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Senate President says Tolbert won't resign

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Senate President Pat Smith said Friday the registrar's records indicate that Carl Tolbert, newly appointed Senator representing the Greenspun School of Communication, is an admitted pre-major of the school, therefore, "No one will be resigning (from the Senate)."

When asked about the validity of Tolbert's actions, Smith responded, "Morally, I don't know (if what Tolbert did is right). But everything worked out with the (CSUN Constitution)," Smith said.

Tolbert, a former Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, was defeated in the student election Oct. 4 and 5 by liberal

arts students Shawna Campbell, Veronica Perez and James Kimmel. He then added communications as a dual major Nov. 3, and ran for the vacant communications seat Nov. 6 against two communications majors. Tolbert was appointed by the Senate to represent the Greenspun School of Communication at the Nov. 6 meeting.

Questions have been raised within the Greenspun school as to why Tolbert's qualifications weren't verified prior to *The Rebel Yell's* investigation into the matter.

Smith said Thursday the CSUN business manager is responsible for verifying the eligibility of all Senate candidates by running grade checks on all applicants and confirm-

ing with each college the admittance of all applicants.

However, the CSUN business manager position was vacant from June through Oct. 23. Former business manager Lori Callison held the position through early June when she left on maternity leave. When Callison returned to work on Aug. 1, she was promoted to a position in the controller's office. Karla Kirk, the new business manager, took over the position Oct. 23.

Callison said Monday she doesn't know who was responsible for verification of the Senate candidates' eligibility (who went before the Senate Nov. 6). "As with any office, if you have a vacancy you do the best you can."

Kirk said Monday the veri-

fications weren't done "because there was no one in here (in the business manager position) to do it. There was a pile of papers (on her desk when she took the position), and we did the best we could. We were so far behind on everything, we were pulling our hair out."

The controversy surrounding Tolbert's appointment to the communications seat extends to the circumstances under which he gained the position. At their Nov. 6 meeting, the Senate voted to waive Bylaw Four of the CSUN Constitution, which requires the Senate to postpone voting for all CSUN candidates, including potential Senators, until the following meeting.

Bylaw Four gives senators

an opportunity to talk to Senate candidates the week prior to voting and is designed to ensure the Senate elects the best representative to the vacant Senate seat.

The waiver of Bylaw Four at the Nov. 6 Senate meeting led to an immediate vote by the Senate to appoint Tolbert over two other candidates to represent the Greenspun School.

Michelle Alexander, a communications major and one of the two losing candidates, says this left her at a disadvantage. "They know him (Tolbert). They don't know me."

Alexander said she isn't upset that she wasn't appointed to the seat, but rather, that

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A walk under the lights

BY MAGGIE BRESLIN
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Walkways near UNLV's softball field and the desert landscape garden, and the plaza in the Paul McDermott Physical Education Complex need additional lighting in order to increase safety of students, it was determined during UNLV's annual "Walk in the Light" Wednesday.

Administration, faculty and staff made this year's walk around the campus to check the efficiency of security lighting. The group was led by John Amend, associate vice president for administration.

Bob Ackerman, vice president for student services, and Amend began making the annual walk about nine years ago.

"It is productive because we get to see campus from other people's perspective," Ackerman said.

Participants in the walk take notes and make sugges-

tions as to what lighting improvements need to be made, covering virtually every building, walkway and parking lot on campus. They look for areas that need better lighting, bulbs replaced, or shrubs that need trimming.

One problem identified is the use of ineffective lighting, such as round tree lights, which points its light skyward instead of illuminating the ground level.

Ackerman said in many areas these lights will be replaced by shoe box lights, which point the light downward and better illuminates the ground.

Another lighting problem identified in all areas of the campus is burned-out light bulbs. Ackerman urged students to report burned-out bulbs and pointed out that most light posts can be identified because they are numbered.

