

# The Rebel Yell

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## Guinn: Communication Key to Problem Solving

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Nearly 70 members of the Nevada Faculty Alliance attended a forum Wednesday with President Kenny Guinn to discuss how they could better assist the administration in addressing various issues and concerns.

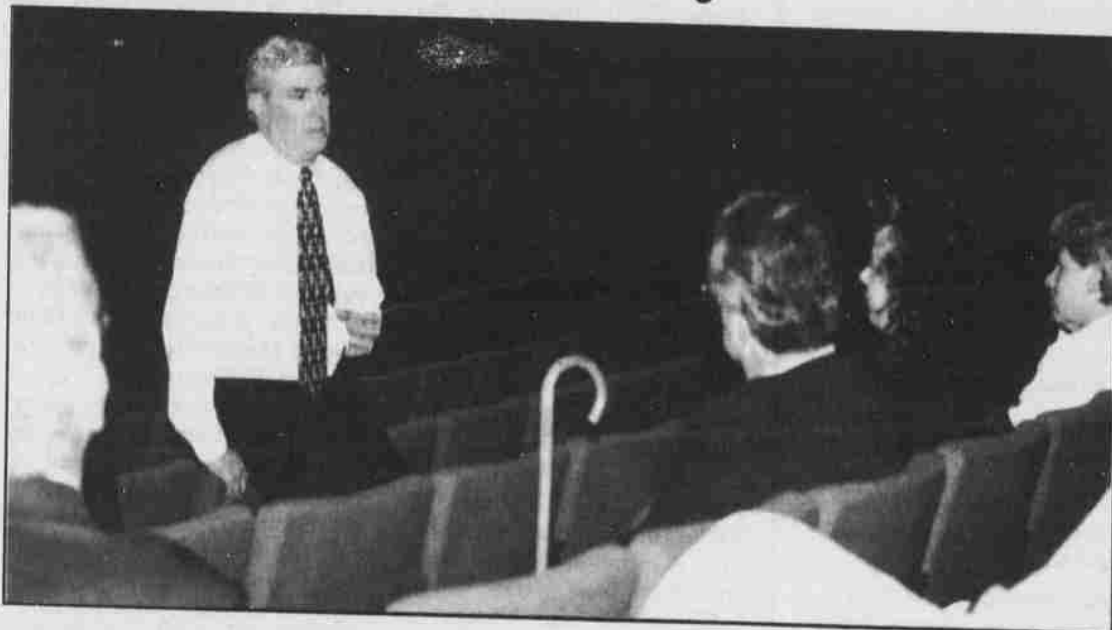
Refreshments were offered as guests came together in the lobby for the afternoon meeting.

Lonnie Gordon, president of the UNLV chapter of the NFA, explained that the NFA is an association of professors in Nevada. Their purpose is to safeguard the freedom of education, the rights of faculty, the conditions under which they work and the codes and statutes of the university that effect the faculty.

"We work with the administration in a bridge-building manner," Gordon explained. "The purpose of this forum is to allow the faculty to simply have a discussion with Kenny Guinn."

Up for discussion, based on a poll of faculty members, were issues such as academic due process, salary and staffing inequities, implementation of code and the on-going concern of UNLV's image.

Guinn spoke about his perceptions as president of this university. "This has been the most



President Kenny Guinn addresses the Nevada Faculty Alliance Forum Wednesday. PHOTO BY STEVE HOBBS

difficulty communication model I have had to deal with," he offered, comparing it to his previous positions as school superintendent and executive of both a bank and utility company.

"Regular operations, whether it be a bank or a school district, have set hours when people come to work," Guinn said. "Here, it's 7 a.m. until nine or 10 at night, so people are coming and going all the time, so you never really get to meet them unless you meet

in groups like this to communicate."

When asked what advice he would offer to the next person in the president's chair in regards to communicating with the university body, Guinn maintained the only way to cope was to learn about the university, the state and the legislative process.

"Be sure the organizational structure is set so that adequate, well-meaning and quality people are on the staff. It's going to

take a team effort. One person cannot and will not be able to do it."

Lucy Rey, school of social work assistant professor, felt optimistic about the forum and its results. "I'm interested in academic due process and salary and staffing inequities," she said, "but I'm real excited about our new president; I think things will go forward beautifully."

Another area Guinn discussed was problems he had solutions

for but, due to his term ending, might not get to solve.

"As far as communications, I think we need to restructure how we communicate to the various organizations on campus, whether it be the students faculty or the faculty alliance. A common tool for communications is a formalized, pre-determined budget process.

