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Senate election receives minimal participation

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Nearly 700 UNLV students participated last week in the selection of the 26th Senate session, a significant drop from last year's turnout of more than 4000 students.

Last year's substantial student involvement in the Senate election could be attributed to the fact that Homecoming King and Queen elections were held simultaneously, according to Sen. President Pat Smith.

Candidates competed for Senate seats from 12 colleges on campus. The unofficial results were tallied and posted in front of the CSUN office Friday afternoon. The Election Board will not certify the results until Thursday after-

noon, at which time they will be made official. The 26th session will begin on Nov. 1.

Approximately 80 votes total were disqualified, a result of problems that occurred during the voting process. Twenty ballots were thrown out because students voted for candidates outside of their college. Approximately 50-70 ballots were discounted from students who voted in every college.

Sen. Carl Tolbert blames the election service for the invalid votes, claiming the student body was misinformed by the poll takers.

"Several students have told me that the people running the polls said they (the voters) could vote in every college. Approximately 80 votes were disqualified because of this.

"A lot of things went wrong in this election," Tolbert continued. "Last-minute planning caused problems that were apparent with the (election) service. It's a trickle down of the turmoil in CSUN. It's affecting CSUN's progress," Tolbert said.

Sen. Terrence Carrol was impressed with the turnout of voters from his college—engineering—but felt the overall student involvement in the selection of the Senate was disappointing.

"You get what you pay for," said Carrol. "If students aren't at the polls, then they're being lead by blind faith and are just accepting whoever gets elected by the people who vote," Carrol continued.

Sen. Leia Fleischman was embarrassed by the lack of

participation from her constituents in the Fine and Performing Arts department. "I think it's sad that only nine people voted out of more than 1000 eligible voters," Fleischman said.

Students from the College of Hotel Administration constituted the largest voting population, followed by students from the College of Liberal Arts.

"People don't seem to realize what the Senate does," Fleishman said. "The Senate has a lot of power," she added.

"I was very disappointed with the quality of the candidates," said Smith, who noted that only two out of 35 candidates have attended a Senate meeting this session.

In the years past, a majority of Senate candidates ran un-

opposed, two being the maximum number of candidates who ran for the same seat, according to Smith. Competition this year for Senate seats increased significantly, which Smith says may be attributed to the \$200 monthly stipend and 6 credit fee-waiver Senators will receive beginning Nov. 1.

Unofficially, the vote tallies of Thursday's election are:

- Architecture**
- Melanie Trotter, 5
- Ronald Reitz Jr., 3
- None of the above, 0
- Business and Economics**
- Heather Anderson, 41
- Joe Laxague, 35
- Gaby Monaco, 32
- Joaquin Trujillo, 30
- Joshua Barone, 22

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UNLV leads UCCSN in sexual harassment

Regent committee releases 1994 harassment report

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UNLV had the highest amount of reported sexual harassment incidents last year in Nevada's university system, according to a report released last week by the Board of Regents Committee on the Status of Women.

The committee released a 1994 report showing UNLV had eight out of 26 total reported incidents in the University and Community College System of Nevada. Of the eight, UNLV had six formal and two informal complaints.

UNLV leads the UCCSN in formal complaints, but informal complaints dropped from 16 during the 1992-93 academic year. However, UNLV led the UCCSN with the highest number of informal com-

plaints in that year. Overall, sexual harassment incidents throughout the university system has dropped dramatically from a previous total of 66 reports.

In one 1994 UNLV formal report, a faculty member resigned after a female graduate student charged him with sexual harassment. Two other formal incidents resulted in alleged male offenders being directed to attend training programs. One incident reported a male hugging a female employee and the other reported two male employees using "inappropriate language." UNLV Affirmative Action (AA) officer John Lujan said he is prohibited to comment on the incidents because of a confidentiality policy.

The official procedure for reporting complaints involves first contacting the campus AA officer. After two working days, the officer meets with the complainant, notifies the alleged offender and takes a sworn statement. Within five

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UNLV student in critical condition at UMC

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UNLV senior mechanical engineering student Lorraine Mosca, 23, was listed in critical condition Monday night at University Medical Center, after confronting a shoplifter

at the record store where she worked.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police said a group of 15-20 teenagers entered the Warehouse at 320 S. Decatur Blvd. at about 10:50 p.m. Saturday.

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY

Tara Pike sits with the 158 lbs. of garbage collected for weigh-in week by UNLV students.

First annual weigh-in nets campus garbage

One hundred fifty eight pounds of garbage, filling two queen-size mattress bags, was collected by more than 200 students and faculty members who participated in the First Annual Weigh-In Week sponsored by UNLV's Rebel Recycling Program.

Participants began collecting the garbage on Oct. 2, which was weighed Friday at the Alumni Amphitheatre to determine how much waste is generated on campus. Tara Pike, Rebel recycle coordinator organized the event to educate students about their disposal habits.

The waste was separated by recyclables and landfill material. Both bags were approximately the same size but the recyclables far outweighed the waste. Of the total waste, 123 pounds was recyclable, while 35 pounds was trash.

Most of the garbage in the landfill bag was empty paper cups, which cannot be recycled

because of their wax content. Pike encouraged students to drink their beverages from reusable cups, such as the Earth Sense mugs or aluminum cans that can be recycled on campus.

"I learned that when you throw something away, it doesn't go away," said Eric Lavender, a participant in the event.

The Rebel Recycling Program and Silver State Recycling sponsored a logo design competition, won by Steven Ross, environmental studies major. His winning entry was unveiled at the weigh in, and he was given a \$500 scholarship. Representatives from Silver State Recycling, environmental studies, Reprographics, grounds and maintenance, and CSUN judged the competition.

CSUN Senate President Pro-Tempore Terri Moore said, "I use a lot of paper, this teaches you a lot about personal habits."