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Boixo Avoids Paying Fees with Administrators' Help

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UNLV Student Body President Stephanie Boixo avoided paying more than \$200 in parking tickets owed to the Department of Public Safety, citing ignorance as her excuse.

Sources also say that two administrators helped Boixo in her efforts to avoid paying the fines.

Boixo, whose tickets date back to the beginning of the summer of last year, also used her presidential influence to convince school administrators to remove a parking boot used to disable her vehicle, without paying the fines.

The incident occurred Jan. 30 when Boixo parked her car on campus in her assigned private

parking space. Parking enforcement officers noticed Boixo's car and applied the boot.

University parking regulations state that a student who incurs five tickets, or \$50 in fines, will be given two "red tag" warnings before their parking privileges are revoked and a boot placed on their vehicle. Privileges can be reinstated once the fines have been paid.

When Boixo discovered the boot, sources told *The Rebel Yell* she phoned Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman. Boixo allegedly asked Ackerman to phone University Police Chief David Hollenbeck to have the boot removed.

Ackerman allegedly made the

"When I walked out and saw the boot on my car, I said 'I'm the student body president, how can they put a boot on my car?'"

—Stephanie Boixo

phone call, and Hollenbeck had the boot removed without Boixo paying her fines.

When Ackerman was contacted about his involvement in the incident, he denied making the call to get Boixo out of her predicament. He also denied knowing Boixo had a boot placed on her car.

"Stephanie called upset one day about the excessive tickets,"

Ackerman said. "I told her she should know better than to get so many tickets. I then called Chief Hollenbeck to ask him to look into it."

Ackerman denies calling Hollenbeck to have the fines reduced or ignored.

"I just called him to have him look into the situation," Ackerman says. "The only reason I called him was because he is in charge of parking enforcement."

Hollenbeck is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

A *Rebel Yell* investigation uncovered eight unpaid parking tickets totaling \$230 in Boixo's name. The tickets date back to Sept. 14, 1994 and include a ticket voided due to an "officer error"

on June 23 of last year.

Boixo claims that she had no idea she was responsible for the tickets.

"I was told by the people in our office that if my space was occupied that I could park anywhere and not worry about being ticketed," she said.

Though student parking stickers are available free of charge, Boixo did not register for one.

"I have my own parking space," she said. "I don't really need a student parking sticker."

Boixo's claim that the tickets would be "taken care of" does not jive with campus police policies.

Campus police spokesperson Sgt. Donald Drake said there is no such policy that exempts CSUN

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Harter Gets the Call

New York administrator appointed by board Wednesday

BY THOMAS K. LACY
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History was made at UNLV Wednesday as Carol Harter was selected to become the first woman president at UNLV.

Harter, currently the president of the State University of New York at Geneseo, received a unanimous confirmation vote on the third vote taken by the Board of Regents. She will receive a three-year contract at \$150,000 per year and will be given tenure.

The UNLV Presidential Search Committee's advisory board agreed to submit to the five-member Regents' Ad Hoc committee, one "preferred" candidate and one "acceptable" candidate.

Harter received seven "preferred" votes with William Shelton garnering three. The regents ad hoc committee then unanimously agreed to send the names of the two candidates to the Board.

Regent Shelley Berkley motioned for the Board to take a vote naming Harter the new president. After a five-to-five tie vote was broken by Regent Chair James Eardley's no vote, a motion was made for a vote to confirm Shelton as president.

At this point Regent Nancy Price told the regents she was outraged at the board's action in disregarding the clear consensus which the advisory board had given Harter.

Additionally, Price said she contacted legal counsel Friday in response to what she termed "discriminatory" actions in the search process, although she didn't elaborate to the board.

A second vote was then taken by the regents to confirm Shelton as president. The vote was four for Shelton with six voting no.

A second motion was made to approve Harter as president. At this point Regent Maddy Graves said that he was giving his support to Harter (he had voted no on the first Harter vote) and urged for a unanimous vote by the board.

The remaining regents voted for Harter, giving her a unanimous vote confirming her as the next president of UNLV.

