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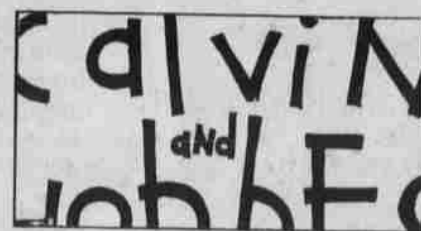
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Controversy surrounds Tolbert's appointment

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The appointment of Carl Tolbert to the Senate seat representing the Greenspun School of Communication has created a groundswell of controversy that reaches high into the office of student government.

Tolbert originally ran for re-election to the Senate Oct. 4 and 5 as a candidate for the College of Liberal Arts. Ten candidates competed for three liberal arts seats. Tolbert was defeated by Shawna Campbell, James Kimmert, and Veronica Perez in the student election.

The communication seat was vacant preceding the election, leaving the Senate with the power to appoint one of three candidates to the seat. Tolbert, claiming a dual major, was

appointed by the Senate to represent the students of the Greenspun School of Communication.

The crux of the matter may lie in when Tolbert actually made the dual major change. According to Katherine Schiele, a communication major and one of the two losing candidates, Tolbert declared his major on the Friday preceding the Monday election.

"I called the registrar and asked (about Tolbert) and they said he declared by computer on Friday (Nov. 3)," said Schiele, an on-campus secretary for the Greenspun School of Communication.

"Anyone could get that information (from the registrar)," said Schiele. "All I needed to know was the correct spelling of his name."

The Rebel Yell confirmed Schiele's assertion Monday by calling the registrar and requesting information about Campbell. Without hesitation, *The Rebel Yell* was told when Campbell

declared her major, the same information Schiele received about Tolbert under Hagen's direction.

Tolbert said Sunday, "This (his information being released) violated my personal rights and it's not something that's going to be overlooked."

Tolbert told *The Rebel Yell* that he had been considering adding the major since the summer but only submitted the necessary paperwork "about a week ago" to his coach, Barbara Pickering, director of Debate and Forensics.

Pickering, however, said Monday no paperwork was submitted to her from Tolbert. She defended Tolbert's claim, saying, "I would trust that, if he says he's filled out the paperwork, I have no reason to doubt that."

Pickering said she has confidence in Tolbert's ability to represent the Greenspun School of Communication. "It seems to me that the controversy is over what he chose to say about his

qualifications," Pickering said.

Both Schiele and the other losing candidate, Michelle Alexander, are concerned with Tolbert's ability to represent the Greenspun school.

"I'm not upset that I didn't win," Alexander said Thursday. "I'm just upset that somebody who hasn't been involved in the communication school has the position."

"I don't feel we have proper representation," Alexander added.

Schiele was also bothered with Tolbert's appointment to the seat. During Tolbert's campaign speech to the Senate prior to his election at last week's Senate meeting, "Carl spoke nothing about the communication school," said Schiele. "All he talked about was the Black Student Association and Multi-Cultural Student affairs," Schiele said.

The Rebel Yell sought to confirm Tolbert's addition of communications

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John D. Peterson

Concert to honor late UNLV student

Former UNLV student and Chief Warrant Officer John D. Peterson will be honored Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Nicolas J. Horn Theatre of the Community College of Southern Nevada Performing Arts Center.

The Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society will open its 33rd season with "A Concert of Peace" in honor of Peterson, who died at the age of 29 on May 21, when his Army observation helicopter crashed into a mountainous area near Douglas, Ariz. on a training mission.

He won numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Service Medal and Army Aviator Badge. While he was assigned

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Students participate in Law School Forum

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Approximately 225 students attended the 10th Annual Law School Forum Saturday in the foyer of Artemus Ham Hall at UNLV. Representatives from 61 American Bar Association-approved law schools distributed information about their law programs to prospective students.

Admissions policies, financial aid opportunities, and the benefits of attending the respective schools were discussed with students as they approached each representative.

Larry Strate, coordinator of the forum and associate professor of legal studies at UNLV, was pleased with the number of law schools participating in the event.

"We don't need to dwell (on the schools that declined the invitation to participate in the forum). Under the circumstances, the turnout is extraordinary," Strate said.

