

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Torpedos L+s

by Kurt Hildebrand

editor

Depressing, boy is this time of year depressing.

Everyone is out fighting like hornets to get into stores that are crowded, overpriced and understocked.

People search for just the right item to give to that someone special while you just look on and wonder whether the human race is, indeed, to sick to live.

The holidays depress me for another reason.

It is another time for cheap Christmas Card poetry.

You know, the kind which requires that some sappy saying of one sort or another rhymes with reindeer.

"Hope your Christmas is better than ever, and the joy you have will last forever."

Bleeeech!

I never buy Christmas cards with poems like these, and if I can't find a card without the poem, then I don't buy Christmas Cards.

I used to think that maybe if I were Jewish, I could buy Channukah cards which would refrain from this sort of drippy, super-sweet, extra-nice

garbage.

I was wrong.

"Glad you decided to change your moniker Hope you have a happy...."

You get the picture.

So, I usually have to make do with Cartoon animal Christmas cards.

These are all right if you're not in business, but you can only send out so many Garfield® greeting cards for Christmas before people start sending your name into the House UnAmerican Activities committee as a possible subversive.

I sent out homemade cards once. I bought a calligraphy kit and drew the cards on construction paper.

Calligraphy is great, you

can be as sloppy a writer as you want to be and still come out with something that looks deeply artistic.

Then some SOB stole my kit.

What I think I will do from now on is just produce my own cards, then I can customize them for the person I send them to.

To my landlord (if I had one):

"Hope you have a nice Christmas.

Hope you have a nice New Year

Hope you don't mind I'm breaking my lease

Oh, and I left the bathtub full of rotting beer."

Okay, that is a little weak.

To the guy who pulls out

in front of me in the fast lane and then slows down to 40 mph:

"I really wish you would hurry up, or get out of my way.

For St. Nick I don't want to be late.

So it would be nice if I could get home today.

Much less for Christmas '88."

To the people who harass me at work:

"I hate this place, I really do.

I come into work and sit and stew.

One day I'll be free of you.

Then my Christmas wishes will come true.

By the way, happy ~~expletive deleted~~ Thanksgiving.

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Coach

Dear Editor,

This is a letter I wrote to the Las Vegas Sun. I doubt that it will be printed for a couple of reasons. I

may also send it to the Review Journal. You may do whatever you wish with it.

For the record, I am a housewife and sports fan. I do not have any connections with UNLV. Therefore, perhaps I have no business getting involved. However, it may be considered as the opinion of an impartial observer.

It is the responsibility of a university coach to win as many games as he/she can. Coaches are rated on their win/loss record.

It is the responsibility of a university president to oversee the entire program of the university

which would of course include academics and the universities reputation or image nationally.

What happens when these two responsibilities conflict? Which responsibility should take precedence?

As a sports fan, my initial inclination would be to favor the coach. I love a winner. However being fair and realistic, I realize the academic and university reputation MUST take precedence for many reasons.

UNLV became the laughing stock of the nation when it was announced that Lloyd Daniels was

going to play basketball at UNLV. One national TV sports commentator stated very strongly that "Lloyd Daniels does not belong in any university." He then stated the reasons. Bret Musberger, during the NCAA tournament, stated that he told Coach Tarkanian to his face that UNLV had lost whatever prestige they had gained by recruiting Lloyd Daniels. (Don't remember his exact words).

Obviously the reputation of UNLV went way down nationally with the recruitment of Lloyd Daniels. Then to add to an

already bad situation:

a. Daniels was somehow mixed up in some missing basketball tickets.

b. Daniels was arrested and convicted for drugs.

c. Newsday published a report that UNLV had violated NCAA rules with Daniels.

What a precarious position for a university president to be placed in. What should a university president who is truly concerned with the reputation of the university do? I personally believe he would have no alternative but to clean the mess up as soon as possible. To let it drag on and on would do irreparable damage to the university.

Therefore as much as I appreciate Coach Tarkanian for bringing a winning team to UNLV and Las Vegas, I fully support President Maxson in trying to bring the whole matter to a head. There was really no other PROPER thing to do.

Unfortunately Coach Tarkanian and his friends are attacking President Maxson from every angle. Seems like "The tail is trying to wag the dog." However we must remember that it was NOT President Maxson who caused the trouble to

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