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## Harter: UNLV presidency best job in higher education

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EDITOR

Cocooned in her oversized leather executive chair, Carol Harter took a momentary refuge from the demands of UNLV's presidency.

For that moment, Harter shed her executive image. "The pace is so incredibly hectic," she said between bites of an apple. "I haven't had two minutes of rest in two months." There is no time for golf, or reading the words of Ernest Hemingway.

But don't think Harter is complaining. In fact, UNLV's newest president says she has a plum job.

"The presidency of UNLV may be the best higher education job in the country today. We're served only two different cities in the state, so the job is much more difficult in that respect."

Harter leaned forward for emphasis, and her rapid-delivery picked up pace.

"There is a marvelous energy on this campus; a creative, can-do atmosphere, such a positive environment. It's a period of discovery, and it's invigorating, stimulating, very exhilarating for me.

"There are no obstacles that can't be overcome to achieve our goals."

And obstacles abound. Harter is faced with picking up the pieces of a university whose image is less than sparkling, and restructuring a campus system that she characterized as "fiefdoms."

Harter says the image of UNLV across the country in academic circles is "mixed. There were those that told me, 'Don't go there,' as a result of the difficulty of the last two or so years. The reputation of the institution, vis a vis athletics, is tainted.

"On the other hand, there are those out there who say that UNLV is a fine facility

with a good academic program," she said.

"I want to make this university more than an athletic program. I want UNLV to become a first-class public university with high quality programs across the board."

### Harter to address campus community

**Who**  
President  
Carol Harter

**What**  
State of the  
University Address

**When**  
2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday

**Where**  
Classroom Building  
Complex A-106

Harter says one of her biggest challenges will be to change the attitudes prevalent on the campus.

"We need to create a community feeling here, not just indulge in creative fiefdoms that have been so prevalent in the past."

To foster the feeling of community on campus, Harter organized the first of what she hopes will be many creative strategy planning retreats.

The purpose of the retreats are to get administrative, faculty, staff and student input into what direction UNLV should move. Harter's intention is to have a master plan for the university within two

years, a directional tool she says is imperative to the success of the campus.

The first confab, which took place during two days at the Thomas & Mack Center last month, gave Harter a taste of what those on campus see as the most pressing issues.

Harter said among the key themes identified during the retreat were the need for the campus to be more student-centered; the need to have better communication and cooperation with other educational systems; and the need to strengthen the research and graduate programs without sacrificing the undergraduate programs on campus.

She had been looking forward to participating in the retreat that she organized, but tragedy struck and Harter couldn't attend.

Harter's father, Ross H. Clancy, died at the age of 82, the weekend prior to the retreat, and Harter immediately flew to Wantagh, Long Island, New York to be with her family.

The heartache of her father's death is painful.

"I've never lost a parent, it's very difficult," she says, struggling for words. "It's been devastating on my mother."

Adding to Harter's difficulties is the time she must spend away from Michael, her husband of 34 years.

Harter and her husband, a dean of the School of Professions at the State University of New York at Brockport, try to visit one another whenever schedules permit.

"Every three to four weeks, one of us goes to the other. This is the second time (during their marriage) we've been separated, and we hate it."

"Our phone bills are enormous," she said. "I have a car phone and I call him between stuff just to be able to talk to him."



President Carol Harter

PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

She admits the loneliness is tough to deal with.

"There is a loneliness to leadership. Being apart from one another just exacerbates that loneliness."

The goal, Harter says, is to have her husband join her in Las Vegas on a permanent basis as soon as possible. Speculation is running high as to what type of job Michael Harter will move into.

"We're open to all kinds of possibilities," Harter said regarding her husband's job search. "Right now we're focusing on opportunities outside of the university."

For now, Harter is focusing

on the job at hand.

She's encouraged by the warm reception she's received from the Las Vegas community. "There's a tremendous affection for this university amongst the community, and that's not necessarily reflected in the local newspapers," Harter said.

Bolstered by the warm welcome she has received so far, Harter said she's determined to break through "the good ole' boys network here."

"A woman can lead this place and will. I'm going to succeed."

## Student Government denies allegations of Greek preferential treatment

BY ERIN NIEMEYER  
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Greek involvement in the student government has been a source of debate and conflict on UNLV's campus for many years.

Several students complain that the student government does not represent the student body as a whole, but rather that it represents the interests of the members of the Greek system.

Greeks make up an estimated 3 percent of the student body and, though they don't vote as a bloc, are unarguably

the largest voting population on this campus. The result is that a vast majority of the student government are members of the Greek system.

Last year's student government election results revealed that approximately 1,400 students out of more than 13,000 full-time students who are eligible to vote on this campus took the initiative to do so.

This equates to less than 10 percent of the student population being involved in the selection of the student governing body of this university, 3 percent of whom are likely to be Greek.

Nevada Student Affairs Director David Turner feels that, "there's too many Greeks in student government because no one else gets involved."

Says Organization Board Director Toby Cole, "Being Greek does make it easier to be involved and to get a leadership position on this campus because Greeks teach leadership and those resources may not be available to non-Greek students."

Many students have questioned the intentions of the Greeks in the student government, suggesting that they are

using their power to strengthen the Greek system and are ignoring the issues concerning every day students.

Student Body Vice President Joe Mills, the only non-Greek member of the Executive Board, responds, "I feel that we have outstanding students involved in student government and, regardless of being Greek or non-Greek, we have represented the student body as a whole."

"I wish that in the upcoming Senate elections that more students would become involved because they can have an important affect on the way

things happen for the student body as a whole," Mills continued.

Suspicious have surfaced that Greek organizations are receiving preferential treatment from student government representatives, specifically that the Organization Board is allocating additional funding to the Greek system, composed of 10 national fraternities and 4 national sororities, for which to finance their events, for which to finance their events. Cole says the allegation is false.

"There were 126 recognized

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