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## Board of Regents go to court

**A May 20 trial is set to look at possible open meeting violations**

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A trial has been set for May 20 on a civil suit filed against the regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada which alleges six violations of the state's open meeting law.

The suit, filed by Senior Deputy Attorney General Robert Auer, claims the board violated the open meeting law by responding to a memo and media advisory prepared by the board's then chairman, James Eardley.

The two documents were faxed to all board members, excluding Regent Nancy Price of North Las Vegas, and criticized Price for making "unsubstantiated, incorrect and potentially damaging" statements about the board to certain members of the media.

"The purpose of this advisory is to protest against some of Regent Price's comments," said Eardley in the memo. "I feel some response is needed and seek your support and endorsement of this statement (the media advisory)."



Nancy Price

"The point is, whatever they were upset about, they should have put on the agenda," Price said.

Since the civil suit was filed against the board as a whole and not individual members, the suit is technically against Price, as well.

"I'm suing myself basically," Price said.

Price, who does not plan to seek re-election when her term ends in 1999, said she hopes the court will issue a court order against the board. If found guilty of violating the open meeting law, the board could be held in contempt of court for a future violation if the court order is issued.

According to Auer, if the board is found guilty, a future violation of the open meeting law could result in sanctions against the board including fines or even incarceration.

Regent Shelley Berkley said,

although she felt Price has made some unfair statements to the press, the faxed memo was a mistake.

"I think she (Price) has made accusations with no factual basis which hurt a lot of people," Berkley said. "She made rather unkind remarks which I think were somewhat defamatory."

Berkley said the memo concerning Price's statements should have never been faxed.

"I read it and I threw it in the garbage," said Berkley. "I did not sign it. I thought it was silly. Quite frankly, I have very



James Eardley

clean hands in this."

According to Price, Berkley was one of the first people to contact her to express concern over the memo. Regent Jill Derby called Price to inform her of the memo.

Derby, who could not be reached for comment, previously referred to the memo as, "a public stoning" of Price.

Some of Price's controversial statements allege that the board had secret dealings in last year's search to fill the presidency of the Western Nevada Community College. According to Berkley, Price made the same allegations against last year's search for UNLV's new president.

"Prior to April 6, 1995, Nancy Price had not received any written notice indicating that the Regents intended to consider her character, alleged

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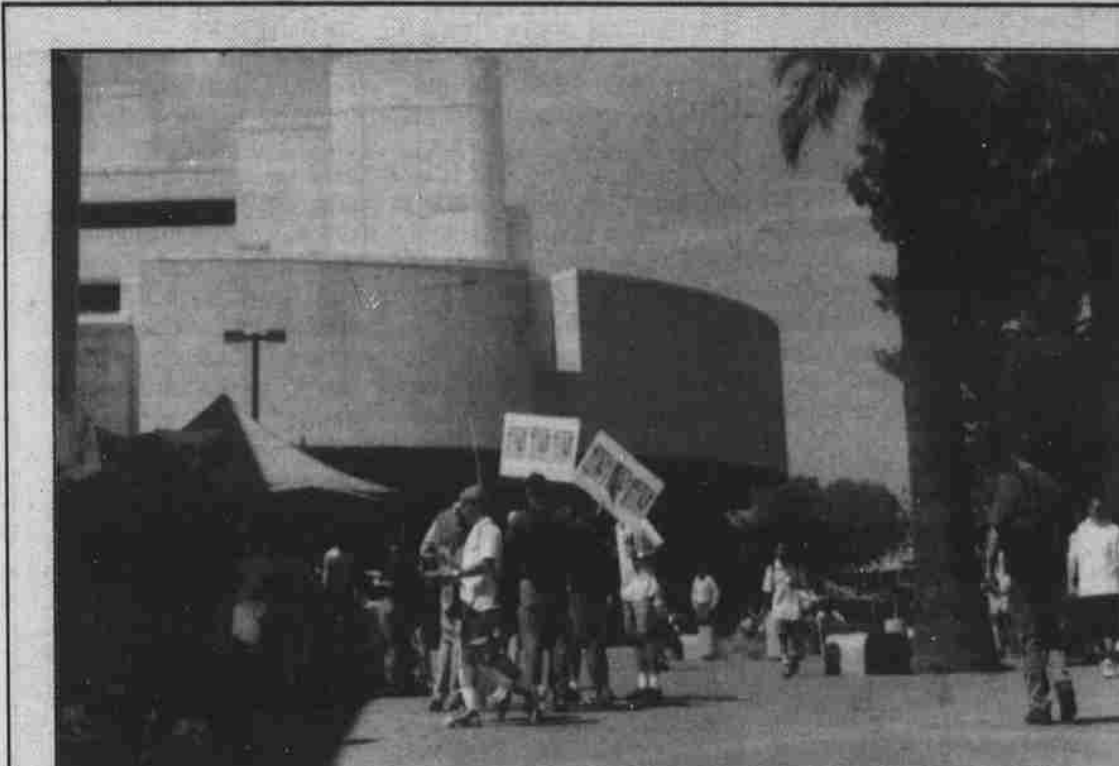


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### Election reminder...

Don't miss out on your chance to select the next student government president, vice president and senate president.

Voting continues today from 9 a.m. through 7 p.m.

Polls are located campus-wide, including the Flora Dungan Humanities Building, Moyer Student Union, the James R. Dickinson Li-

brary, the Classroom Building Complex, Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex, Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences and Hazel M. Wilson Dining Commons.

All students are eligible to vote. A picture I.D. with a social security number is required.

## Harter says UNLV like precocious child

**Harter discusses vision for UNLV's future**

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UNLV is a like a precocious child, said President Carol Harter in a recent interview. "It needs lots of discipline and lots of management and lots of planning and just lots

of team work... things it doesn't have," Harter said.

Key elements of this notion are establishing a more aggressive research agenda while enhancing the focus on students, Harter said. This will also include the realignment of academic departments and improving the university's relationship with the community.

According to Harter the president's role is to set the themes and goals for the university, while it is up to the campus to respond.

"Do we all agree that we want to try to be student-centered and research-oriented both and make that work?" Harter asked. "Then (the question) becomes how do you do that? I don't answer, that's everybody else that answers that."

Currently Harter sees no model university in the nation that has incorporated the ideas of student-centeredness with becoming a major research institution. According to Harter, these are the cornerstones toward creating the

premiere urban university that she would like to see UNLV become.

This idea will combine aspects of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Miami of Ohio, Berkeley, and the University of Virginia.

According to Harter, the concepts of research-oriented and student-focused are not mutually exclusive goals.

"When I talk about student-centeredness I'm talking about at every level we educate students. They should be very intrinsically a part of the aca-

demical program," Harter said. "Every time you make an investment...to advance your research agenda we should think about trying to make a comparable if not equal investment in something that improves our commitment to students directly."

Harter responded to criticism of her perceived lack of visibility on campus and participation with students, citing recent examples of her work with students.

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