Members of UNLV's pre-law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, greeted students as they entered the foyer and provided information about the fraternity. Hosts from the Criminal Justice Association and the Minority Pre-Law Association also attended the forum.

Director for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Ron Sparks,

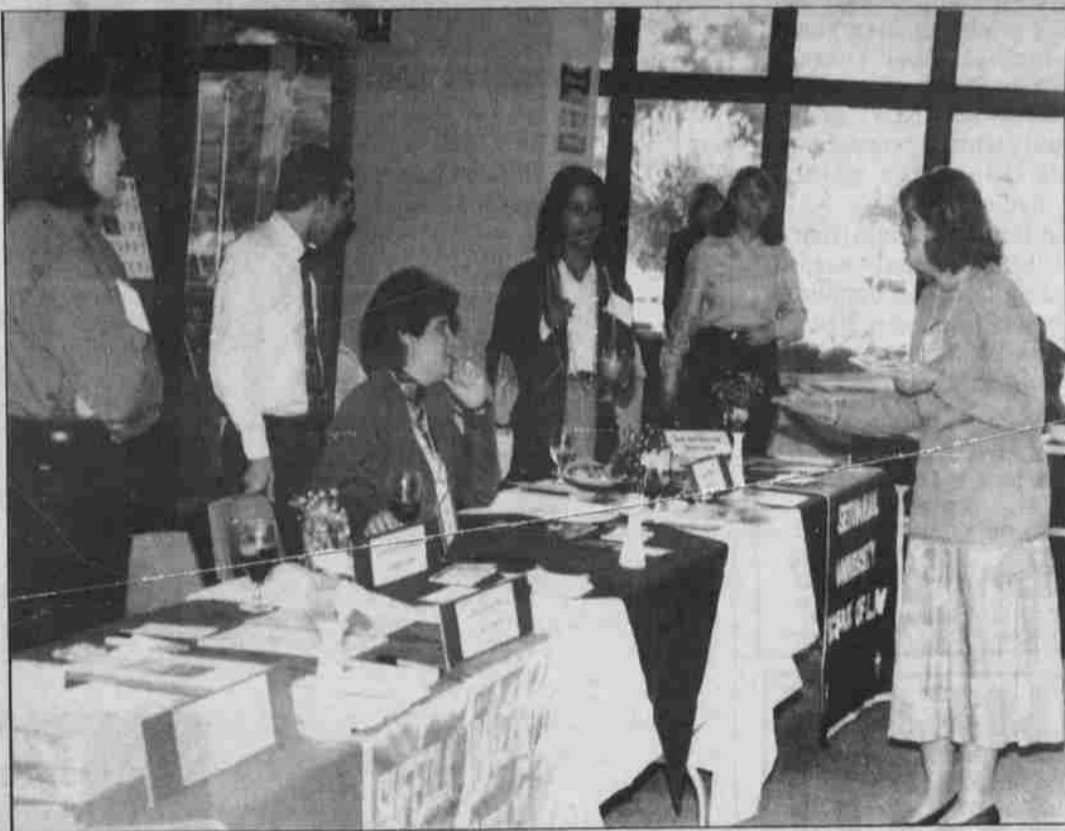


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Sixty-one law schools were represented at Saturday's 10th Annual Law School Forum.

whose program is designed to assist students with tuition costs, distributed information to students at the forum about WICHE.

Sparks explained that his program pays a support fee to the respective university on behalf of the student. The student is required to repay 25 percent of that fee within five to 10 years after graduation, which is then applied toward helping other students.

The remaining 75 percent of the support fee is considered a grant to the student, as long as the student works in the same state as the law

school attended, and for the equal amount of time aid was received from WICHE. Selection is based strictly upon GPA and admission test scores, Sparks said.

A majority of the law school representatives at the forum told students the primary focus of admissions offices are GPA and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores. Many added that personal statements from the applicants are also considered in the selection of new students.

UNLV graduate Uri Clinton was present at the forum for the second year in a row

representing Gonzaga University School of Law, located in Washington. Clinton graduated from UNLV in 1994 from the political science department and has been attending Gonzaga since. Clinton recommended LSAT preparation courses to all who can afford to take them.

Students who attended the forum were pleased with the information about various law schools they wouldn't otherwise have been able to obtain. Junior

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