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Maxson, Booke Found in Violation of Ethics Laws

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The final chapter in the Rollie Massimino saga may have been written.

Tuesday, the Nevada State Ethics Commission released their report, sighting that former UNLV President Robert Maxson and onetime UNLV legal counsel Brad Booke violated ethics laws.

The panel cited improprieties by Maxson and Booke for their part in orchestrating a secret contract for former Rebel basketball coach Rollie Massimino

in which private funds were to be funneled through an organization known as the Varsity Club.

While the report issued by the commission concluded that UNLV Athletic Director Jim Weaver played a part in negotiations, he was not found to have violated any ethics laws, therefore no sanctions were recommended.

UNLV Regent Shelley Berkley said, "the opinion was reflective of what transpired."

Berkley said she thought Weaver got off light, but added, "In light of the fact that he has already notified us that he is

leaving, I'm comfortable with this (the commission's opinion)."

Since Maxson nor Booke are state employees, neither could have faced sanctions as a result of the commission's report.

Weaver, though, could have faced sanctions had the Ethics Commission found him in violation of state ethics laws.

"I have never thought that Weaver was an innocent babe in the woods that was being led around by the nose by Maxson and Booke," Berkley said. "But I have no evidence to back up that statement. And if, in its infinite wisdom, the Ethics Commission absolves him, then so be it."

Weaver did not return phone calls to *The Rebel Yell* Wednesday.

The report also said that Mas-



Robert Maxson

simino did not violate ethics laws. Berkley though, questioned the ethics of the former embattled

UNLV basketball coach.

"I remember an April 9 (1992) meeting when Massimino was sitting 10 feet from me, and I asked to see a copy of the contract, and Maxson said he could not show us a copy because it was still being drafted," Berkley said. "He (Massimino) heard that absolute lie and did nothing to correct it. He (Massimino) had signed it a week ahead of time."

Berkley called her yes vote on Massimino's contract, "the worst vote in all my years of public service."

"I remember that speech he (Massimino) gave when he said, 'This is not about money, it's about kids,'" Berkley said. "Give me a break, this was all about money."

Great American Smokeout Today



Cigarette smokers across the country will be putting out their cigarettes today as they participate in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

The organization marks this day each year as an opportunity for smokers to quit cold turkey and start enjoying the benefits of a smoke-free life.

In Nevada, tobacco-related health risks are among the most serious in the nation. The number of smokers per capita is 10 percent higher than the national average.

Further, Nevada has the distinction of being rated first

in the number of lung cancer deaths per capita.

In recognition of Nevada's serious tobacco problem, the American Cancer Society will set up survival stations, pick-up points where smokers can get information on how to quit. Locations of these sites include the following: Meadows and Boulevard Malls, VA outpatient Clinic, and any Las Vegas Area Jack-in-the-Box Restaurant.

For more information about today's Great American Smokeout, contact the American Cancer Society at 798-6877.

New Signs at UNLV

A number of new informational and directional signs will be installed at UNLV in an effort to make the campus more easily accessible.

Some signs, set to appear in the coming months, will include large campus maps and directional signs that point the way to various campus buildings. One large sign at Maryland Parkway and Harmon Avenue will make the main entrance to campus more visible. All will be done in a red, gray, and white color scheme in keeping with UNLV's colors.

"As more and more people move to Southern Nevada, we have more first-time visitors to the UNLV campus," said John Amend, associate vice president

for administration. "We want people from the community to be comfortable about coming to campus, and part of that depends on their being able to find their way around without difficulty. As we construct more buildings, that's becoming a bigger challenge."

"These new signs will be placed in strategic spots on campus and are intended to make it easier for both community members and students to find their way around," he said.

Most of the signs will be erected in December and January, Amend added. The project will cost \$70,00, with \$50,00 being provided by the UNLV foundation and \$20,00 coming from Amend's department.

