

UNLV's College Republicans participate in leadership conference

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Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., made specific reference to the future and the role of youth in it. "It (the conference) isn't about all the speakers. It's about the next generation of leadership," Dole stated.

Those words could have been the mantra for members of UNLV's College Republicans

who attended in force the Western States Leadership Conference, Oct. 19-22 at the MGM. Members of the organization participated in the four-day event from start to finish, carrying the flags at the opening ceremonies, assisting the candidates in their campaigns, and reaffirming their belief in their party throughout.

Jason Williams, chairman of the College Republicans at UNLV, estimates that of the

70 members of his organization, 40-50 attended the conference. "It's exciting to see how well young people are accepted," said Williams, who escorted presidential candidate Steve Forbes to the conference. Williams states that his members aided in all the campaigns, and that Sens. Dole and Phil Gramm, R-Texas, actively recruited them for assistance.

Williams also added that

although members of his group endorse different candidates for president, they will be united behind whoever appears on the ticket.

The focus for UNLV students at the meetings may be farther reaching than even next year's elections. College Republicans seem aware that they may join tomorrow those they listen to today. Again during his speech Dole made specific mention to the youth

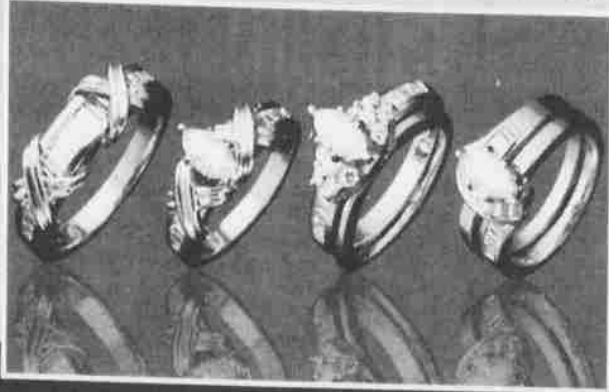
involved. "You are the future generation," said the senator.

University Regent Mark Alden concurs, "Anytime youth get involved it's fabulous. It was very helpful. With their insight, their ideas, we'll move ahead in this country."

Also in attendance were members of the UNLV College Young Democrats.

Reyna Gobel who was present for Dole's speech, feels it is important for members of her party and organization to hear the Republican discussions. "We can't argue against something unless we know something about."

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