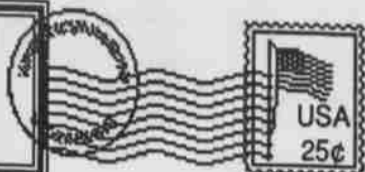


OPINION/EDITORIAL

Letters to the Editor



A letter of desperation

I'm writing the Yellin' Rebel because I am a student at UNLV. I have a problem and I need help. I hope that you will listen to me. I don't know anybody around here well enough to talk to.

My problem is I'm a typical statistical teenager who is feeling very suicidal! I have been like that for a few years now. The reason I haven't done anything is I won't hurt my parents like that.

Experts say you should talk to somebody. I have tried that before and people patronize me so I stopped talking altogether. That can be a problem when people are trying to get to know me, and I keep them at a distance. I'm very alone. I go to class and go home.

I have big dreams of becoming a college professor. I don't think I have the intelligence to

become that, and I know I'm not good enough either. I feel like I have to or I will be a failure. I'm scared of failing. I have failed a lot in my life, and haven't gotten over it yet. I know I'm young and shouldn't feel like this but I do. I try to be positive but it doesn't last. I sit back and observe the smart students who really have it together, and I look at myself and I feel really bad.

My favorite class is political science with Dr. Titus who is very intelligent, and confident in what she is doing. I sit there totally amazed by that. I know I would feel better about myself if I had that kind of confidence or some for that matter. I hope you will print this because I need help. I feel like it is too late for me. Maybe it is. I don't know...

A Very Unhappy and Depressed Person

From the editor

Dear Unhappy and Depressed,

When I first received your letter, I was really thrown for a loss. At first I felt sad because a person could feel the way you do. Next I felt stupid because I didn't know what to say or do. Finally, I felt energetic because there is someone out there hurting and I had to do something.

I went to the library to discuss the situation with our campus counseling center. They told me what I should do and gave me some information to pass on

to you and other students who might feel the same way.

So, here is a little information on our counseling center and some telephone numbers that might help you. The people at the center are there for you, please go and see them and talk to them. If you want, write us another letter and talk to us.

Just talk to someone and let them know you are hurting.

Sincerely,

Richard Crow
Co-Editor

Counseling services offered by UNLV

One of the many little-known resources on campus is the Psychological Counseling Office, a part of the Student Development Center. The office provides free personal and career counseling to all students at UNLV.

Our primary commitment is to help students function well so that they may get the most from their educational experiences. This may include helping them to perform better in class and on tests, to cope with stress, or to be more effective in relationships with others. We believe that we can best help individuals if they seek help before their problems turn into a crisis.

At the Psychological Counseling Office, we provide a wide range of services, including personal counseling for individuals, couples, and groups, personality testing, career interest testing and interpretations, career choice counseling, limited crisis and emergency services, consultation, and referral information. Some of the most common problems students come to us with include depression, lack of assertiveness, family conflicts, marital or relationship problems,

phobias, loneliness, problems with decision making, sexual problems, anxiety, stress, eating disorders, career indecision, and test anxiety.

These services are provided by a staff of two licensed psychologists, Dr. Jim Love and Dr. Laura Hammond, and by several graduate students working towards master's degrees in clinical or educational psychology. All services are completely confidential. The Psychological Counseling Office is located on the second floor of the James Dickinson Library, room 252. We are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our phone number is 739-3627. Counseling is arranged by appointment.

After 5 p.m. and on weekends please call one of the following:

- Suicide Prevention Center 731-2990
- COMPAS (HCA Montevista) 364-1111
- Centrum Crisis Hot Line 388-7777
- Mental Health Crisis Center UMC 384-6664

Student Government's Response

In response to Madeleine Black's letter:

As a senior, and being so obviously informed about Student Government, you must be aware you've had every opportunity to get involved. But no, you're one of those people who would rather criticize others.

Let me ask you Madeleine, have you ever considered running for a Senate seat? Have you ever served on a faculty or student

committee? You talk about wanting improvements, well, what have you done to make things better?

As far as Student Government's accomplishments under Student Body President Joe Bunin; I gather Madeleine, you would prefer to continue paying a text book tax, and I assume you don't attend athletic events (at no charge), nor would you happen to use the library's extended hours during finals week. Yes Made-

leine, Student Government is responsible for this.