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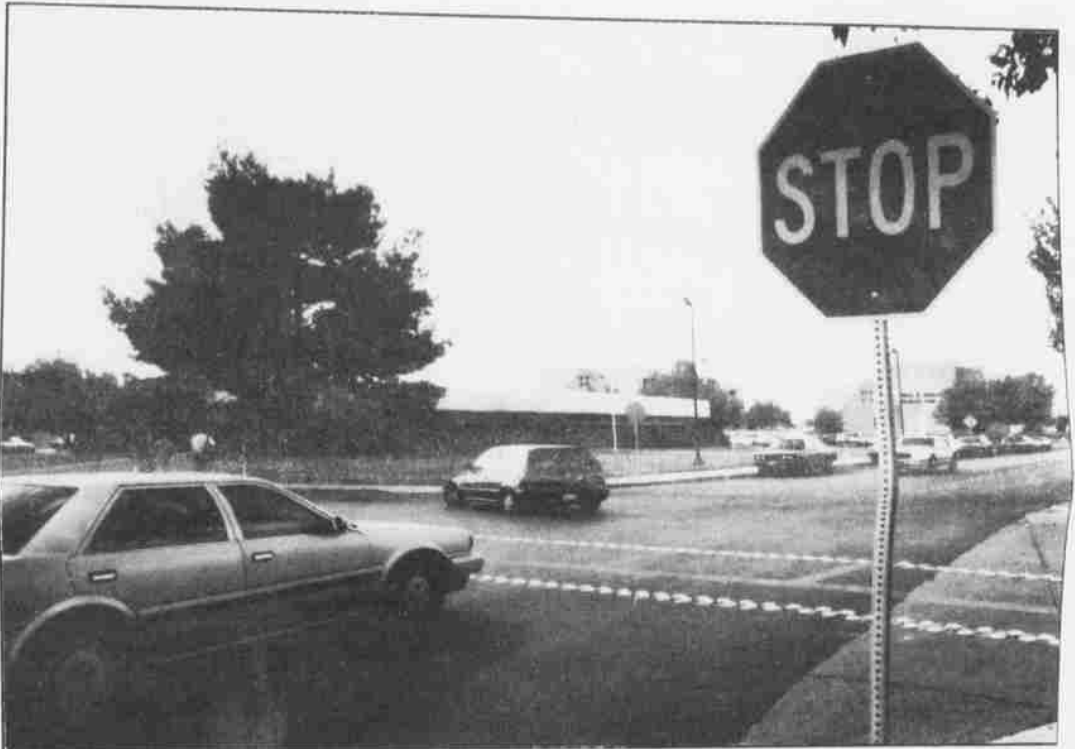


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A four-way stop is now in place at the intersection of University Drive and Brussels Road. It will make traversing the corner more expedient for cars and safer for students.

Enrollment Breaks 20,000

Facilities are adequate but funds are lacking for growth

ures, the number of students surpassed the 20,000 mark for the first time.

Robert Ackerman, vice president of Student Services, called the recently released statistic, provided by Susan Bozarth, associate dean of Admissions and Records, an "important benchmark in the history of the institution."

"It took us 25 years to reach an enrollment of 10,000," Ackerman said. "We doubled that in (the

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History was made at UNLV this fall. According to recently released enrollment fig-

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New Senate Members Help Overturn Boixo Veto

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The Student Senate voted Monday to override Student Body President Stephanie Boixo's package veto of three bills originally passed at the Oct. 24 meeting.

Twelve affirmative votes among the 17 senators present were enough for the two-thirds requirement. Four senators voted against the override, while one abstained.

The bills have generated considerable debate, some saying it is unclear whether at least one of the bills, to pay senators a stipend, can be carried out.

This particular bill will pay senators \$25 per meeting. The others mandated three CSUN members to be present at all Board of Regent meetings and all UNLV Faculty Senate meetings.

Boixo said while she was disappointed to lose the vote, she was encouraged. "Three or four new senators came to talk to me in the days before the vote. I was glad to see that."

Regarding the stipend bill specifically, Boixo was less upbeat. "They wouldn't have any problem with me if they had gone for a fee waiver. I feel it's just retaliation against me," she said. "The Senate should look at the fact

that none of this is budgeted."

According to CSUN business manager, Lori Callison, any stipends paid to senators would have to come from the professional salaries line in the CSUN budget. However, because of the campus-wide hiring-freeze, all budget changes must be approved by the Board of Regents.

While nobody is sure whether the board would approve such a change, it may be a moot point.

According to Senator Walt Vodrazka, the bills will be revised, thus avoiding any action by the Board of Regents.

"We can revise the bill by restricting the number of meetings that could be paid for," Vodrazka

said, "or (we can) make it a fee waiver."

Vodrazka also said one of the other bills may be in trouble.

"I think we will move to rescind the bill mandating CSUN presence at all regent meetings. I see why Stephanie (Boixo) didn't like it—it's overkill."

Senator Shawna Campbell was one of the Senators who changed their mind about the vote Monday, after having voted for the bills on Oct. 24. "I couldn't, in all faith, override all of the bills together," she said. "There were major flaws in these bills."

In other business Monday, the Senate approved, in principle, an "idea" put forth by Susan

Thompson, director of International Programs, to create an "International Scholarship Fund" for UNLV students.

"We have to find a way for students to go global," Thompson said. "Four out of five new jobs (in the future) will be created by the new international economy."

Her idea may included a \$1 fee, similar to the student health charge, going directly to the fund.

Thompson said that, while in the past private funds were used for such efforts, students need to show they are really interested in such a program. With the program in place, additional matching funds could be attracted.