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Student Affairs Director resigns

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Nevada Student Affairs Director David Turner will resign from office effective Jan. 31 due to personal reasons, Senate President Pat Smith said at the Student Senate meeting Monday.

"I don't see student government doing too many more productive things this year," Turner said Wednesday. "All I see is more scandal and I don't want to be tied to all of those things."

"I rode the storm out for as long as I could," Turner continued. "I tried to build up the image of student government but it's not working and I can't tie myself to it anymore. The detriment outweighs the benefit," Turner said.

Turner, a senior majoring in hotel administration, has been involved in UNLV's student government for four years. He has held various positions in that time, including student senator, student services assistant director, Nevada student affairs assistant director and is currently the Nevada student affairs director.

"I'm a very focused person," Turner said. "I know what I need to do to accomplish my professional goals. I need to separate myself from that office (CSUN)."

Turner said he's been considering resigning from student government since the end of the fall semester and that the lack of help he received from student government officials with the Aid For AIDS of Nevada Food Drive in December was a factor that contributed to his decision to resign.

"Not one member of student government, elected or appointed, helped me in any way with the food drive, and that was disappointing," Turner said. "I tried to help people in need and received no support from the other CSUN officials."

Many of the problems within student government can be attributed to the lack of cohesiveness in leadership, according to Turner. "Sometimes I feel like a baby-sitter in there (in the CSUN office)," Turner said. "How does one expect to become an adult while doing some of the things they (student government officials) do?"

Several student government members agree that Turner's resignation was unexpected. "I'm sad and disappointed,"



Turner

said Liberal Arts Senator Shawna Campbell. "David is a really good worker and I think it will hurt CSUN to lose him right now because he's very intelligent and honorable."

"I'm not disappointed in David," Campbell continued. "I'm disappointed that we (CSUN) lost him."

Turner says he has no recommendation at this time for his replacement, but he assured student senators in a statement read by Smith that he will offer a recommendation before he vacates the office.

Members of the Executive Board, including Student Body President John Pida, Student Body Vice President Joe Mills and Senate President Smith will recommend to the Senate a replacement to fill the position of Nevada student affairs director. Student senators will then vote on the Executive Board's recommendation.

Sources say Nevada Student Affairs Assistant Director Tod Story could possibly replace Turner, although this has not been confirmed by any member of the Executive Board.

Story said Wednesday he would welcome the added responsibility the director position entails, but added that the decision is not his to make.

As for Turner, he's eager to pursue other avenues, including a two-month management internship with MTV beginning as early as April.

When asked if he felt any bitterness toward student government officials, Turner said, "I'm too much of an adult to be bitter but I'll definitely sleep better come next Thursday night when it's all over," Turner said.



Lacking staff, university janitorial equipment stands idle.

PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

Hiring freeze chills custodial crews

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A Sept. 1995 hiring freeze has left UNLV's custodial and maintenance departments short-staffed and unable to keep up with their routine schedules.

"It is physically impossible to meet the current cleaning schedule with our level of manning," said Harold Archibald, director of Building Services.

The hiring freeze has resulted in 15 vacant custodial positions and seven vacant maintenance positions. Before the freeze, Archibald was allowed 110 custodial positions. As people have resigned and retired, new people have not been hired to fill the openings.

Archibald said his main

priority is making sure classrooms, restrooms and public areas of campus are not affected by the shortage.

"I don't want students looking at ugly classrooms and restrooms," Archibald said. "I don't want their parents coming to visit and seeing an ugly campus."

Then who will be affected by the custodial shortage?

"I have a feeling we'll have a few instructors and office workers who will be a little perturbed," Archibald said, who added that private offices will now be cleaned only once a week. "I don't plan on this shortage hurting the students."

"My plan is for it (the shortage) to affect no one but private offices," Archibald said. "A lot of folks don't realize what custodians do until there's a shortage, and then

they start missing us."

Archibald encouraged UNLV students and faculty to help by not eating in classrooms, not littering and by emptying their own trash receptacles.

"We've only got so many people to cover so many square feet," Archibald said.

In the maintenance department, the moving crew is manned at only 50 percent. Archibald encouraged all faculty and staff to plan moves far in advance because same-day and next-day requests may not be honored.

The Moyer Student Union and resident halls will not be affected by the shortage since they have a separate custodial crew assigned to those areas, Archibald said.

Magazine fraud on campus

UNLV officials warn students

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UNLV officials want to warn students and the community of a magazine scheme that claims to be connected to the university.

Members of the public have notified UNLV's Greenspun

School of Communication to inform officials that they have been solicited by a group of young adults selling magazines. These individuals claim to be UNLV students working to raise money to benefit the Greenspun School of Communication.

"I've received calls from people in the community who said they (the magazine salespersons) had to earn points for scholarship money for the Greenspun School," said Stephen Nielsen, associate director of the Greenspun School of Communication.

Nielsen says neither the Greenspun School of Communication nor UNLV is conducting any type of fund-raiser involving magazine sales.

"I don't know who these people are or who they represent,"

Nielsen said.

The magazine sale scheme has primarily occurred in the northwest area of the Las Vegas Valley and Summerlin, although some UNLV students claim to have been approached in the residence halls.

Sophomore Samantha Laratta was approached several times in the residence halls by different salespersons using the same pitch. "They had me sold," Laratta said. "I was going to give them money. They said they were doing this to earn points for scholarships," Laratta continued.

Nielsen, too, has been approached by the alleged students. "This is a scam that's been going on for years," Nielsen said. "There's no truth in it whatsoever."