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Guest Opinion

by *roberta mayor*

Small, fluffy grey fur, with baby blue eyes staring through the metal bars pawing me to take her home.

Unfortunately, I couldn't take this kitten home because the adoption fees were quite expensive. It would've cost me a total of \$43 to adopt her at the animal shelter on Bonanza & Mojave.

It really broke my heart because this kitten was up for adoption and she only had three days left. I knew that if she wasn't adopted in one of those three days she was going to be put to sleep.

I had called the animal shelter the next day to see

if they would let me make payments. The gentleman who answered said, "No, we don't operate that way."

I was shocked because this man wasn't the least bit concerned in trying to work something out with me. It really makes a person wonder how anybody who works at an animal shelter could possibly have the heart to put these animals to death.

I spoke with Nadine Prescia, Treasurer of the organization-Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA). Nadine was very disappointed after hearing about my experience with this animal shelter.

"It really makes me

upset that they would rather put these animals to death instead of trying to find a good home for them," said Nadine. "I am definitely against the idea of putting these animals to sleep."

Nadine said that she would like to see the animal shelter work something out with the customer so that they can adopt the pet they want.

Nadine mentioned to me that the SETA organization works with the Nevada Humane Society. "I advise you to go to the NAS because they have lots of animals and the people that work there are very good. They always make sure that the animals get a good home," said Nadine.

"The NAS is also against the idea of putting

animals to sleep," said Nadine.

In my opinion, I feel that the animals should have the same right to live just as human beings do. I've said to myself many times...if only animals could talk like people.

Rosa Mendez, a senior, at UNLV said, "There is an endless list of people who would like to have pets."

Jerry Ferguson, also a senior at UNLV, said, "These animal shelters should practically give the pets away. Especially for those who are financially able to support them."

Nadine suggested that if anyone ever runs into any problems in that they can't find or get the pet of their choice to go to the NAS. "The people will really help you find a good pet. The NAS is a very

nice place and the animals are treated good," said Nadine. (The NAS is located at 4985 Paradise Road and the phone number is 736-0622.)

What I'm trying to say in this article is that I don't think that it is fair that the animal shelters are not willing to help find a good home for these animals. I feel that if they are not willing to let people make payments, then they should certainly think about lowering their fees. More people would be able to adopt the animals.

I would never have the heart to take the lives of all those loveable animals who are not adopted. Apparently, there are some people who don't seem to be bothered by it.

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Kirk Hendrick showed in his Letter to the Editor on Nov. 6 that he is either too naive to realize that a power struggle is going on between Bob Maxson and Jerry Tarkanian or too scared to admit it. The events of the past several weeks have shown that Dr. Maxson has not been "entirely overboard" as Mr. Hendrick has

suggested.

President Maxson stated at his Oct. 21 press conference that he in no way put pressure on the committee investigating the Lloyd Daniels incident to give him a report. But committee member and PCAA president Lew Cryer said that Dr. Maxson did in fact ask the committee to report on

their findings up to that point. This request was made by Dr. Maxson despite the fact that the committee has not finished their investigation. After having endured six months of investigating, why all of a sudden does Dr. Maxson demand an unfinished report? Was it a mere coincidence that this "press conference" was held exactly three weeks prior to the early signing date for high

school basketball players?

As for the press conference itself, why was it held? Dr. Maxson said back in April that he would share the committee's findings with the media. But he told the press nothing about the committee's findings, only that it was inconclusive. It was a grandstand move on the part of Dr. Maxson to obtain press coverage for something that did not deserve such attention.

Most recently we have learned, that at the request of Dr. Maxson, the NCAA has begun investigating UNLV. The proper procedure is for UNLV to turn over the investigation to the PCAA. They in turn will turn over their findings to the NCAA and/or ask the NCAA to help in the investigating process. Dr. Maxson denies that he made any such request, this though, is contradictory to what David Berst of the NCAA has stated. Mr. Berst is head investigator for the NCAA and a known enemy of Jerry Tarkanian. How could Dr. Maxson bypass procedure and invite an enemy of Coach Tarkanian to investigate the UNLV basketball program?

I hope that in the future Mr. Hendrick would examine the facts and not attempt to score points with the President of the University. These views I have expressed in no way reflect those of KUNV radio. These are the views of a Las Vegas resident and a UNLV student.

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