

# Orientation... Why?

by Billy Naftaly

*"I have just one question. Is orientation worth it?"*

For the fifth time, I checked my wristband to see what time it was. Only ten minutes later. Why was time moving so slowly? Oh yeah! I was stuck at orientation for the whole day. No wonder time was moving along as fast as a crippled turtle.

Well folks, it's been two weeks into the school year and I thought that I would reflect on that dreary day during the summer, that we all had to go to orientation. We had to endure speaker after speaker and lecture after lecture. I usually don't mind lectures if they're going to help me pass a class, but just for the heck of it? Come on.

If you found it possible to block that atrocious day from your mind, good for you. For all of the other people that weren't able to do this, you're in the majority.

Let's reflect. First, we had to come here to University of Nevada Las Vegas pretty darn early in the morning. Although, not well known, there are 'summer rules' which people should follow. Let me tell you one of the more important ones. Sleep till noon. Even if you didn't know that this was a rule, I'm sure quite a few of you follow it anyway. So, why can't the organizers of orientation?

Secondly, was I the only person who felt like orientation was going on forever? Maybe they should have shortened it a little bit. Due to orientation, I lost a whole day of sun tanning, or burning as the case may be. To tell you the truth, I was very discom-bobulated.

Also, if you're going to keep us there the whole day, have decent food. Soggy and cold croissant sandwiches are a far cry from



pizza. I get the chills just thinking where they kept the sandwiches before they gave them to us. I must add, the soda and potato chips were very good.

Even though I waited in tremendously long lines for classes I didn't get, that wasn't the main

thing I was annoyed at. What was annoying, was touring the campus in 100 degree weather. I know it's hot here in Las Vegas and I've accepted that, but there is no reason to drag 50 or so kids and their parents in that kind of weather in order to show them

the outside of buildings. If we all looked carefully, there was a map of the campus on the back of a folder that we received. Wow, what a concept! Looking at buildings and finding out where they are without sweating!

Congratulations for dealing

with orientation, even though we had really no choice in the matter. Hopefully, all of our college experiences will be worth having to go through that one day in the summer heat.

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## — Point of View —

### *Is our presence in the Middle East backed up by enough international support right now?*

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Pittman Shay, Junior Business

*"I feel there is strong world support on the action. Also, I heard today that the Arab countries gave us 3-6 billion towards the financial end, but on the military front, we as a super power should lead."*



Casey Pearce, Sophomore Business

*"No. I do not feel that the other countries are putting in as much military effort to preserve world security."*



Carolyn Turner, Sophomore Advertising

*"The situation is changing so rapidly over there that I really don't have all the needed information to answer."*



Alicia Taylor Sophomore

*"My brother is in the military over there and I don't think we should make such a commitment over oil. The reason we should have a military effort is if the U.S. is attacked."*



Felica Mays Junior

*"I feel we should be there to protect our way of life. I also feel that the other countries are doing their part but it is mostly financial nature."*