

# The Rebel Yell

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## No Free Lunch for College Students, Either

### Congress proposes to cut loan programs

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Can President Clinton's middle-class Bill of Rights and the Republicans' Contract with America co-exist?

Students across America don't believe they can and have formed The Alliance to Save Student Aid.

The Republicans have promised to cut the federal deficit and many student aid programs are on the chopping block, according to Judy Belanger, director of Student Financial Services.

"To try and cut corners and try to reduce the deficit, Congress has been looking at ways to cut," said Belanger. "And one of the areas where they're looking to cut is student aid."

The major area where Congress is proposing changes is the federal interest subsidy on Stafford Subsidized Loans. Currently Stafford loan recipients borrow money from a lender for their tuition and expenses and the federal government pays the interest (subsidizes) on the loan while the student is in school.

With the proposed changes, the student would have to pay the interest while they are attending school. "That could be a hardship for a lot of students," Belanger stated. "That's the largest one coming forward right now." Currently, more than 12,000 students in Nevada are receiving

subsidized loans.

Elimination of the Federal Work Study program and Perkins Loans are also being discussed as possible ways to cut the deficit. "There's a lot of discussion and bills being brought forth to do away with these programs," said Belanger. "There's momentum being built to start reducing what the students receive to help them finance their college education."

There are no plans to change the Pell Grant at this time. The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant and the State Student Incentive Grant may be reduced or eliminated altogether, however. There are proposals for \$1.7 billion in educational cuts, according to Belanger.

Clinton's middle-class Bill of Rights includes tax deductions for college tuition for middle income families and tax-free

withdrawal on Individual Retirement Accounts on funds used for college expenses.

AmeriCorps, Clinton's plan for the federal government to offer loans to students for college and have the recipients perform community service to repay part of the loans, is a possible target for cuts as well.

The Alliance to Save Student Aid is a national drive to explain the benefit of student aid programs to Congress. Belanger believes that if the students and their families let their local Congress people know how these programs help them in obtaining their education, it might send a message.

"There may not be the desire at this

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PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

Former UNLV President Robert Maxson soaks in the Big West Conference championship with his new school, Long Beach State over University of Nevada, Reno March 12.

## UNLV Hosts ASCE Regional Conference

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UNLV will have the chance to compete against many other prestigious schools when it kicks off the 1995 ASCE Pacific Southwest Regional Conference on March 29.

The UNLV Student Chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers will host more than 16 other university chapters at the regional conference March 29 through April 1.

Colleges coming to UNLV to compete include Cal Poly (both San Luis Obispo and Pomona), CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, San Diego State University, UC San Diego, UCLA, University of Hawaii, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, as well as many others.

Because the conference rotates among the student chapters, it may be another 15 years before UNLV hosts another regional conference.

Canoe Presentations will take place in front of the Thomas Beam Engineering Complex at 9 a.m. on March 29. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for those adventurous enough to peruse the canoes.

According to Walt Vodrazka,

Jr. (Conference Co-Chair with Erika Pratley), "The canoes from all competing schools will be on display — students are welcome to come by and see the canoes."

The highlights of the conference include the Concrete Canoe Races, a Steel Bridge-Building contest, a Volleyball competition, a Quiz Meet and an Impromptu Design contest.

The Steel Bridge Competition Chair, Eric Lyon, stated that UNLV's bridge is "entirely made of steel as required by competition requirements. There are several categories in the competition such as lightness, economy and efficiency."

The Steel Bridge Competition will be held at the Earl E. Wilson Stadium, located behind the tennis complex.

Lyon further stated that "UNLV hopes to win based on last year's results - we took first place last year in lightness, economy and construction speed. UNLV won second place overall in the 1994 Steel Bridge Competition. Our toughest competitor for the Steel Bridge Competition will probably be San Diego State University."

Optimism was shared by Vodrazka, who claimed "Our

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## Drop Deadline Friday

Just a reminder: Friday is the final date to drop or withdraw from classes. No drops will be accepted after this date even with the instructor's permission.

## Boixo Ticket Probe Comes to a Close

### All involved cleared by senate committee

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A student senate committee cleared administration officials of any wrong-doing Monday regarding the handling of parking

tickets received by Student Body President Stephanie Boixo.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Terrence Carrol, found that Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman and University Police Chief David Hollenbeck did not help Boixo get out of paying, nor gave her preferential treatment in any way regarding the tickets she had collected.

The committee, formed at the request of Sen. Leia Fleischman, did issue a statement saying public safety should review its policies as to how such matters

are handled, as well as making recommendations to the full senate regarding how CSU should handle its parking policies.

"We feel we will put our own parking policies in writing," Carrol said. "It will be handed out by a permanent CSUN employee."

The committee, which included Sen. Walt Vodrazka, Sen. Terry Moore, and Sen. Carl Tolbert agreed unanimously on the findings and the recommendations. Chair Carrol didn't have a vote.

"Nothing was done wrong by anybody involved," Carrol ex-

plained, on behalf of the committee. "We feel, however, public safety needs to review its own policies."

Hollenbeck blamed delays in paperwork, both in his office and the state DMV, for the mix-up involving Boixo's tickets. Hollenbeck was also concerned about Boixo's tickets being given to *The Rebel Yell*.

"I don't know where he (Scott Gulbransen) got a copy of the tickets," Hollenbeck stated. "There are several possibilities, one being public safety. The other, I can't say because I can't

prove it."

He felt the current parking ticket form should be changed, using a different name on each copy to indicate its distribution. (i.e. violator, office, file, etc.) He felt it was a measure that could protect student's rights.

"I think Stephanie's rights were violated by having the tickets published in the paper," Hollenbeck charged. "One way to try and protect student's rights is to get the form changed."

As for Gulbransen, Opinion

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