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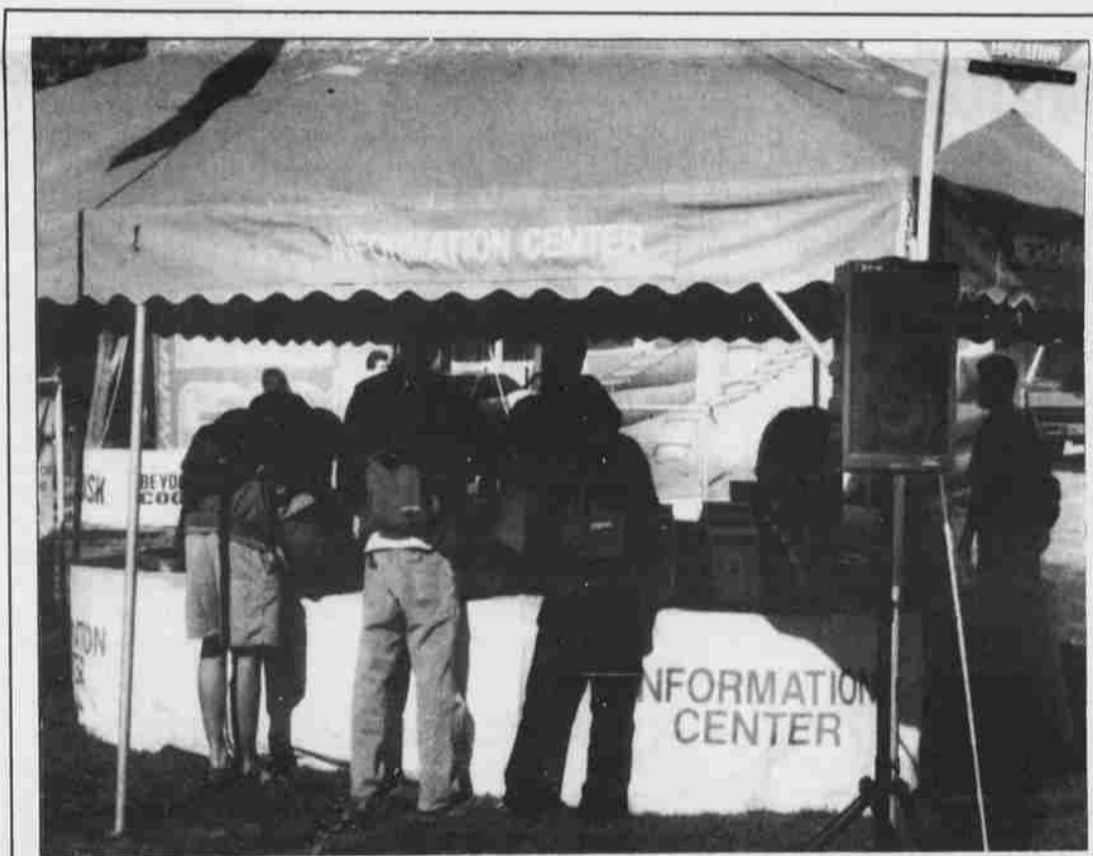


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Students look over information Monday at the Jeep Eagle Health and Fitness Tour, which sat adjacent to the Rebel Diamond. The tour makes stops on campuses nationwide to promote fitness, disease prevention and healthy lifestyles.

UNLV athletics request \$500,000 loan for budget

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The athletic department at UNLV has requested the Board of Regents to approve a \$500,000 loan from interest that came from a university discretionary fund to balance the athletic budget.

The proposal presented to the Regents Budget and Finance committee during Friday's meeting in Reno was made by UNLV interim vice president for finance and ad-

ministration Norval Pohl. Regents Mark Alden, Jim Eardley, Dorothy Gallagher and Carolyn Sparks saw a written proposal and voted unanimously to send the proposal to the entire board for approval at their month-end meeting.

UNLV athletic director Charles Cavagnaro explained that the money would be paid back in full with interest and would not come from state or tax-generated sources.

The original plan for the

athletic department was to have a \$10.6 million athletic budget, however, an \$850,000 pass-through from the Thomas & Mack failed to get by. Then the university failed to approve a plan to move academic advising to student services, which would have cost the athletic department another \$240,000.

Cavagnaro said to a Las Vegas Review-Journal reporter in Sunday's issue that the \$700,000 in cuts along with a \$500,000 loan should allow

UNLV to balance the budget. They are looking at a budget of approximately \$9.9 million during the 1995-96 budget year.

"Our operating accounts will be cut almost 10 percent," Cavagnaro said in the article. "Two things we have attempted to stay away from is (cutting) personnel and (cutting) benefits and scholarships for student-athletes. We're in the process of putting the finishing touches on it right now."

Of all the sports, the biggest

money-loser has been the football program, which traditionally, in other NCAA Division I-A, is the biggest mone-user. However, next season, when UNLV joins the Western Athletic Conference, there will be more revenue generated within the program, which should pay off the loan next year.

UNLV football accounts for approximately \$1.5 million a year. Most of UNLV's athletic budget (78 percent) is self-generated.