

From the Editor's Desk

Questions?

Richard Crow

Today is Nov. 6, time to vote. There are some important questions on the ballot, and we need to make our voices heard.

I thought I would share with you what the questions are, how I'm going to vote and why.

No. 1: Establishment of a family court. Yes - It would help speed up the process for families, the children and the whole court system.

No. 2: Allow operation of lotteries. Yes - This passage would legitimize charitable lotteries such as raffles and drawings.

No. 3: Exemption of sales tax on textbooks. Yes - This will help all students, who are always short of money.

No. 4: Exemption of sales tax on medallions. Yes - It would help Nevada products compete with other states' products.

No. 5: Money for improvement of parks, new parks, protection of wetlands and wildlife resources. Yes - We always need to do the best we can for nature.

No. 6: Corporation tax and

franchise fee. No - It would scare off potential businesses from locating in our state.

No. 7: The abortion question. - I'm not going to tell anybody how to vote on this one, but I will tell everybody just to vote according to their conscience, their heart, their value system, or their morals. Both sides have been so rude, crude and violent in their efforts, maybe we should vote to dismantle their organization. It's an important question, please vote.

No. 9: - Prohibit a state personal income tax. I don't really understand the explanation. It's one question I will have to think about a little more.

Well, that's all the questions, I hope everybody goes out to vote. Voting is a privilege, let's use it to its fullest ability.

Richard Crow

Taxation of books presented in Question 3

by Dawn Melby

Question 3 is an issue on the Tuesday, Nov. 6 ballot that is of special importance to the students of UNLV and the rest of the University of Nevada System.

Question 3 is formally called Assembly Bill number 737, Proposal to Amend the Sales and Use Tax Act. The bill will appear on the ballot as "Shall an exemption from the sales taxes be provided for textbooks sold throughout the University of Nevada System."

This bill came to be because sales tax on textbooks is inconsistent throughout the University of Nevada System. Currently, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is the only school in the university system that is exempt from the sales tax on textbooks. This is because the bookstore at UNR is operated by the school. Bookstores at UNLV and the community colleges are operated by private agencies.

A "yes" vote will exempt the sales taxes from the sale of textbooks throughout the University of Nevada System. A "no" vote would maintain the sales taxes

on the sale of textbooks.

This bill is the only proposal both introduced and passed in the 1990 Assembly Session. It passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 39 to 2 in favor of the bill. The Senate passed the bill with a unanimous vote.

If Question 3 passes, the students at UNLV, UNR, and the community colleges would receive equal treatment by being exempt from sales tax on all textbooks sold within the system. Each full-time student at UNLV or community college can expect to save approximately \$25 a year on textbooks. The negative ramifications of the bill's passage would be a reduction of sales tax revenues for the state and local governments.

If you have any questions about Question 3, contact Senate President Gina Polovina, Student President Joe Bunin, or Student Affairs Director Mike Kennedy. All three individuals can be contacted through the Student Government office.

Question 5: A chance for a better Nevada

by Kim McGee

There's nothing like a desert sunset when you're camping in Nevada's great parks or Lake Mead. After a day of hiking to one of the desert's hidden oases, such as Warm Springs near Boulder City or the Valley of Fire, you can just sit back, relax and enjoy the natural beauty and colors that spread across the sky at dusk.

The air is calm and completely quiet, with the city and its hassles on the other side of mountains which surround the valley in a protective circle. The mountains look surreal just before the sun slips behind their majestic bulk. The sun's last rays streak across the blue and pink sky before slowly turning to a crisp neon orange, striking against the darkening night sky.

On November 6 you have the opportunity to preserve the beauty of Nevada's state parks and make them a better place. By voting "yes" on Question 5, the state of Nevada will be allowed to spend \$47.2 million on projects concerning existing and potential parks. Funds will also be provided to help protect wildlife such as the desert tortoise and the longhorn sheep, and their habitats. This would be repaid by public funds over several years.

The burden on the taxpayers would be determined by the timing and amounts of bonds issued, the interest rates, and method of

repayment.

A statewide property tax has been discussed, but this, at worst, would be \$7.70 annually for one of the desert's hidden oases, \$100 assessed value of the home.

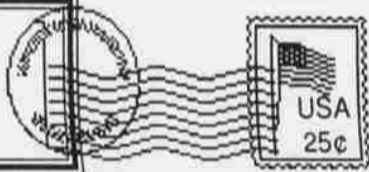
A new organization, "Nevadans for Parks and Wildlife," has been established by civic leaders and citizens from all over the state. This organization realizes the importance of this particular bond issue and are collecting endorsements and raising funds for Question 5.

The passage of this issue is so important for the future too. The generations that will come to enjoy the parks deserve to have the same freedoms we do. We already overuse our current state parks, and if we do not start now to protect and improve the land and wildlife, we will pollute and destroy the existing land and wildlife habitats.

Las Vegas is growing rapidly. The more of us there are, the more freedoms we lose. There are some forests and parks in this country that have become so overused that they are being shut down. The waters are no longer safe to drink, and the land is ruined from pollution.

We can stop this from happening in Nevada. Vote "yes" on Question 5. It's important to you and the wildlife.

Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:
If the Student Senate expects to be taken seriously as a leadership body, their performance will have to improve markedly from that depicted in the Oct. 30 issue of this newspaper.

I'm referring to the meeting during which Student Body President, Joe Bunin replied "...and if you don't like it, go

away," when Senator Kelly Best questioned his leaving during senate meetings. Also worthy of note is Vice President BJ Willard-Engel's eloquent statement that detractors of student government can "f-- off."

I suggest that these student "leaders" take some time off from governing and see what the English Department has to offer in the way of remedial classes. Oral communication, grammar

and vocabulary would be a good place to start. It's a pity they don't offer classes in good manners and impulse control, because out here in the real-life adult world we don't get to indulge the urge to tell each other to "go away" or "f-- off" when we have differences of opinion.

It's ironic that this article shared the front page of the paper with the news of the Debate Team's favorable national ranking. Perhaps the Debate Team could be prevailed upon to give Student Government some pointers on the art of declaring and defending one's position without resorting to profanity and childish outbursts.

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Dear Editor,

I commend Review-Journal Editor Sherman Frederick on his Oct. 28 column about "Adam." He has taken the phrase "abusing one's position" to new heights.

Although I do recognize his right as an editor to comment on issues, he abused his right to advocate a cause by exploiting this young girl's tragedy.

I find it suspiciously coincidental that Mr. Frederick found the "Adam" story so timely (didn't this happen back in September?), that he was compelled to print it nine days before election day.

The story about "Adam" belonged in the news section, accompanied by facts, and deserved to be told with some objectivity. Yet, maybe it was the

lack of facts that brought it into his column.

As a journalism and political science major, I find Mr. Frederick's behavior as a journalist and editor deplorable. The media's role is too vital to be abused and manipulated in this fashion. Those who admire his boldness are probably the same people who will vote "no" on Question 7 because the Review-Journal recommended it.

Perhaps those who consider themselves Pro-Life need to be reminded that outlawing abortions won't stop them. With confidence, I will be voting "yes" on Question 7. Not because I am anti-life, rather, I am for life, the life of the mother. It is her life that will be at risk with a "no" vote on 7.

Kara Kelley

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