

OPINION

The Small Picture

by Kurt Hildebrand

editor

Well, another one bites the dust. Yep, ole Howitzer Al Haig withdrew from the race for president, and threw all of his support (kind of like being reinforced by the entire Luxembourg Army) to Bob Dole.

I, for one, am going to miss Haig. Of all the Republican candidates, he is by far the most interesting individual.

I could almost even handle hearing him say something to the effect that he is in control, and actually being in control. No plausible deniability here.

The winners, however, in the Iowa Caucus, gave me some cause for alarm. Richard Gephardt

makes me nervous. It is not his protectionism I fear, I believe in protectionism, it was through protectionism that Europe and Japan managed to catch up with the U.S.

No, what makes me nervous about Gephardt is his lack of eyebrows. Yes, that's it. He hasn't got any eyebrows. I knew there was something about the man.

I can never trust or vote for a person, unless I can see his eyebrows. Haig had eyebrows.

Paul Simon did well in Iowa also. While Gephardt was busy telling Iowans he was one of them, Simon was, or at least close to being, a favorite son.

I would like to note that alleged philanderer, Gary Hart was soundly defeated by none of the

above.

On the Republican side, Bob Dole took the lead, which is what everyone expected. What no one expected was that Robertson would be second place.

Did I say something about cause for alarm, how about cause for terror.

Robertson's secret army came through for him in Iowa. According to Hank Tester of News-3, the Robertson campaign won't tell anyone where their local campaign headquarters is. This is not a group I want in control of the country.

Finally, bringing up a distant third, was George "I am not a Wimp" Bush.

When the vice-president of the United States ends up behind a television evangelist, there is going to be hell to pay, literally.

New Hampshire looks like a whole new ballgame, though. Analysts say Bush is well ahead of the competition in this state, and Dukakis is going to get a boost on the Democratic side.

Robertson's crew might not have as easy a time of it as in Iowa, however. In Iowa, anyone could come into a caucus and declare their party, in New Hampshire, you have to be registered as being in one party or another.

Simon and Gephardt will not do nearly as well, with only one of them finishing in the final top three.

Which one? Certainly not Gephardt with his protectionist policies — death in the New England high-tech heartland — I am putting my money on Simon to finish second after Dukakis.

On the Republican side,

I see Dole edging Bush out of the top spot with Robertson coming in a close third.

This is not to say that I or anyone else in the planet supports any of these candidates, its just the way I see it coming out, who knows, if I am right, I could get a job as a political analyst, and give up doing real work.

From the Re-Tread Department — Two newspapers have or are planning to distribute condoms withing their pages. That's right, buy a paper, get a condom. Someone mentioned that perhaps the *Yellin' Rebel* should run condoms attached to its pages to raise the consciousness of UNLV students about personal hygiene, sexual awarness etc. I told the person making the suggestion that the *Yellin' Rebel* doesn't do insertions.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor may be dropped off in *The Yellin' Rebel* offices, third floor of the Moyer Student Union or in the CSUN offices, MSU 120.

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Son of Smokin'

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the

Student Senate for taking the long, overdue step towards clearing the air of this institution of higher learning. It's about time!

By designating CSUN offices as no-smoking areas, we have set the example for others at UNLV to follow.

As we all know, "smoking" is detrimental to our health and this act is the

first step in purifying the air we breathe while pursuing an education. This is long overdue, as such actions have already been long established at other colleges and universities in many other states.

Again, congratulations and please, keep up the good work.

Leo J. Ihli

Budget Battle

Dear Editor:

CSUN would like to thank you for your support and input on the funding differences between UNLV and UNR, with Rebel Red getting the short end. The battle is just beginning for UNLV to get more equitable funding.

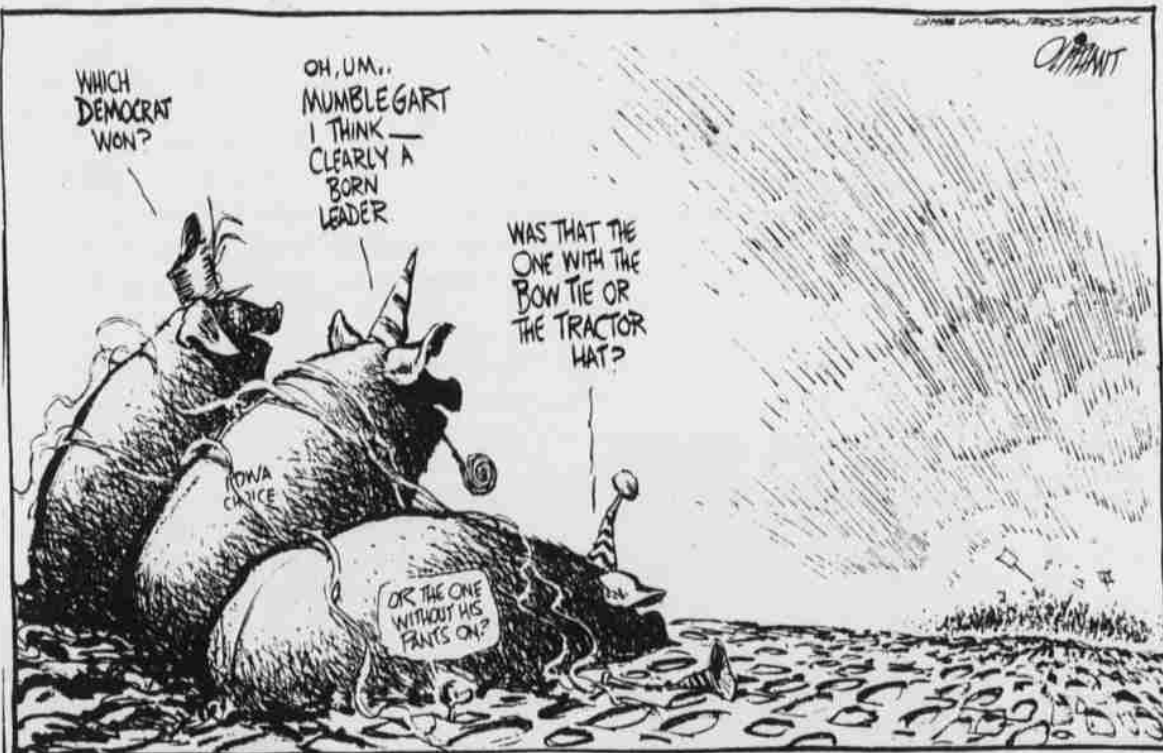
Since we went public on Wednesday there has been a great response from students and concern from the administration, regents and legislators. Despite the concerns, CSUN continues to receive different signals on the best way to get equal justice for UNLV.

A UNLV administrator told us to go through the Chancellor's office.

One Southern Nevada Legislator told us to get it into the Governor's budget proposal.

Another told us to go through the Regents.

No matter where the change begins, there will see "Letters" on pg. 7



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