



From the Editor's Desk:

Here it is another new semester and everyone is ready; or are we?

Summer went by too fast or maybe I was just too busy, But I can't believe it's time for class to begin.

A lot of things have happened over the summer. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas' athletic director retired, the basketball team got suspended, the tuition was increased, the faculty and staff got a raise and the school was visited by some great people (from the Special Olympics) and some not so great people (from the United States Student Association). In addition, UNLV television started operations, and \$1 million dollars was donated to UNLV from the Greenspuns. The university gained a lot of new portable classrooms but lost seating space in the remodeled food area of the Moyer Student Union.

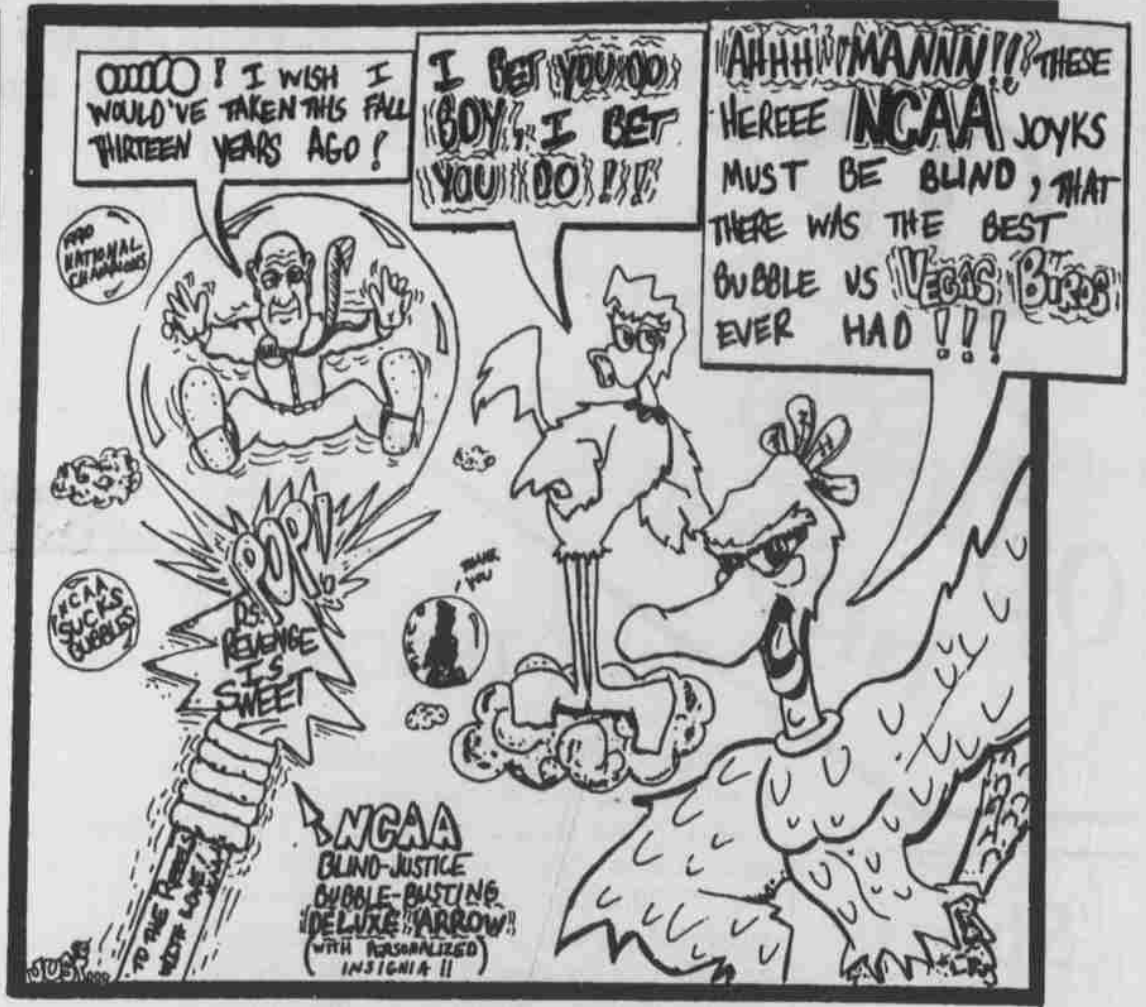
It's funny how quick things can change in three months.

You leave school knowing where everything is and how to get there and come back to a place where you're as lost as the first day of your freshman year. You bump into a wall that wasn't there last year or you go to where you remember a class to be and find that the classroom is on the other side of campus in a different building.

