

RACISM CHARGES FILED AT UNLV

Charges of racism at UNLV, made primarily by the dean of students and supported by a letter from a few minority faculty members, have created conflicts among top administrators at the university.

Alleged racism has been the subject of numerous memos written during the past several months by Dean of Students Bob Daniels, the first black to ever hold a position in central administration in the University of Nevada System.

And several of Daniels' fellow minority staff members have joined with him in accusing university officials of racist practices.

Although Daniels refused comment on the issue last week, memos sent by the dean to various people on the Las Vegas campus since last fall detail his impressions of "racial insensitivity."

In a November 1982 memo to campus Affirmative Action officer Jim Kitchen, Daniels noted that, "As a social institution UNLV is but a microcosm of the state."

While he acknowledged progress has been made in the treatment of minorities, he wrote: "Unfortunately my first year (1981-1982) in the UNLV environment was continually characterized by daily encounters with social Darwinism, hostility, and racial insensitivity from

both classified and professional levels of the institution."

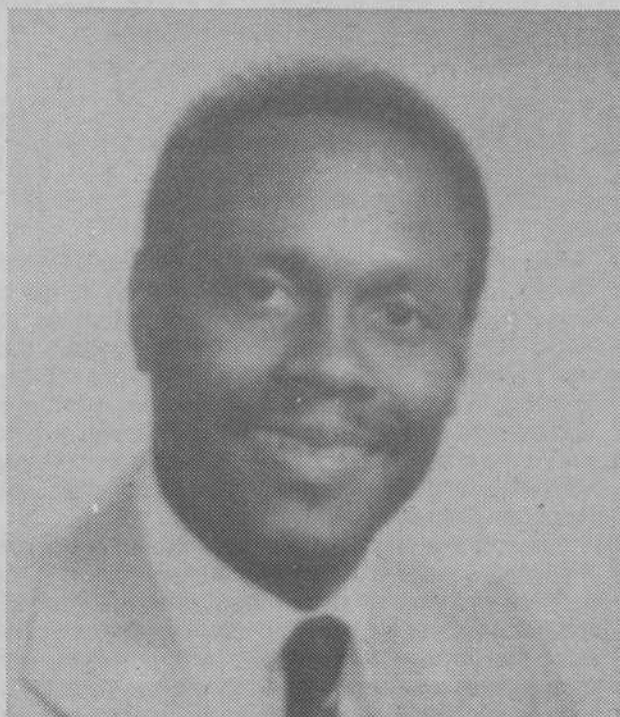
And the "malicious momentum" of being "denigrated, maligned, and assaulted" continues in 1982-83, he states.

Daniels continued by citing his training, credentials and administrative abilities, yet noting that "The overwhelming feeling I sense as I endeavor to perform the duties I was hired to do is one of non-acceptance and inappreciativeness. Some of the racial insults, chicanery, and machinations directed against me are reminiscent of the pre-1960's and 1970's era."

"Although I have regularly reported these problems, I know of no instances where instigators of unprofessional behaviors directed at me have been reprimanded by those in the seats of authority."

"Whether or not we want to face it, the mistreatment of Bob Daniels is not only unethical — it is a heinous commentary on the regard for Affirmative Action."

Daniels, who was hired at the university in 1981, closed the memo by suggesting to Kitchen that human relations seminars and workshops be established, "lest our multi-cultural milieu serve to divide rather than unite and enlighten us."



Terry R. Williams

Shearson/American Express recently announced the appointment of Terry R. Williams, a native Las Vegas to its distinguished group of Financial Consultants. Williams' responsibilities will be to assist businesses and individuals with investments and financial management services.

Williams has been in the financial service industry for nine years. He studied Finance/Business Management at UNLV and is a graduate of Investment Training Institute. Terry and his wife, Linde, live in Las Vegas and enjoy community activities.

Shearson/American Express, 330 South 4th St., one of the nation's largest brokerage and investment banking firms, welcomes Terry and Linda aboard their growing family.

National Minority Business Week Planned In October

Task Force Director Bob Bailey of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce announced at the organization's monthly luncheon that the first week of October has been designated as National Minority Business Week.

Bailey stressed the need for West Las Vegas businesses to "get together and unite," and make this the "grandest week we've ever seen!" He also announced

plans for a Black Chamber workshop to be held at the Sahara Hotel on May 18. A one day seminar on May 17 at the Sahara Space Center will also be held, sponsored by the various chamber of commerces throughout the Southern Nevada area.

It was also announced at the luncheon that May 27 has been named as the official date of the Grand Opening of the Nevada Chamber office.

Reid Stresses Concern Over Small, Minority Businesses.

By George A. Burns

Representative Harry Reid last week told a supportive Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce audience that small business "which has made America great" is now being threatened to the point of "oblivion," especially due to the nation's current tax structure.

The Democratic Congressman stressed the need for the SBA to focus more on what it should be doing, and that is to help the country's small businesses.

"In recent years," Reid said, "the SBA has not fulfilled its congressional mandate, but instead has held in reserve, literally millions of dollars appropriated by Congress to be directed to small businesses." He noted that in 1982, 25,000 small businesses went under. In '83, the congressman noted that 23% of small businesses has already fallen, which averages to over 600 a week.

Reid noted that in fiscal '82, the SBA obligated on \$5.7 million of the \$10,000,000 appropriated by Congress. He also pointed out that during that same period \$216.2 million were directed towards small businesses, but that was

the lowest since the 1960's, and the lowest dollar value since '75.

The Congressman also touched slightly upon Urban Enterprise Zones. He said that at present, "currently 2000 cities qualify for those type zones," but did not say whether Las Vegas was one of them.

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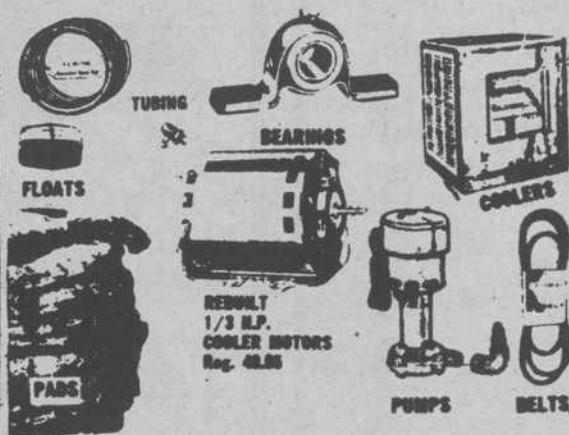
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