

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OPEN LETTER

Dear Mr. Hendrick

Please accept this letter as support for a non-smoking policy at UNLV.

For years, the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer and chronic lung disease has been well documented and well known. Most people still associate cigarette smoking with respiratory problems. That is not the whole story, though, because recent evidence indicates that cigarette smoking is a major cause of cardiovascular disease.

Should you be concerned? Yes — don't take cardiovascular disease lightly. Each year, nearly one million Americans die of heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure and other

cardiovascular disorders. That is about one of every two deaths — almost more deaths than from all other causes combined. And, over 60 million Americans have some form of these potentially lethal diseases.

The bottom line is that about 350,000 deaths every year are attributed to smoking. A UNLV non-smoking policy could save some of these lives.

Sincerely

Vicki Congdon
Division Director
American Heart Assc.

CONGRATS

Dear Editor:

I saw recently in the news that CSUN adopted a no smoking policy. As a professional planner concerned with the quality of our environment, I can relate to your experience as Boulder City was less successful in its recent attempt to enact similar legislation to establish a no smoking policy in our community. I offer to CSUN my sincere congratulations.

CSUN deserves much credit for taking a step unique for any University in the State of Nevada. Its members and supporters should be proud for taking a lead position in adopting a no smoking policy and establishing "No Smoking" areas. Hopefully, this will set an example for other campus groups to

take a similar position in areas of their concern.

One discerning note: The campus newspaper the *Yellin' Rebel*, was conspicuous in its failure to cover this significant and historical event. It should have been the leading voice on this issue.

David DuBiel
AICP
Urban Planner
Boulder City

CAN WE TALK!?!?

Dear Editor:

I can just bet you've been dying to receive yet another letter bitching about what someone else doesn't like. I would like to address this letter not only to you but to all students of UNLV of which whom share the same opinions as me.

Let's begin with what goes on in classrooms these days. Aren't you tired of having your classes turn into a Bob Newhart psychology session. It seems to me, and to several of my peers, that class discussions are turning into psycho sessions. Students are turning discussions into personal story-telling periods and professors are allowing them to. So far I've heard everything from my roommate is a nymphomaniac (no, I will not divulge her name) to my dog died yesterday. Not to be crude but I'm not pay-

ing \$108 to hear about a total stranger's personal life. Well, on the positive side, if you're certain of your vocation in life go into psychiatry - it looks like it's going to be a booming business.

Complaint No.2. Girls, aren't you tired of condom machines in our bathrooms instead of personal hygiene products? I think we all agree that having condoms readily available is very important these days; however, I don't think that condoms can double as personal hygiene products — unless there's some new invention I haven't heard of yet.

Complaint No.3. Aren't you tired of people putting down Las Vegas and UNLV? Surprise! Yes people, not all Las Vegans reside in strip hotels and students at UNLV do other things besides sell drugs and play basketball. My wise mother once told me that people bad-mouth you when they are jealous of you. Makes sense to me! I can't see any other reason why incompetent sports announcers are always against our AWESOME basketball team, why Saturday Night Live puts down the education that we receive and yet we have Nevada's top graduates and other bright students attending our University, why... the list

goes on and on.

So when you hear people putting us down let out a big laugh because nothing aggravates jerks more than seeing you not get upset over their idiotic attempts at showing how jealous they are of UNLV. I think I've said quite enough for now. At the risk of getting anyone mad or offended- HAVE A NICE DAY!

Connie Scordato

ENGINEERING

Dear Editor:

In a recent edition of the *Yellin' Rebel* President Maxson was quoted as saying that "Engineering is one of the fastest growing disciplines on campus." For now, he may be right, but I think that in the future UNLV engineering students may become an endangered species. Why? To list a few minor grievances, how about—only getting one credit for spending three hours in a physics or electronics lab and not getting any credit for the hours (days?) spent in computer programming labs? How about being required to take difficult courses from professors who can barely speak English themselves let alone comprehensively communicate the finer points of integration techniques, master-slave flip-flops, and other difficult subject matter to their students.

Aside from these minor annoyances there is one major problem with the Engineering program at UNLV—the class load is enormous. Even if you overcome the language barrier and overlook the extra lab hours you can't get around the fact that if you intend to graduate in less time than it takes to get a Master's Degree you probably will be taking Engineering courses and only Engineering courses perpetually for at least four years. Most Bachelor's degree programs

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