



From the Editor's Desk:

Ah, don't you just love the smell of freshly watered cement sidewalks in the morning. If you do, UNLV is the best place to be.

Supposedly here in the west we are suffering from a water shortage but you couldn't tell it by the way UNLV waters it's grass.

Walk down any sidewalk on campus and you will be besieged by sprinklers gone crazy. You dodge to the left to get out of the way of water showers and then step to the right to dodge the large water puddle left by the erratic spray of the sprinkler system.

Between MSU and Tonapah hall everyday at around 9:30 or 10 a.m., we as students are privileged to have our own on-campus lake. Let's have a lake naming contest. Maybe, Lake UNLV, or Lake MSU, or maybe even the Campus Lakes.

Where am I heading with this? Well, first of all, since the rest of the western states are putting restrictions on water use, shouldn't we here at UNLV do the same? Everybody talks

of conserving water, recycling, and energy saving, but I never see anyone doing anything about it.

Has anybody taken a good look at Lake Mead lately? The water is at it's lowest point in years, yet UNLV and the city of Las Vegas don't seem to think that it is an important enough issue to do anything about.

I just want to know who's in charge of this and who do I contact to complain or who it is I talk to, to start a program to take care of the problem. The only way I found out how to recycle my old newspapers was by my neighbors at KUNV, who told me to talk to the EPA, about dumping the papers there in their bin for paper recycling. UNLV needs a recycling plan and a water conservation plan desperately. I'm tired of seeing the lake form between MSU and Tonapah hall and as a student and a concerned citizen I want something done about it.

Richard Crow

Drama at the Yellin' Rebel by Gary Puckett

Students and faculty members are urged to check the dates of service on fire extinguishers

As the fall semester shifts into high gear at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, students and faculty alike must buckle down and get on with the business of education.

Usually this business manifests itself in the form of a change in schedule and a reacclimatization to a busy and sometimes hectic routine. At this convoluted time no one needs to be involved in a scenario of stress or alarm.

However, information has recently surfaced (amid shrieks of alarm and howls of protest) indicating that the fire extinguisher in the office of the Yellin' Rebel has not been serviced since... June 20, 1988, while safety regulations state clearly this is way past due.

In addition, an exhaustive investigation has revealed that the office of the Yellin' Rebel is the only one to be so malevolently neglected. Even the radio office of KUNV (next door) has had its fire extinguisher serviced this year.

In spite of this state of alarm at the paper, personnel seem to be acquiescing with an attitude of



"business as usual." Steadfast perseverance is the rule at the Yellin' Rebel.

To correct this problem, work control center here on campus was contacted at 739-3358. They informed the Yellin' Rebel that the problem would be corrected (much to the relief of an anxious staff).

Although this incident is

dealt with here in a manner of levity it should be noted that it is no laughing matter. Students and faculty are urged to check the dates of service on fire extinguishers; especially if they work or study in remote spots on campus.

Any that need service should be reported to the work control center at 739-3358.

Right to die

"The real message is make your choices known and they will be respected"

I am writing this because of a very important turn of events which happened this summer regarding what has become known as "the right to die," the discontinuance or refusal of life support machines and/or procedures.

The Supreme Court, in a continuing trend toward returning legislative power back to the individual states, has created some unexpected consequences.

In regards to the "right to die," the US Supreme Court maintained in a 5-4 split decision that there was nothing in the US Constitution that prohibited the state of Missouri from requiring "clear and convincing" evidence that a patient would have wanted

his/her life ended under certain circumstances.

Until now, the family or legal guardian, has always had the ability to make that final decision on behalf of a comatose or terminally ill patient (California Supreme Court 1988).

The state of Missouri argued (Missouri Supreme Court, 1990, "Cruzen vs. Missouri Department of Health") that Nancy Cruzen was not in pain and would not want to die and that the state's interest in "the right to life" outweighed the parents' assertion of their daughter's "right to die".

"The real message of this decision is make your choices known and they will be respected,"

said Alexander Capron, University of Southern California professor of law and medicine.

"Even in Missouri, the state judges would have let Nancy die if she had spoken to her doctor on the subject or signed a 'living will,'" Capron said.

A "living will" can be one of the most important things you can do for your loved ones. It can help make a decision that could potentially cause overwhelming hardship on the people we love or help eliminate doubt that a loved one has made the right decision for us.

A "living will" can even save untold amounts of money for individual families, federal health

programs and insurance companies. About 2 million people die each year and about 80 percent of them die in hospitals and nursing homes. Most of these deaths require a crucial decision at some point regarding life prolonging procedures of some type. Imagine the benefits to everyone in helping reduce catastrophic health care costs.

The responsibility is our own to complete a "living will" long before having one ever becomes necessary.

For more information, contact The Society for the Right to Die, 250 West 57th St., New York, N.Y., 10107 or call (212) 246-6973. The information is free.

by Marc Sperberg

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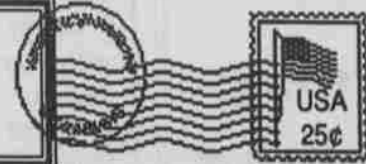
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Letter to the Editor



Ken Tomory said only through liberation of mind will we have a true society. No truer words were ever written.

There is only one problem here. In today's world liberation of mind is impossible. From the second someone puts the marks of baptism on our foreheads, our minds are no longer free, we belong to an imperfect conception of God.

Productive and worthy citizens are scorned because narrow minded, thimble-brained idiots are passing judgement, which was also told specifically not to be done.

Homosexuals are not re-repeating and because of misunderstanding, they are hiding from the hatred implanted

in other's minds by false preachings.

Like Mr. Tomory, I too am sick of these double standards. I am not homosexual, bisexual or asexual. I am a human being who loves other human beings, and the way we human beings are treating each other for absolutely absurd reasons is nothing less than disgusting.

It behooves each of us to open our minds and honestly re-view the ideologies and false beliefs that well-meaning individuals and groups have indoctrinated into our minds.

This letter is not written in anger or misconception. I do not think of the words, they come to me.

Sean Higgins