never talked to Tim Grgurich. I don't think that's even a part of anyone's plan, at least from my standpoint, until we look at the issues. At this stage of the game we have a basketball coach and if something were to happen, then you'd have the opportunity to look around and see what you can come up with."

"There's a lot of pros and cons on Tim Grgurich," Guinn said. "There's people that support him immensely, there's other people

that don't. But I am not at that point where I am sitting down with anybody other than looking at the existing problem."

Rebel basketball players find themselves in an interesting situation with practice beginning Saturday and not knowing who their coach will be.

It's a particularly strange scenario for senior Reggie Manuel, who played for Grgurich as a freshman during Tarkanian's final season of 1991-92. Manuel did not wish to comment on the situation until it is resolved.

But Guinn said he is growing weary of the entire situation.

"I'm really getting sick and tired of this," he said. "It's not about basketball. It's about the university and (spending) more time on education."

"Simplify, simplify."

Henry David Thoreau

"Hey, that's not a bad idea."

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## Sales

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football, range from \$600 to \$10,000.

An increase in scholarship sales could mean a huge boost for the UNLV athletic department, which had a revenue decrease from ticket sales for the fourth straight year and is projected to lose money this fiscal year.

"For two years in a row our scholarship sales for athletic ticket sales have gone down tremendously," UNLV interim president Kenny Guinn said Tuesday. "My concern is what are we going to do about this program where we aren't selling scholarships and tickets."

"There's only \$1 million that comes out of a tax-supported institution to athletics. The other \$9.5 million comes from ticket sales and tuition that students put in," Guinn said.

Weaver and Guinn said Monday that some of the money raised from an increase in scholarship ticket sales might go to buy Massimino's contract, which three years remaining \$511,000 annually.

That figure doesn't include \$375,000 secret supplement to the contract which has been at the center of controversy.



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