

OPINION

Small Picture

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editor

This was supposed to wait until Steve got his special issue on the nuclear dump together, but I lost my real editorial for this issue and I am going to run this today.

I am bummed. They are going to set up a nuclear waste dump not a hundred miles from my home and I can't do anything about it.

Sure, I can write columns attacking the whole mess, I could go out to the test site and wave a sign around, I could go to the nuke people and tell them

to go away, I could write my congressman (or in my case woman, but I think she is for it, I'm not sure).

And for all that, these people from back east are going to put all this radioactive material left over from eastern reactors in the dirt very close to my ancestral home.

All because the Department of Energy claims that Yucca Mountain is the safest place in the country to put the thing.

Yeah, right.

Why don't they put it in California? Because the earth is unstable in California.

Why don't they build it

back east? Because no one wants it back east.

Why build it in Nevada? Because the earth is somewhat stable here and while no one wants the thing here, there is nothing we can do about it.

No, wait a second. There are earthquakes in Southern Nevada all the time. In fact, we can even predict when they are going to happen.

That's right, the people who are bringing you the High Level Nuclear Waste Facility are the same people who have been rattling windows and making glasses of water shake for the last 40 years.

So, let's analyze this for

a moment. The main reason why Nevada is under consideration is because there is already a Nuclear Test Site here.

And the best place for a repository, where the ground must be relatively stable or else you will start to get nuclear waste in the water supply, which is bad for children and other living things.

Therefore, Nevada is the last place on Earth there should be a repository, because they are exploding multi-megaton nuclear weapons not 50 miles away.

I can just see it. Circa 2080, two scientists are floating along in their repulsor tennies (this in-

vention made basketball obsolete) talking about one of their fellow scientist's disturbing findings.

It seems the water supply is being contaminated by radioactive material, they have no idea where it could be coming from.

Suddenly a three zillion megaton nuclear test turns the scene on its head for a while.

They then go on with their discussion, without ever stopping and saying, "Hey, do you think maybe someone put the Nuke Waste dump in the wrong place. You know with all those bombs going off for so long, there might be a crack somewhere."

Letters to the Editor

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exist or the people responsible. These are just observations which I and others have viewed and would like to bring out in the open. The first area deals with extracurricular activities. There seems to be a lack of understanding who this university is for and who pays the tuition fees. For example, even though we pay a respectable amount of tuition, the Athletic department and the Physical Education Complex do not seem to show the UNLV students are their first priority, even though we are the ones who realistically allow their

programs to survive. At basketball games, where do students sit? That's right, mostly in the rafters. At many other universities, and from my Alma Mater, students sit courtside to give their school support. Do you know that if a UNLV student wishes to go swimming only one and one-half hours are available per day (1:00-2:30) except for four hours on Sunday. Similarly, if a UNLV student wishes to use a gym to play basketball, volleyball, or whatever the sport may be, you'd better not get your hopes up as at least

one gym is tied up with people who are not even students!

The other major area most evident to me that needs improving is the library. If you are going to need to do an excellent paper soon do not count on the library, as their selection of books and periodicals do not even come close to acceptable, and I thought Idaho State had a poor selection.

To just criticize is unfair, thus I will add that the education in the major that I am in, so far, has proven to be excellent, as well as the professors. However,

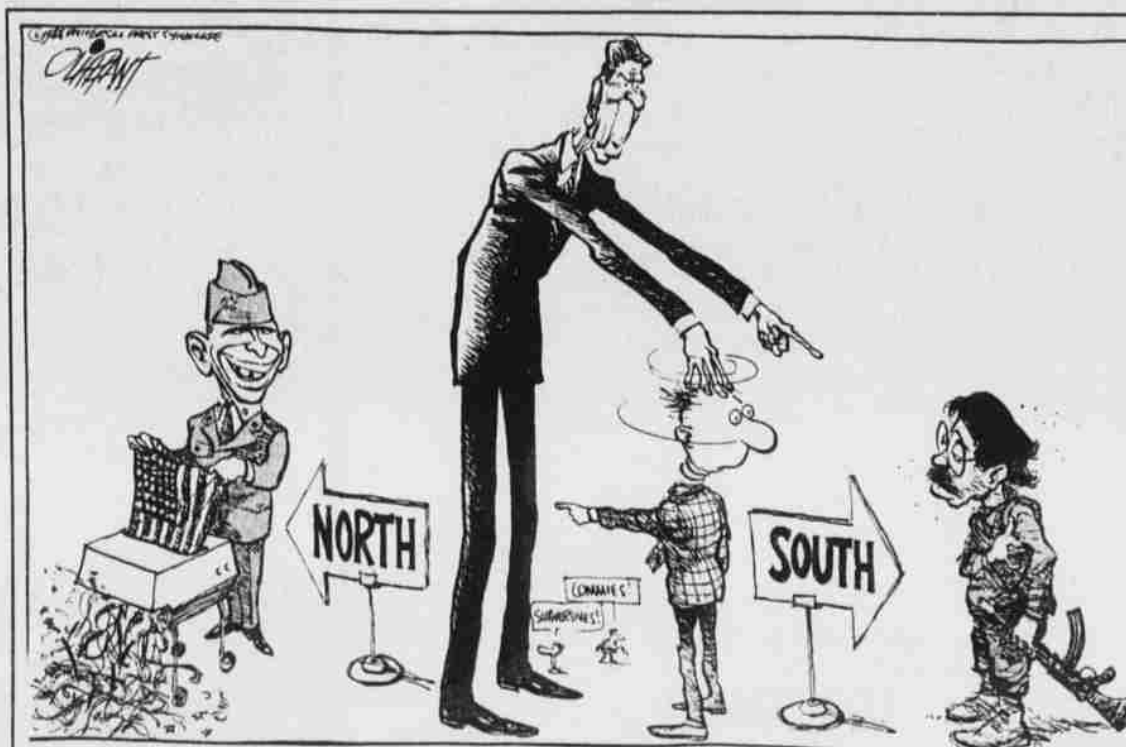
the underlying problem in time may even affect this positive aspect. The hunger for additional monies while leaving students in the cold can create internal resentment and possibly cause a breakdown in the university's future. There are ways to correct these situations. For example, the Thomas and Mack Center should be opened for UNLV students to play basketball when it is not being used. Idaho State had a very expensive Minidome which is the site for football and basketball

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Graduate Blues

Dear Editor;

Since I have begun to attend class this spring semester as a graduate student, a number of expectations that I had have been thwarted. Being from a slightly smaller college, Idaho State University, I expected vast if not at least minor improvements as a student at UNLV. This, however, was not to be the case, as this university falls short of expectancy levels in two major areas. I will be the first to state that I'm no expert in what is going to be mentioned, nor do all the facts



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