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Committee Narrows Search for UNLV President

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The UNLV Presidential Search Committee took one more step in narrowing the field of presidential hopefuls, reducing the list from 27 to 11 after a meeting Jan. 11.

UCCSN Regent Jill Derby, Chair of the Search Committee, commented that she was "extremely pleased with the progress of the search to date. This is an impressive group of candidates which any university would be proud to have attracted."

The search committee is a body of 18, with 13 members appointed from the UNLV faculty, administration, alumni and student and five members from the board of regents. All members of the committee were selected by James Eardley, Chair of the Board of Regents.

While the committee is fairly balanced in gender, there was only one minority representative, John P. Lujan, Director of Affirmative Action. Derby said the lack of persons of color on the committee troubled her as well. However, she felt confident that the leadership statement crafted to search for the new president addressed the needs of the total university population.

The search to find a permanent replacement for Interim President Kenny Guinn began several months ago. A job description, written by the search committee entitled "Statement of Desired Presidential Leadership Characteristics" was made available to the public.

The initial announcement of the search netted well over 100 potential candidates and nominees. Candidates being persons who openly announce their in-

terest in the position. And nominees are those who want to keep their interest in a position private. Nominees are added to the applicant list through a third party. Of all who applied, the only UNLV faculty member to show interest in the position was William J. Robinson, economics.

From the total number of initial applicants, a list of 27 was made by the search committee. The 27 name list was reduced to 11 last Wednesday. Once selected, all applicants were called and informed of their status on a new shortlist and reminded that hereafter, all applicants names would become public record. Of the 11, two declined the offer to interview with the committee.

The following are still in contention for the position:

- Delores E. Cross, president, Chicago State University
- John R. Darling, chancellor,

Louisiana State University

•Donald V. DeRosa, provost, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

•Carol Harter, president, State University of New York

•J. Charles Jennett, provost, Clemson University

•Paul J. Olscamp, president, Bowling Green State University

•William E. Shelton, Eastern Michigan University

•Thomas J. Tighe, provost and vice president, University of Connecticut

•Steadman Upham, vice president for research and graduate education and dean of the graduate school, University of Oregon.

The next step in the search process will be personal interviews with the committee, scheduled for Jan. 21 and 22. The

committee will split into two teams and interview each remaining applicant with different sets of questions. When finished, the nine candidates will be reduced to five. The five will be called back for a second interview and another short list of three will be made. The new UNLV president will be selected from the three remaining applicants. Announcement of the new president is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 17 in Las Vegas.

All meetings of the search committee, including the interviews of the potential candidates, are open to public view and participation under Nevada's Open Meeting/Open Record law. Persons wishing to participate in the interview proceedings can call Mary Lou Moser, Secretary of the Board of Regents, at 784-4958 for time and location.

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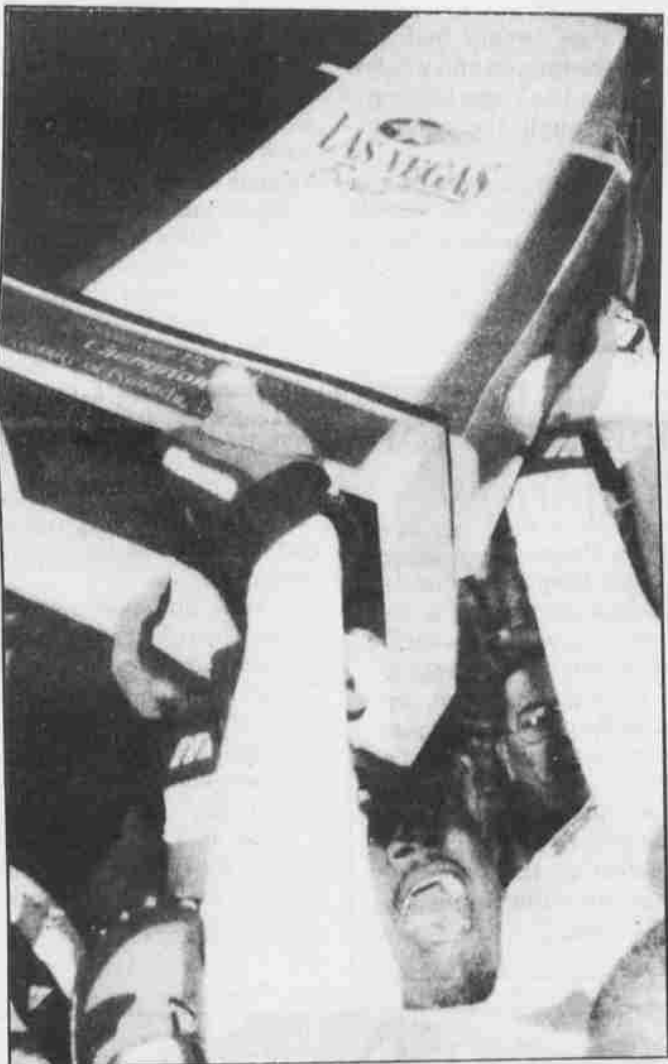


PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN
Members of the UNLV football team hoist the Las Vegas Bowl Trophy high above their heads after it's 52-24 win over Central Michigan last month.