Anyway, as the new editor-in-chief of the Yellin' Rebel I would like to welcome you to one of the best schools in the West. We may have our problems but we still tend to do a good job. The faculty and staff are a good bunch of people, the students are some of the best, and the city is the most exciting place to live.

Have a good academic year and a fun time at UNLV, we've got a great place here and we're building the foundation for years to come.

Richard Crow



A ray of hope for UNLV basketball

by Mark Landwehr, acting sports editor

By this time, every student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is painfully aware of the penalty imposed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association on the Rebel basketball program. Our team has been banned from participation in the 1991 NCAA tournament, and is therefore prohibited from defending it's national championship.

Does everyone remember that day back in April when we won the championship? Do you remember the euphoria you felt the moment we won?

Now that you're smiling, allow me to turn that smile into a frown. This rosy picture from the past cannot and will not be repeated this year, or perhaps for years to come, courtesy of the NCAA. The association has made sure that UNLV will not participate this year. The fact that our star recruits have now enrolled

at UCLA makes dim the prospect for the year after that, and the looming case (with reference to the 1987 recruiting of Lloyd Daniels) could destroy the program for good.

So, now that you're sad, how about turning that sad to mad? How about taking on the NCAA?

That is exactly what Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, and Representative Jim Bilbray have done.

On August 3, 1990, these congressmen (simultaneously in the House and the Senate) introduced HR 5464 and S 2996. These identical bills are referred to as the "Coach and Athlete's Bill of Rights."

The proposed law has two essential elements: (1) No coach or player associated with the NCAA can be suspended from play without access to due process, and (2) the NCAA must adopt proce-

dural and substantive rules to deal with suspension.

Senator Bryan said, "UNLV, Coach Tarkanian, the players and the fans were dealt with unfairly by the NCAA. This bill will make sure that can't happen again."

It would appear the congressmen's opinion of the action taken by the NCAA was unfair and done with the simple intention of destruction of the UNLV basketball program. Bilbray, a former Student Body President of UNLV, the founder of the UNLV Alumni Association, and former member of the Board of Regents said, "The NCAA's decision to prohibit the UNLV Running Rebels from defending their national title is a blatant attempt to destroy UNLV's basketball program."

Senator Reids' press secretary, Mark Fierro, said the bill will probably come up for consideration in January. The delay is due to the Senate's backlog of budget matters and the Middle East crisis.

The bottom line to the bill, if it passes, is that the NCAA would become a state actor, and as such, be subjected to the due process rules as is any other state agency. This is not currently the case. As ruled by the Supreme Court in 1988 in a 5-4 decision the NCAA is not subject to due process considerations. It is this ruling that paved the way for the NCAA's arbitrary penalty. The enactment of the law would prevent such a penalty from being imposed ever again without first affording the university all of the due process considerations it is entitled to.

If we want to save our basketball program from extinction, we should do everything we can to insure that the law passes. We can write to Congressman Bilbray, and Senators Bryan and Reid to show our support for the bills.

Bilbray and Reid have offices here in Las Vegas, and their phone numbers are 792-2424 and 733-6545, respectively.

The calls will give ammunition needed to persuade the vote in favor of the bill.

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How not to apply for financial aid



"Money makes the world go around, the world go around, the world go around..."

The third floor of Humanities is jammed with them. They hover near the elevators, crowd the desperately few chairs to be found, stare forlornly at each other, and occasionally sigh just loud enough for the harried people behind the bullet proof glass to hear them.

They are the tired, the anxious, the poor who yearn to spend free.

Free money, that is. They all want one thing and will brave any long line, any maze of documents to get it.

They want financial aid.

The "Financial Aid News" says that 55 percent of UNLV's students receive some form of financial aid. What that fine publication doesn't say is how many students have tried to get their

hunk of the Big Green Pie and failed.

Some good remarks to avoid when filling out financial aid applications:

"I really didn't think I'd need a loan, but mommy's in France and I just can't seem to reach her."

"Is that all? You expect me to buy books AND a dress with this?"

"You want my REAL name?"

"It's not for me. It's for a sick friend."

"Do they cash these checks at the Mall?"

"It's just until the Beamer's fixed, y'know?"

"Loan? You mean, I gotta pay this back?"

"Interest rate? Sure, no problem. By the way— what is that, anyway: interest rate?"

"It's just chump change to tide me over 'till payday."

Getting financial aid can make the difference between many students getting an education or not. Don't blow it. But don't go overboard on the "needy" look either. Some people think they have to wear their worst clothes when in the vicinity of the financial aid office.

"Shower—? No, I can't afford it yet, but this loan will help."

Remember: being needy is o.k., being greedy is not, but being greedy, seedy, and smelly will get you turned down nearly everytime.