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Challenge for student focus abound

By Michael Saunders
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UNLV President Carol Harter addressed the challenge of creating a more student focused university at the first Faculty Senate Forum on Thursday.

Harter urged audience members to ponder the meaning of student focused and to think of ways to enhance student friendliness while enhancing faculty research.

Alleging full-time enrollment is increasing at a manageable rate, Harter said UNLV experienced a 3.74 percent growth in full-time enrollment this year, totaling an additional 493 full-time equivalent students.

Harter thanked faculty for making high demand classes available to students and for removing enrollment limits from some classes. Both measures resulted in increased faculty work loads.

"One could choose as a university to stop growing and say, 'We're just not going to grow. We're going to stay at a steady state. We're going to accept fewer students and we're going to hold where we are in order to not put



Harter

pressure on the whole institution from a growth perspective," said Harter. This attitude could hinder UNLV's progress, according to Harter, because it denies university access to a growing community. Since UNLV's budget is contingent upon the number of students enrolled, it also keeps the university from obtaining additional resources from the state, she added.

"For us to grow qualitatively and to be able to meet some of these needs for the future that the planning document talks about, we have to be responsive to growth so that we have some growing resources," Harter said. "So it's a dilemma."

Harter said UNLV needs to become more student focused, adding that she's confident the university will be "noticeably more student focused" within 10 years. Realistic goals must be set, she said.

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UNLV president

"What we're talking about is moving to a really superb level of student focusness, and that is going to take us 10 years to do," she added. "The answer to students is, we're trying. We will get there over time. We're trying it in every aspect of university life, everything we do."

Part of the challenge, Harter said, is implementing imaginative ways to enhance teaching in classes of all sizes. To assist faculty in devising creative teaching methods, a teaching resource center has been proposed. Funding is currently being discussed, according to Harter.

Stan Hillyard, a biology professor, voiced concern about the present state of the university. "We are actually becoming less and less student friendly," he said.

Hillyard argued that larger classes lessen the faculty's opportunity to help students individually, making the university less student focused than in previous years.

"My biggest concern is that I

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Former Rebel charged in killing

By Michael Saunders
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Former UNLV basketball player Richie Adams, 33, a Big West Tournament Most Valuable Player, was charged Wednesday in New York City with the murder of a 14-year-old Bronx girl.

Police charged Adams, who played for UNLV from 1981 to 1985, with the second-degree murder of Norma Rodriguez after he told police he was responsible for her death.

Rodriguez's body was discovered Oct. 15 one floor below Adams' apartment close to a 15th-floor elevator door.

Adams originally told the *New York Post*, "I don't know anything about it at all," but later confessed to the crime.

Jerry Tarkanian, former UNLV men's basketball coach, recruited Adams from Manhattan's Benjamin Franklin High School and served as his coach from 1981 to 1985.

Tarkanian told the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, "I saw (Adams) the summer before last in New York at a summer league game. He wasn't doing too well. We



Tarkanian

talked for about two hours and I was sad to see what happened to him. Every time he'd go back to New York something bad would happen.

"It surprises me," Tarkanian added. "Ever since he went back to New York he'd been in trouble, off and on. But when he was in Vegas he was a good guy. I begged him not to go to New York."

"I'll never forget when we were recruiting him," Tarkanian continued. "He lived in the South Bronx, the Fort Apache area. The cab driver wouldn't even take you in there at night."

"(Adams) was a great player but after UNLV he was lost," Tarkanian added. "He called about six months after the (NBA) draft, looking for some help, and I got him a job at the Palace Station in some kind of management role."

According to the *RJ*, Tarkanian

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UNLV Homecoming week ends triumphantly

By Claudia Salas
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Homecoming week came to an end Saturday as winners were announced at the football game at Sam Boyd Stadium.

William Price, a senior communications major and senator for the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, was named Homecoming king, while senior criminal justice major Tonic Aiuto was crowned Homecoming queen.

"It's very exciting," said Price. "The actual effect hasn't really hit me that I'm the Homecoming king of such a large university."

"It's very flattering to know that so many people felt that I could represent them because I've got a lot of pride in the school," Price continued. "I care about the school. I love UNLV and people know me through my involvement in different organizations and activities on campus."

"I'm personally big on being involved," he added. "The more you do for a university, the more you get out of it."



Photo: Gregg Benson/Rebel Yell

Last year's king and queen with "Hey Reb" at Saturday's Homecoming.

Price says he plans to be active and make the king and queen electoral process more meaningful. "Instead of it being a popularity contest, I want so the person that really deserves to be king or queen gets it."

Aiuto was also pleased with her victory. "I feel honored and I'm very appreciative to the students for their support," she said. "Aaron (Rosenthal) told me that the school will be setting up things for (king and queen) to do for the school and for the community as soon as possible."

"It really shocked me that as many people did go out and vote," Aiuto added. "I want to give spe-

cial thanks to my mom, dad, Alpha Gamma Delta (sorority) and my boyfriend."

For the first time, an "Ideal Rebel" award was given to one UNLV student, Senate President Joe Laxague.

"It's an honor and I'm flattered to have received it," said Laxague. "I think overall Homecoming week went very well."

The Homecoming Champion for All-Around Participation award was distributed to event victors, Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Laxague, a member of Sigma Chi, said the award was de-

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