"Everybody will have to come together to see how the mechanisms of revenue comes in, see how its allocated out and to see how it's spent. I think that will do more to bring this university together than anything I can think of."

Craig Walton, director of a graduate program in ethics and policy studies, felt the issue of how the community perceives the university was important.

"We need Guinn to work with us to address the aspects of ignorance in the community about what we are doing," said the NFA chapter secretary. "There are a lot of people studying here. We have excellent programs, people doing good work and that's not coming out at all."

"The only thing the community hears about is basketball. We need to get the point across that we want to stop talking about that and talk more about the other 20,000 people at UNLV."



PHOTO BY STEVE HOBBS

New UNLV President Carol Harter (r) was in Las Vegas for two days to hold a press conference for the local media, take a tour of the campus and meet with faculty and staff during a reception at the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall Lobby. Upon her return, Harter will assume the presidency in July.

## Committee to Investigate Boixo Ticket Issue

BY SCOTT GULBRANSEN  
OPINION EDITOR

A sub-committee has been formed to investigate whether or not Student Body President Stephanie Boixo had two prominent administrators help her avoid paying \$230 in parking tickets.

The committee is an off-shoot of the already established Parking and Traffic Committee and is comprised of students, faculty and administrators.

"The Rebel Yell" made some accusations about

"I want people to know I didn't do anything wrong and frankly, I have the evidence to prove it."

—David Hollenbeck

thing wrong."

The focus of the investigation will be whether or not Ackerman and Hollenbeck helped Boixo delay paying her parking fines. It is not known

wrong doing on the part of Dr. Ackerman and myself," University Police Chief David Hollenbeck said. "I have requested the committee examine all of the documentation, as well as the policy and decide whether or not we did some-

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## Two Rebels Suspended, Improper Benefits Alleged

BY PAUL GUTIERREZ  
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Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith and Kebu Stewart have been suspended from the UNLV men's basketball team by the school's athletic department for allegedly receiving improper benefits.

The NCAA informed the UNLV Athletic Department last week that an unknown source alleged both Smith and Stewart were involved with an individual in the sports agency profession, a

release stated. The information indicated that the sports agent provided the two UNLV basketball players with the improper benefits in July of 1994.

The UNLV Athletic Department suspended Smith (5 ppg, 3.6 assists) and Stewart (17 ppg, 10 rebounds) after determining that the receipt of athletic shoes jeopardized their amateur status.

UNLV has requested Smith be reinstated and hopes the NCAA will grant the request for tonight's home game against UC

Santa Barbara.

Stewart, the Big West Player of the Year last season, has been suspended for the rest of the 1994-95 season. It is Stewart's second suspension in as many years due to NCAA violations.

Last season, he was ineligible until the Rebels' Jan. 3, 1994 game against Virginia after accepting a plane ticket from Nate Cebrun.

Cebrun was also involved in the Florida State football team's "Footlocker" scandal last spring.

## EPSCoR and WISE Honor UNLV Women

These programs help women achieve success in the sciences

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Several UNLV students were honored Tuesday at a reception and dinner at the Desert Research Institute, as part of the Women in Science & Engineering program.

WISE is the human resources development component of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

Those students honored included Kelly Boland, Holly Langrock, Julia Mix, Dawn Peterson, Beth Pitonzo and Amina Sadik.

EPSCoR is a federal program to aid research abilities of states that have only received a small amount of research funding in the past.

The program is intended to promote long-term improvement of research capabilities in certain states, to help improve the quality of the research environment and to systematically reform certain types

of research organizations. Human resources and barriers to women in research are a main focus of attention.

The University and Community College System of Nevada (DRI, UNLV, UNR, and Community Colleges) obtain funding for EPSCoR from the National Science Foundation to support research propositions in Nevada.

The foundation helps women have successful careers in science, math and engineering. Much money has been granted to support graduate student assistantships, research activities, travel to prominent national laboratories and management workshops.

Tuesday's reception was entitled "Recognizing Excellence Among Women In Science." Penny Amy, Assistant Chair of the Biology Department, said "the purpose of Recognition Night is to honor the outstanding women science students." Amy also serves as the principal investigator for the NSF EPSCoR at UNLV.

Amy said NSF EPSCoR "represents women science mentors. We are role models for graduates and undergraduates. The purpose of these grants to EPSCoR and WISE is to help women faculty and students to be more productive and to meet

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