No date has been set on when Harter will assume the presidency. Included in Harter's contract will be a \$12,000 housing allowance per annum, a \$6,000 yearly care allowance and the



Carol Harter

use of an annual \$5,000 host account.

After the regents had adjourned on the issue of discrimination. "There has been indication to me about one of the members of the Board of

Regents that was consistent with some previous behavior by that member, and perhaps three members but at least one, having to do with attitudes about women and means of getting a job accomplished," Price said.

Price said she asked legal counsel to look into the situation to ensure that nothing the board had done "violated any federal laws." "I can tell you who the person was and then you can ask them directly so you don't have second hand information. And that would be Maddy Graves," Price said.

When contacted by *The Rebel Yell*, Graves said, "I discount anything Nancy Price says," and added, "you have to consider the source—Carol."

Men Get Harassed Too

Management professor 'discloses' the real truth about male sexual harassment

BY LISA ADAMS
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"Oh God, I've wanted you all day," she said intensely as she kissed him again and rolled on top of him.

"No Meredith, wait!" he protested.

In this scene from Michael Crichton's *Disclosure*, company supervisor Meredith is showing Tom Sanders the duties that were not detailed in his job description. When Sanders rejects her advances she becomes angry and vows to get even.

Is this a case of sexual harass-

ment?

"Right now the popular media defines sexual harassment as essentially a women's issue," Anthony Townsend, UNLV assistant professor of management explained. "If you ask most people, they will say it's a woman's problem."

This is a common misconception, Townsend stated, who has recently published an article on the subject in *National Review*.

Townsend insists that it's an issue that needs to be taken seriously. "Now you're looking at 1,000 men a year filing sexual harassment claims," he said. "It's another bubble waiting to blow up in someone's face."

A lot of male students are filing lawsuits against female faculty members. Townsend projects that the number of suits filed by men could reach several thousand.

A roadblock to re-evaluating judicial precedent and public

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Journalist Stahl to Speak at Ham Hall

"60 Minutes" co-editor Lesley Stahl will speak on "Television, Politics and the Economy" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

The event, part of the continuing Barrick Lecture series, is free. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts box

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Lesley Stahl

Senate Votes to Stabilize 'Rebel Yell' Funding

After extensive debate, senate approves increase in operating budget

BY JAN WILLIAMS
NEWS EDITOR

The student senate breathed new life into the campus paper with a near-majority vote at its meeting Monday night.

The vote, 14 in favor, three against and one abstaining, bumped the amount up from seven percent this school year to 8.7 percent starting with the 1995 fall term, which at current enrollment levels equates out to about a \$5,000 per semester increase.

"We are very pleased with the way things turned out," Editor-in-Chief James Embree stated. "This vote was about the future of *The Rebel Yell*. I'm glad the senate felt it was important."

Former senator Bud Benne-

man, faculty adviser Mary Hausch and Yell advisory Board member Tom Flagg, along with Embree, business manager Lori Callison and Yell Managing Editor Katie Land testified on the paper's behalf. They fielded questions from the senators who were concerned about the quality, number of publications per week and the costs of operating the campus newspaper.

Edward Rivera, representing the college of Business & Economics, favored the resolution. "The paper should be growing," he pointed out, "The money should be there so it can contin-

ue to grow."

Eric Whitacker, invited to speak by senator Carl Tolbert, recounted a similar experience that happened to him while serving on the student newspaper in Georgia. He implored the senate to approve the budget for an institution that was designed to be "by and for" students.

Although the issue of "senate bashing" came up, it was made clear by both Embree and Student Body President Stephanie Boixo that this was not really an issue to base decision-making on.

"In the real world, the media questions what the government is doing all the time," Boixo reminded her constituents. "If you don't like what is written about you, write (the paper) about it." She also encouraged each senator to visit the Yell to discuss any concerns they had.

The student senate meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. (except on holidays) on the 2nd floor of MSU to discuss the expenditure of student funds. All students are encouraged to attend.