

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Guest Opinion

by david zanotti

guest writer

Attitude. An innocent enough word; not too long or too short, not difficult to understand or use in a sentence. Just a word among tens of thousands of others like it. This particular word however, as ordinary as it is, pertains to we students of UNLV in a very significant way.

Our attitudes, for the most part, determine how productive a semester we have. Think about it. Are you one of those students who are just going through the motions? Does school seem to be a terrific bore that must be endured? You are in certain classes usually because they are required in your course of study, and you will not be interested in all of them. It is to your advantage however, to complete them the first time, and with the highest possible grade you can achieve. I've talked to many students

who drop courses and the reasons they state for doing so are numerous. It disturbs me however, that I tend to hear a lot of cop-outs like, "I don't like the teacher," and "it will be too much work," or the ultimate in vagueness "I just don't get it." Granted, in some instances these may be valid reasons to drop a class, but I personally don't think so.

Attitude is the key. Start the semester with a positive one. Arrange a schedule and try to stick to it. A positive attitude also does wonders for ones self-confidence. You are the one who controls whether you will succeed or fail, so decide in the beginning which it will be. Every class is going to offer at least one redeemable aspect, single it out, concentrate on it, and use it to get you through. It's not hard to do this, just be open to the situation, don't shut yourself off before you've given things a chance.

Along with a good attitude, involvement will make things

easier also. Going to class, listening to lectures, and taking tests is not all that much fun unless you're including your thoughts in the process. It has been my experience that being involved is the most effective way to learn anything because you just don't learn it, you think about it and let it affect you. Ask questions, speak up in class discussions, talk to the instructor one to one on points of interest or of difficulty. You even may learn something about yourself by letting others know your thoughts, or surprisingly, just by hearing yourself articulate them.

Success is guaranteed if you wish it, Thoreau once said that in the long run we hit what we aim at, so although we may fail at first, we best aim for something high. We're here because we think education is a vital part of our path in life, and I believe ones destiny, good or bad, is realized through ones own efforts. Have an enjoyable semester.

## Letters to the Editor Guest Opinion

by victor marcus

### Rebuff

Dear Editor

I am very impressed with your attention to detail in a recent article about the CSUN Senate "Pencil Sharpener Scandal". However, the details you focus on and present, are not the complete story. As a

Senator for the Business College I feel compelled to set the record straight. You're correct that the original proposal was for a sharpener in every classroom. You're also correct that this was amended to place one in every other classroom. At this point you stop and write a story. It's convenient, it's dirt, and you get a good topic for "From the Gutter." However, there is more to it than that. The proposal was further amended to have the director of student services place 57 pencil sharpeners throughout the building saving the students \$400. This may not sound like much, but 400 here, 400 there and maybe the students tuition doesn't go up to \$40 a credit. Is a pencil sharpener in every room that important or would it be O.K. for us to walk into the hallway to sharpen. I also would like to clarify the fact that a few of us Senators, lead by Senator Robertson, tried to have the electric ball inflator deducted from the money for intramurals. You also failed to mention this fact any further than was convenient for your article. You have a valid point

regarding the two branches of government, however please report the full story in any other condemning articles.

David Dreibelbis  
Senator, Bus. College

### Imagination

Dear Editor

Standing in the endless line that encompasses the registrar's office, I happened to notice an advertisement for UNLV's Architecture Department. An Architecture School? Where on campus would such a school be located? Let's analyze the possible location for such a school. The criteria should be simple: a stunning building, beautifully designed for the human race, something so unlike any other that the very sight of it would rip your eyes out. What better way to reflect the up-til-now unheard of Architecture School?

It should be located next to recently constructed buildings. Next to a building that would fully accent this marvel of modern edifices. The only problem is finding a building on campus that meets the aforementioned criteria. The troubled candidates:

Beam Hall-Just what sort of people were the designers of those entrance steps thinking of? I've tried every way to get up these steps gracefully--use the ramps. And how about those lowly three blue seats? Why only three--Why any at all?

New Health Building-What a beauty. I figure it must have taken a team of 20 architects probably three weeks to come up with such an original design. I have a shoe box in my closet that looks just like it. Before such a school can be taken seriously, UNLV needs to take a look at the smorgasbord of buildings it has to offer. Credit the design of the new dorms and the welcome detraction from the pale, off-white paint that plagues every other campus building.

Boo to such concrete boredoms as the new health building and the new police building. Why, in a city noted for its beautiful properties, do we have to endure buildings on our campus that simulate boxes? If we are to be proud of our university, why cannot the same amount of effort put into such masterpieces as the new dorms and the Thomas and Mack complex be put into every proposed permanent structure under consideration? I hear the new engineering building is real nice but who ever goes to that end of campus. Why not instead start a school to correct the shortcomings of Beam Hall before a group of disgruntled students, tired of looking foolish climbing those stairs, dynamites the entrance in favor of a pile of rubble.

Sincerely,

Terry Lundy

Hello to all of you in readerland. Before I begin with todays encouraging word of criticism, it seems that I must comment on an article I read from the last issue of this fine publication. The victim shal remain nameless, unless of course you want to look at a back charge and you will never feel awkward. Don't have a bowling ball? No problem, under 21 and would do practically anything to get into a nightclub. I felt this article insulted my intelligence and other students who happened to see this. I found it particularly insulting to women to flirt with the bouncers, or mow the owners lawn, just to get in. Students at UNLV who are under 21, did not enroll here to learn the fine art of sneaking into bars just to kill a few million brain cells. They came to get an education, to better their life. Why did the author of that fine article try to glamorize club life and drinking in general? I guess we will never know.

As always, there will be a few with the response: "yea, yea, yea. Everyone always says there is something to do but they never give any examples." Well kids, here it is, the moment you have all been waiting for. Picture this, no more sneaking into bars, no more wasting twenty bucks a night buying an expensive headache, or buying one for that person next to you that you want to get to know (the aspirin people are

going to kill me). BOWLING IS GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD.

Just imagine, a place to meet sober people who will remember you in the morning. Not impressed? How about rental shoes for a buck? There's no cover charge and you will never feel awkward. Don't have a bowling ball? No problem, did you hear that? No problem.

Bowling slang is easy to learn, but here are just a few for starters:

"That's okay Dot, you'll get her next time."

"Good pick-up Ed."

-And a personal favorite, donated by my own personal bowling partner, Arlene Marinari, "I hope you all are hungry, Bub got a turkey."

I suppose I kind of blew this out of proportion a bit, but I wanted to make some kind of a point. There is so much more to life than drinking, or bowling for that matter. Our campus has so much going on that its difficult not to get involved. There are scads of special interest groups, MSU activities, supporting athletics, intramurals, and yes, bowling. If you are new here, these are the ultimate places to meet people, much better than the meat markets. And so, another fine editorial must come to a close. Welcome back everyone and for all of the new people, welcome to UNLV. President Maxson predicts this to be a record

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