

CSUN president building stronger relationships

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Building strong relationships with UNLV's administration, the Alumni Association and the students are essential to improving student government, CSUN President Aaron Rosenthal said Sunday.

"I thought that student government had a few bad years, and I felt that I could change the organization for the better," said Rosenthal, a finance major. "So far, rebuilding relationships with the administration and the students has been the toughest challenge yet."

"But the interaction with the administration, Student Alumni Association and many different students has been the most enjoyable part of my job," Rosenthal continued.

The 22-year-old senior attributes his leadership skills within student government to his involvement as a member and a former president of the Sigma Chi Frater-



Rosenthal
nity at UNLV.

"The pressure of being president of an organization and knowing how to get the business taken care of are some of the toughest responsibilities a president faces," said Rosenthal. "You have to make sure people are enjoying themselves and that you master time management, values and ethics."

"I have gained leadership skills that few people ever get a chance to obtain," he added. "The outside community recognizes those skills and that will help me to associate myself better with people and in the career I choose."

A Las Vegas native, Rosenthal said he's proud to represent UNLV. "UNLV is a great school that's on its way up. I hope to keep student government moving forward with the university."

Rosenthal said he's confident UNLV President Carol Harter will help the university reach its potential. "She's an incredible lady and an incredible role model," he said of Harter. "She's faced much opposition being the first woman president and has established many goals for the university."

Rosenthal voiced concern that some people don't want to move

forward and that may hinder the institution's progress. "There are some people who work the waves of the past by taking advantage of other people by spreading rumors," he said. "But it's my responsibility to seek out these people and convert them into team players."

An advisory council system comprised of students at large is one tool Rosenthal will use to aid executive board officers in modi-

fying student government's direction and goals. According to Rosenthal, the system will include six committees formed to identify various needs of different campus organizations.

"The advisory council will make sure that student government is taking initiative and direction that students want it to," Rosenthal said. "It's a benefit student government hasn't realized in the past. Hopefully it will now."

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Third-party hopefuls square off at UNLV

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Representatives of the Reform, Independent American and Libertarian Parties faced off at UNLV's Valerie Pida Alumni Amphitheater on Thursday while a subtler struggle was waged on the sidelines by volunteers handing out political pamphlets.

Akida Nakai, a campaign volunteer, manned presidential candidate Ross Perot's Reform Party table, handing out pamphlets, stickers and buttons to students. "I think they're interested," he said. "They want to see literature. It's a lot to read but I think it's important."

Nakai, who said he was trying to build support for future elections, distributed information to an estimated 30 students, he said. "We're saying this: Don't waste your vote on (Bob) Dole because he can't win and (Bill) Clinton doesn't need it."

Nakai said although he has been a lifelong registered Republican, he switched to the Reform Party because he was disillusioned with the status quo in politics. He said Perot has more conviction on how to run the nation. Still, Nakai thinks Clinton will be re-elected.

Juanita Clark, a former candidate for State Assembly District Two and a retired Clark County school teacher, was among several volunteers representing the Independent American Party. "I want to inform," she said. "There isn't much information given out on third parties. As far as the mass media is concerned, it's kind of a shutout."

Clark said she and a fellow volunteer handed out 150 to 200 information packets to students. "I see that most want the packet. I think that people recognize truth when they hear it and that third parties are important."

Reacting to the news that Dole asked Perot to bow out of the race, Clark said, "It's another case of,



Perot, Reform Party candidate

"Vote for me." It's not, "Voting what I stand for." There's not a dime's worth of difference between Dole or Clinton."

Clark firmly believes her candidate for president, Howard Phillips, will win. "I think that people will wake up and say, 'To heck with this stuff.'"

Secondary education major Jamie Huston, 18, was the sole Libertarian Party volunteer. He estimated that about 24 students picked up his materials.

"I think that really what people are looking for is an alternative to the Democrat and Republican parties, and this is what we're offering," Huston said.

"I think that as students and as good citizens it's our responsibility to be as informed about different parties as possible, and to give everyone an equal chance to learn about what everyone thinks and to vote your conscience," he added.

Bradley Smith, an undeclared major at UNLV, visited the Perot table to grab some bumper stickers. "I'm a Democrat but I voted for Perot. I like his approach, that someone actually can start a third party and get as far as he did."

Smith agreed that Clinton will likely win, but said Perot may have a chance in the future.

Sergio Marquez, a communications major, said of third parties, "I don't care about them. They all scare me. I don't trust them."

"I trust (Clinton) more than I trust any of these losers," Marquez added.

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