So Madeleine, I offer you two suggestions:

1. Either get involved and make a difference, or
2. Think before you speak and have something to back it up!

Melanie Rosenberg
Student Government
Appropriations Board Director

In response to Madeleine Black's letter that gives "feedback" to Joe Student, I have a few suggestions.

As far as the Yellin' Rebel's format is concerned, a bi-weekly paper reaches far more students than a weekly format, as well as giving more students an opportunity to participate in both journalism and UNLV activities.

Considering your requests for articles, here are a couple of answers. If you really want to know about the abilities of the Student Government, rather than wallowing in ignorance, you can do one of the following: go into Student Government and find out for yourself, ask a Student Government representative, or actually (gasp!) participate in Student Government yourself.

However, if listening to one biased side of a situation bothers you so little, then there is no hope. But for those students who want to know, then go to a Senate meeting, which is open to the public, or just go to the Student Government offices and see for yourselves. If you can't make it to a Senate meeting, then go in and read the records of the meeting. They are also available.

As for the Executive Board's accomplishments, they speak for themselves. However, Madeleine, as you haven't bothered to find out, I'll list a few of them for you.

President Bunin, Senate President Polovina, and Vice President Engel have argued for, and swayed judgement on thousands of dollars worth of donations to various UNLV departments that support and assist students. Some of the donations are as follows:

- \$20,000 to the Student Health Center
- \$20,000 to UNLV's Department of Public Safety
- \$15,000 to the Minority Student Affairs office
- \$7,500 to the Career Planning and Placement Center for a com-

This is in response to Madeleine Black, senior, music major, who feels that an in depth article on whether or not people in Student Government are really buffoons should be written, and who obviously does not have much knowledge as to the positions in Student Government, and the duties which are required.

Response to Madeleine Black's letter.

Thanks Madeleine for making my job as assistant news director much easier. Since you have expressed an interest in knowing more about the accomplishments of Joe Bunin's administration, a writer can be assigned to do a feature story about Joe. His administration has helped fund campus security, a health educator, the minority student program and much more.

We can also send a reporter to do a feature on Student Government Appropriations Board

puter system.

They have also encouraged the approval of monies for activities which benefit UNLV such as the UNSSA Conference and Family Fair as well as for KUNV and the Yellin' Rebel to increase productivity and quality. They have increased the budget of the Student Services office to enable the office to expand services, such as note taking. They have also lobbied to expand funding to ALL organizations recognized by Student Government.

President Bunin, Senate President Polovina, and Vice President Engel are also currently lobbying for Question 3 which removes sales tax from textbooks, saving students up to \$600. They also are working on the problems with the NCAA, both concerning ticket distribution and the reinstatement of the Rebels. They encourage the creation of new organizations of both scholastic and social natures, as well as attempting to organize activities for students that are both educational and entertaining.

Your comments, Madeleine, are both narrow-minded and ignorant. Unless people are willing to learn both sides of a situation, rather than taking one person's biases as fact, than they should keep their opinions to themselves. If you have such a problem with Student Government, then I challenge you to get involved and make a difference. As a senior, you should know that change takes action rather than thought.

Speaking of thought, who really comes off as a "five year old?" A person who is involved, and willing to take a stand for students, or a whiny, petulant brat who hasn't the courage to find the truth before spouting the drivel you put in the newspaper. I think, Madeleine, that you, and the students, know the answer to that one.

Becky Jo Burningham
Junior, Liberal Arts Major

I hereby invite you, and any student with your opinion to come in the Student Government office where we can set up a public debate to discuss any and all issues of Student Government.

Michael Bunin
Senator, College of Business
and Economics

director, Melanie Rosenberg. I happen to be one of the many friends of Melanie, and she is a very likeable and interesting person.

You had some valid criticisms about the Yellin' Rebel and we thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. We are always interested in what our readers think about the Yellin' Rebel. We are striving to be the best paper that we can be.

Sincerely,
Philip L. DaQuino II
Assistant News Director

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All letters must be limited to 400 words—anything more will be considered an opinion piece. The Yellin' Rebel reserves the right to reject submissions and to edit for libel, grammar, spelling errors, length and writing style. Letters must be typed and include the name of the writer (unless anonymity is requested for a valid reason), as well as the writer's telephone number, major and year in school. All submissions must be sent to: The Yellin' Rebel, (care of Letters to the Editor), MSU 302, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV

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