

# The Rebel Yell

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## Regents Ready to Pick New President

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At the conclusion of a special Board of Regents meeting Wednesday, months of searching for a new UNLV president are expected to conclude with the announcement of one name.

The four candidates who remain are: Bill Shelton, president of Eastern Michigan University; Paul Olscamp, president of Bowling Green University in Ohio; Charles Jennett, provost of Clemson University in South Carolina and Carol Harter, president of State University of New York, Geneseo.

All the candidates with the exception of Jennett, who is scheduled for a Monday campus visit, have returned to UNLV for a second round of meetings.

During interviews with *The Rebel Yell*, Harter, Shelton and Olscamp each expressed optimism about the chance to serve as the next UNLV president, but Harter qualified her statement, stating she may not take the position even if selected.

Although he has fond memories of Bowling Green, Olscamp said he announced to the institution that he was retiring two years ago. "I believe that a university should be reinvigorated at the presidential level every decade and I've been there 13 years, so it's time for a new president."

When asked what qualifications he would bring with him that would aid in leading UNLV in a positive direction, Olscamp



REBEL YELL STAFF PHOTO  
Bill Shelton (l), one of the four remaining UNLV presidency candidates, met with Terry Piper, assistant vice-president for Student Life, and Eileen McGarry, director of Career Services Wednesday at the Artemus Ham Hall, presenting his ideas to the search committee.

said his greatest asset was his two decades of experience. "I've been president of an institution above this size and I've gone through some of the things that you're going through and want to go through such as enhancement of your graduate program."

Additionally, Olscamp said his experience as head of a Division I-A athletic program, as well as his years of serving as academic affairs and student affairs vice president, would serve him well if he was selected to be UNLV's next president.

When asked about his ability to raise funds for a university, Olscamp said a check of his records at Bowling Green would show this as an area which he has excelled. "I mean, how did I do where I have been?" Olscamp asked. "The endowment at Bowling Green was \$1.9 million when I came in, it's \$50 million now."

In addressing the controversy surrounding UNLV athletics, Olscamp said the primary task at hand was to lay the turmoil to rest and look to the future.

Olscamp said UNLV is a unique

university because of the rapid growth. "Because the university has grown so quickly, there're certain structural problems with the overall administration," he explained. "Instead of developing the infrastructure and support services so that you're ready for the students, the students all showed up and everybody played catch up from then on."

Olscamp added, though, that he liked what he saw on campus. "I think the campus is wonderful," he said. "It's architecturally exciting. I think it's a work of art."

The people that I've met here have been deeply committed to education."

The four remaining candidates, three of which are currently serving as presidents and one as provost, have been involved in the university's first open search for president. Many UNLV faculty and students questioned the ability of the UNLV Presidential Search Committee to attract qualified candidates in light of the public search.

Andy Fry, a professor of History, and a member of the search committee, acknowledged that the search was affected by going public, but said he is satisfied with the results.

"I think that we have attracted a good field, and the fact that three of them are sitting presidents now suggests that it (the open search) has gone pretty well," Fry said.

Harter, the lone woman remaining in the search said, while being impressed with UNLV, she wasn't ready to decide if this university was right for her.

"I need to learn more," she said. "I need to understand more. I need to understand what the real potential is for a new president."

She called the president's role at UNLV "very challenging," adding, "it's kind of a roller coaster ride, with all the highs and lows."

Harter speculated on the possibility of leaving Geneseo. "I have a wonderful presidency now. The problem is, of course,

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### E&P Director Laura Reeves Resigns

Laura Reeves, director of Entertainment and Programming at CSUN, resigned the position at the Student Senate meeting Monday evening.

Reeves, the 1994 Homecoming Queen, said she could no longer continue at the post due to what she said was a severe lack of guidance and "too much red tape."

"You can't get anything done," Reeves continued. "It's too much for one person."

While Reeves blamed a lack of

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### Kebu: Lost and Found

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Kebu Stewart, junior center for the UNLV men's basketball team, will not make the team's trip to Virginia this weekend.

Head coach Tim Grgurich said Stewart will not travel with the team due to a minor knee injury, and not because of disciplinary actions.

"I'm not into suspensions, or anything like that," Grgurich said. "...He's not going to make the trip because of a combination of things."

Stewart met with team doctor Gerald Higgins on Tuesday, and was diagnosed to have acute patella tendinitis, otherwise known as "jumper's knee," in both knees.

Trainer Jerry Koloskie said Stewart has started rehabilitation, and will return to the team as soon as possible.

"Basically, he just began (Wednesday),"

Koloskie said. "So we'll have to wait and see. ...Hopefully we'll get him back in a week to 10 days."

Stewart missed his original doctor appointment Monday, and couldn't be reached by the basketball staff for three days.

"He didn't give me a real explanation," Grgurich said about Stewart's absence. "I didn't ask him for an explanation. I just told him what his responsibility should have been, and what we expect of him."

Stewart refused to comment Tuesday, and was unavailable Wednesday.

"He has to learn to be responsible to the team, and responsible for himself," Grgurich said. "He has to make a commitment to himself, and to his teammates, and to his program, and to academics, and to everything that this program stands for."

Stewart was sent back to Las Vegas

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### Maya Angelou to Lecture at the Community College

Maya Angelou, best-selling author and President Clinton's Inaugural Poet, will lecture at the CCSN Nicholas Horn Auditorium Sunday at 6 p.m.

A limited number of tickets will be available to CCSN students for \$5. General admission is \$20 and are available at the Bursar's office on the Cheyenne campus, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave.

Angelou's lecture is a commencement to "Appreciating Multicultur-

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## Republican Proposals May Impact College Students

### Cuts in loan subsidies could eliminate many from attending college

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Newt Gingrich has proposed many federal government college education cuts which will both directly or indirectly affect students.

Education is something many Americans depend on for a pro-

ductive future. Gingrich's proposed educational cuts could, however, deprive many students of that future if the subsidizing of student loans, campus-based aid and national service are eliminated.

The elimination of the federal subsidizing of student loans will increase the costs of education dramatically, according to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. Student loans are currently subsidized through college until six months after graduation, when students are then expected to have found suitable employment and begin the repayment process.

Cutting the subsidy of student loans, however, will force the average student borrower to pay

a projected 20 percent more for their student loan. By not subsidizing the interest on loans while the borrower is still in school, the total amount of debt increases considerably. This move could eliminate many students from attending college, who would be unable to pay the interest on the loan while in school.

Guaranteed student loan borrowers have been repeatedly attacked by Republicans in Congress. Their purpose is to convince Americans that student loans are not being paid back at a high enough rate to merit the costs of the program.

Research from federal government documents, via World Wide Web and the 104th Congress' Department of Education Bud-

get, shows the guaranteed loans already in existence in the year 1995 have a net default rate of 12.6 percent. This means that 87.4 percent of all guaranteed student loan borrowers are making good on their loan obligations.

To further the reality of educational cuts, universities across the United States are known for raising the costs of tuition when enrollments are down. Historically, when educational funds are cut, enrollments drop as well.

The elimination of campus-based aid would include all work study positions, incentive grants, opportunity grants and Perkins loans. Any student dependent on these programs for their living while in school would be

forced to find a job or another way to support themselves. Frequently, the only jobs available off-campus pay minimum wage.

Another proposal is to eliminate the Americorps program. The irony is that the Americorps is the only federal program that encourages the work-for-college ethic. This program is being targeted by Gingrich and other Republican members of Congress for elimination.

This program not only builds the ethic of national and community service, it helps many disadvantaged Americans get to college. According to U.S. PIRG, over 20,000 people have already started working in hopes of getting an

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