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Sole Faculty Member Misses Cut for Top Job

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When the position of UNLV president officially opened to potential applicants, only one person from the staff threw a hat into the ring.

William J. Robinson, holder of a doctorate in economics, has been a faculty member at UNLV for 15 years. He knows the campus, the history behind the presidential search and has what he calls "innovative and provocative ideas for the future of UNLV." The search committee need not look very far to assess the contributions Robinson has made to the university. And by all intents and purposes, he should have a leg up on applicants who have never even been to Las Vegas. This, unfortunately, is not the case.

When UCCSN regent Jill Derby, Chair of the Search Committee, spoke about the task before the selection committee, she said it was extremely important to find the right person to fill the presidential leadership characteristics outlined in the job description crafted by her committee. The search committee wants to find a candidate "who can begin the healing process at UNLV." The university needs to leave the baggage of a negative image behind and start fresh with a new leader.

Starting fresh for the search

committee means eliminating any one person applying for the presidency that has any kind of a history with UNLV. In discussing candidates potentially making the cut from 27 to nine prior UNLV experience was questioned with, "Does this person support our need for a clean slate in leadership?" Each applicant in the second cut was questioned on several different issues. It would be impossible to determine which questions influenced the final vote. However, of the nine remaining applicants, none have had any prior association with UNLV.

Robinson was eliminated from the list when the numbers went from 100 to 27. Richard Millman, California State University, San Marcos, participated in an evaluation of the UNLV mathematics department and was eliminated from the list when the numbers went from 27 to nine. Dale Nitzschke, University of New Hampshire and former vice president at UNLV from 1980-84 was also eliminated when the cut went from 27 to nine.

"Ideas aren't enough for them (search committee)," Robinson believes. "What I would do here, the ideas of what I could do here and my experience at UNLV, for some reason, isn't enough. It's a disadvantage to be known when it should be an advantage. People here know that what I say, I will do. What you've got here



PHOTO HYUN-HO HAN
William Robinson will have to be content on the UNLV faculty as he failed to make the cut for the post of president of the university.

(the candidates list) is a title and a publication record. No one knows what these people will do, how they will fit in Las Vegas. With me, there is a lot more information."

Will Robinson stay at UNLV? "I don't know. I'm going to see what we get for a president. I mean, there are people in here who might be good presidents. We have to wait and see what comes out of this."

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Murray N. Rothbard, S.J. Hall Distinguished Professor of Economics, Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Richard Tam Alumni Center.

Rothbard, a UNLV economics professor, suffered a fatal heart attack on Jan. 7 while in New York for the weekend. He was 68.

The late economist wrote 25 books and thousands of articles. His last was an article for the Washington Post on Dec. 29 entitled "Newt Gingrich is No Libertarian."

Members of the university community and the general public are invited to attend.

Regents Change 'Good Neighbor' Tuition Policy

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Nevada's universities will continue to be "good neighbors," but they won't be as neighborly as they have in the past.

At last Thursday's meeting in the Moyer Student Union, the Board of Regents approved a policy change in the program that was implemented in 1988.

Under the current "Good Neighbor" policy, students from designated bordering counties can enroll in Nevada's community colleges and universities at 150 percent of in-state fees.

"For Californians coming here to go to school, it's cheaper than staying home," said Richard Jarvis, chancellor of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Jarvis proposed changes that include raising tuition to equal in-state fees that

a student would pay at a home institution, phasing in increases over two to four years and increasing tuition for part-time students as well.

Community colleges will not be affected, and students enrolled between fall 1993 and spring 1995 will continue to benefit from the current policy.

Jarvis said the fact that California offers no reciprocal program and a continued access problem for Nevada students are key factors for the changes.

"For students from Nevada that wish to go to California, there is no baccalaureate institution that offers any reciprocal arrangement," said Jarvis.

Regent Dorothy S. Gallagher is in favor of the changes proposed for the 1995-96 school year but said that maintaining diversity is important.

"I really feel that to be fair to Nevadans we have to do it," said Gallagher. "But we

don't want to ever completely close off Nevada institutions to people from other states."

With the new Good Neighbor formula, students will pay an additional \$42 out-of-state tuition fee, making the per credit hour fee \$100. A "good neighbor" student taking 12 credit hours will pay \$1,200 a semester.

This increased tuition is still considerably less than the non-resident cost of \$3,146 each semester. "The discount still present in this policy compared to a regular out-of-state is still enormous," Jarvis added.

The regents will evaluate other non-resident tuition policies, including part-time non-resident fees and reduced tuition for person over age 62 when they meet in February.