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It's not often you stumble upon a school administration with such a great sense of humor. University officials are generally very respectable, intelligent, concerned, sober individuals, very likable, just not the sort of persons one would expect to find slipping a whoopee cushion under old Aunt Rosa's chair before she sits down to watch *Jefferson's* reruns.

Well, April Fools, the UNLV administration has — feinted long, up once, twice, then, the gunshot pass under the basket and overpowering move to the rim — slipped one in on their students; at least, I'm sure it must be a joke.

Of the proposed 4 dollar tuition raise, it appears that only half will go to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Where is this SCHOOL'S SENSE OF PROPORTION! Did someone leave it in a university van parked in Watts — with the keys in the door? Where would this school be without its athletic teams. We've built a national reputation(?) on them. It certainly couldn't be for our world (2nd...3rd?) class library. It couldn't be for our respected Law School (we don't have one). Although I'm not certain, I also don't think it's for Hotel Administration's "Brunch with Coffees from Around the World" course (I really wanted to take that class, but I'm not a Hotel major. It would be a truly significant way to start each morning).

When, in a strange city and feeling a bit strange yourself, you spot a friendly head flying a bright-red-official-autographed-hand embroidered-UNLV-Runnin' Rebels hat, does your spirit lift with pride. When you, the students of this University, leave this institution and enter the real world, don't you want to be able to announce, confidently, to the corporate personnel inter-

viewer having lunch over your bones that "... your school has a great athletic program?"

If this university wants to be taken seriously, on a national level, it's obvious UNLV must upgrade its athletic program. Toward that end, and, in light of the fact that only half of the proposed increase is tagged for the Athletic Dept., I offer some suggestions...

One, that a ten percent tithe be placed on all professors' salaries to go directly towards the Athletic Dept's. Scholarship Fund. Those who refused would be chased by student activists, beaten, then tied to the Flashlight in front of Ham Concert Hall — to be insulted and reviled by the general university population.

One, I couldn't help noticing that there seems to be a great number of books in the library which see no use. I've picked books off the shelves which haven't been

checked out, seen free air for twenty years. Instead of wasting money on useless and unread books, why couldn't the great excess of volumes be sold. Our football team didn't have a great season last year, I'm sure the cash from the book sales would greatly enhance its efforts this year.

One, it is not too late to change the internal structure of the new Engineering Complex into something more suitable for the Athletic Dept., after all, you don't get 20,000 screaming, paying fans into an arena to watch some gecko-pinheaded engineering students play with their calculators. Obviously... right? That building would be much better utilized as a combination training center-dormitory for athletes.

These are modest proposals and I'm sure that others will be able to improve on them, however, the important point is that UNLV officials recognize the purpose of this university and "Get with the program."

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Guest opinion

by ralph r. brown

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As an institution UNLV has a lot of Class. However, last weekend the Women's basketball coach Jim Bolla picked a bad time to show a lack of it.

Last Friday after the Lady Rebels were upset in the NIT he publicly blasted his team in the Review Journal. He went as far as to say they had given up.

One of his quotes were: "The problem with this team is that some people can't get their priorities straight. Instead of playing aggressive they give up."

He also mentioned in the newspaper that he and his wife Co-coach Shelia-Strike Bolla would "Re-evaluate the status of the remaining players and some players may choose to leave on their own."

I'm sorry but this seemed that Bolla is more concerned about winning than

his team.

I can understand the coaches frustration but the Lady Rebels are a group of talented women and comments like those stated are not deserved based on the team's 25-9 record.

His frustrations led him to say "From now on talent will be the indicator of who starts and who

doesn't."

I hope none of our recruits see any of these quotes or else they make take their talents elsewhere.

I hope the reputation of the team has not suffered because their coaches "talked" to the newspaper about problems that should be kept in the lockerroom where they belong.

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