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Winners declared in CSUN primary

Rosenthal, Fulton, Mills and Moore advance to general election

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Nearly 2,500 UNLV students cast their votes in the CSUN Executive Board election Wednesday and Thursday, according to Stephanie Araiza, CSUN election board director.

The election will determine the future student government president and vice president.

Presidential candidates Aaron Rosenthal, a senior majoring in finance, and Jason Fulton, a junior majoring in finance, won the presidential primary and will compete April 10-11 for the position of student government president.

Rosenthal and Fulton defeated presidential hopefuls Scott Schwartz, Leia Fleis-

chman and Mateo Nares.

Rosenthal received 385 votes, making him the first-place finisher in the race for president. Fulton was next with 382 votes. Schwartz finished third with 267 votes, followed by Fleischman, who received 255 votes. Nares was fifth, with 209 votes, while "none of the above" ended up with 164 votes.

Joe Mills, current student government vice president, led the vice presidential primary with 645 votes, more than any other executive board candidate. Mills will compete against Terry Moore in the general election in April. Moore, current senate president pro-tempore, was second to Mills with 414 votes.

Mills and Moore defeated vice presidential candidates Torben Scholer, who finished third with 326 votes, and Nicole Mortenson, who was



Rosenthal

fourth with 227 votes. "None of the above" received 89 votes.

All figures are unofficial until tonight, Araiza said.

Araiza said she was surprised with the participation the election received. She estimated that approximately 1,500 students voted in the primary last year, making this year's 2,500 a "pretty good turnout."

"We (the elections board) want to open it (the election) up to more students by having debates between the candidates," Araiza said. "We're hoping for an incredible turnout in the general (election)."

Many candidates were pleased with the voter participation.

"The turnout was fantastic," Rosenthal said. "A lot of people were more aware of the election this year and may have been discontented with what's going on now (within



Fulton

student government) and decided to voice their opinion by voting," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal, who competed last year for student government president but was defeated in the general election by John Pida, said his victory in the primary did not come as a surprise. "I have a large base of support from people who know me, who know what I've done, and from people who have worked with me," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said he hopes to "put a check on the system by protecting student tuition, fighting against unnecessary fees and putting an end to frivolous expenditures by student government."

"Students deserve more and I think I can give them that," Rosenthal said.

Fulton said he, too, felt confident going into the primary and was not surprised by his



Mills

victory.

Fulton said his primary concerns are improving student safety on campus, empowering students, and improving university pride. "I want to make the campus a focal point for students," Fulton said. "We (UNLV students) need to have a CSUN organization we're proud of."

Fulton commended his opponents for their hard work and said he hopes to see a more unified leadership next year. "Our (current) student leaders spend too much time working against each other," Fulton said.

Moore said he also was pleased with the voter turnout and will continue his campaign efforts by talking to classes and organizations. "I wholeheartedly think I can win this," Moore said of the



Moore

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Harter promises student-focused campus

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UNLV can become the most spectacular university in the world, said UNLV President Carol Harter Friday to a group of nearly 200 people.

"We can create a new paradigm because we're not required to be the 150-year-old entrenched, entirely shaped institution that all universities are," Harter said. "We can shape our own destiny in ways that many other places never could and certainly can't now. We are young enough and unformed enough to become whatever it is we really want to become."

Harter said the goal is to transform UNLV into a "premier urban university."

Premier, Harter said, means a commitment to excellence and quality.

"The students we recruit, retain and graduate, we want to be of the highest quality," Harter said. "The faculty that we recruit, motivate and reward, the highest possible quality."

Harter said premier requires the university to be more focused.

"We aren't simply reaching out in every possible direction," said UNLV's first wom-



President Carol Harter outlines direction of UNLV's growth

an president. We don't want "an open door to be all things to all people stuff."

Becoming more selective will assist UNLV in reaching the "premier" status, Harter said. To be more selective, she said UNLV must increase its pool of applicants.

"We are not going to be accessible to everyone," Harter said. "Not only are we trying to recruit the best students, what I hope is to become so attractive to increasingly large groups of prospective students."

Harter said that increasing

the pool of prospective students would eliminate the need to increase admission standards. This, she said, would be a side-effect of higher quality students.

"With more students to choose from we will automatically have a higher quality profile without having to confront (raising admission standards)."

Another goal towards building a "premier" university is to become more student-focused, Harter said.

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Verdict rendered in UNLV football player's campus disciplinary hearing

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The verdict in UNLV football player Arthur Turner Jr.'s campus disciplinary hearing will remain confidential, Robert Ackerman, vice president for student services, said Friday.

Turner was accused of sexually assaulting a UNLV dorm resident Dec. 3.

The victim has left UNLV because of the alleged sexual assault, according to authorities.

"The university attorney is telling me that I cannot speak about that (Turner's disciplinary hearing)," Ackerman said.

A panel comprised of two UNLV faculty members, one student and one non-teaching administrator determined if Turner violated the student conduct code.

According to Ackerman, the university conduct code

doesn't directly address sexual assault.

"Arthur's case had to do with the use of threat or the use of force against another member of the campus community," Ackerman said. "He was also charged with creating a situation that produces mental or physical discomfort (on another member of the campus community)."

Ackerman said Turner's disciplinary panel had a variety of possible sanctions available to them ranging from finding Turner innocent to expelling him from school.

Jeff Halverson, dean of admissions and records, said Turner is currently enrolled at UNLV.

Following an extensive police investigation, Turner was arrested Jan. 15 for allegedly sexually assaulting a dorm resident after the two attended a party in a Tonapah Hall dorm room.

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