

Store owner claims university has a promise to keep

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Angry over the university's apparent lack of action on a promise that resulted after an embezzlement complaint involving a student was filed, a local store owner telephoned The Yellin' Rebel on Tuesday and said, "Either they keep their promise or I'll be at the Senate meeting on Thursday with the Las Vegas Review-Journal reporter."

Isabelle Gross, owner of Discount Party Center, 4702 S. Maryland Parkway, claims a promise was made to her by a university executive and a Student Government leader concerning her recent complaint filed with Metro. Gross alleges that Ed Marshall, a Student Government Entertainment and Programming board member, entered her store without permission after hours and removed store items for a school dance

held Oct. 30. "I was given assurances from a university executive and a Student Government officer that this would be put to rest," Gross said. "I was promised Chris Kindred (The Yellin' Rebel reporter who broke the story) and Becky Birmingham (Student Senate Secretary) would not be harassed."

However, on Tuesday evening of this week, Gross received a disturbing phone call.

"Someone called and said they would try to impeach Becky. I think the whole system is 'screwed up,'" Gross said. "Here are two people who tried to help me and now they're being penalized."

Although several university officials have commented on the event, none has opened an investigation.

Earlier, Mike Barklay, chief justice, said, "Eddie (Marshall) is not a senator anymore but I

really don't know enough to comment."

Mike Kennedy, Nevada Student Affairs director and member of the judicial council, said, "Our jurisdiction is more over the

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conduct. If a criminal action takes place, police and the court system make their decisions."

Senate President Gina Polovina said the lack of action was not due to a lack of concern.

"Until anything substantive comes of this, there's not much we can do," she said.

Polovina suggested The Yellin' Rebel contact Liz Baldizan, assistant to the vice president for Student Services. Baldizan can schedule a hearing on infractions of the student conduct code.

Baldizan said, however, that nothing had yet been referred to her.

"In a typical case, campus police would refer the matter to me," she said. "If a student or faculty would file a complaint stating that the standards of the university code have been violated, we would begin the investigation of fact finding."

Baldizan said perhaps The Yellin' Rebel should check with Dr. Robert Ackerman, vice-president of Student Services.

Ackerman had originally stated, "In no way will our office be handling this. This is an off-campus problem."

However, he later said, "Joe Bunin and I went to (The Discount Party Shop). The matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the owner."

Ackerman also stated that Student Government regulates its own affairs.

"Everyone is looking for someone else to do something," he said. "I don't know whether the judicial body will be doing

anything or not." Gross, however, said, "I just want this to be put to rest. Unless I get assurance that their promise will be kept, I will be showing up at the Senate meeting with a reporter from the R.J."

According to the Student Conduct Code, which is available for students through Ackerman's office, "Incidents involving students which occur off campus or apart from any direct University involvement may result in disciplinary action under the Code if the provisions of the Code are violated."

It further states, "These regulations are designed to enable the University to protect against the conduct of those who, by their actions, impair or infringe on the rights of others or interfere with the orderly operations of the University."

The Student Conduct Code says, "It is incumbent upon each member of the campus community to notify appropriate officials of any Student Conduct Code violations and to assist in its enforcement."

Former student senator gives his side of the story

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In an attempt to tell what he claims "really happened," Ed Marshall, former senator and Entertainment and Programming board member, offered an interview to The Yellin' Rebel.

According to witnesses, Marshall had told Student Body President Joe Bunin that he had the keys to his place of employment, Discount Party Center, on Oct. 30 after it was closed for the

night. Witnesses have stated that they heard Marshall tell Bunin he could get a better hat for him at the store. Bunin, who was having a hat made for him by Student Senate Secretary Becky Birmingham to wear to the dance planned for that evening, then allegedly told Birmingham, "Don't bother."

At that time, witnesses and Marshall have stated that Bunin, his date, Nonja Ellis, and Marshall went to the party shop.

When The Yellin' Rebel asked

Marshall if he ever said he could get a better (hat) at the store, he said, "I just said I had a better one."

"I'm a short person. I like hats. I have a Stetson, I have a bunch of others. I happen to have a hat," Marshall said.

The following is taken from the conversation between Marshall and The Yellin' Rebel:

Marshall: "Joe thought about it and it turned out that I had to get my wallet and my beeper from

the store anyway so Joe and I were having a conversation and before the party started, before I needed to actually move things and stuff, I decided to go and get my wallet and my beeper."

Yellin' Rebel: (asking Marshall to clarify) You volunteered to get a better hat. Joe is thinking about it. Meanwhile, you have to get your wallet and beeper from the store after you had closed the store? And Joe decided to go over there with you to get your wallet?

Marshall: Yes, just to take a walk.

Yellin' Rebel: Was it just Joe? Marshall: It was Joe and Nonja, his date. That is as far as they are concerned with this entire matter.

Yellin' Rebel: So you went in the store, and no one was there at the time? You just went in and got your wallet and beeper and then you left?

Marshall: Just bolted right out of there.

Yellin' Rebel: Joe and Nonja did not go in? Marshall: No.

Although Marshall said that one male and one female employee saw him leaving the store as they pulled up in one of their cars, voluntary statements to the police said two male employees saw him as they were leaving from across the parking lot at Carlos Murphy's.

According to the statements, one employee asked what Marshall was doing. Marshall responded, according to the statement, by saying his friends had just brought him a radio to keep him company at work.

Marshall, however, said that he told the employees he had forgotten his wallet and beeper and was returning to the store to get them.

Yellin' Rebel: There were no other employees, then, coming from Carlos Murphy's?

Marshall: Carlos Murphy's? Yellin' Rebel: You didn't see any other employees at all?

Marshall: Oh no.

Yellin' Rebel: You didn't talk with any other employees other than who you just said? This was

the only conversation that you had?

Marshall: That was it.

Yellin' Rebel: There was nothing mentioned about a radio? Marshall: Well, that was later on. That was my second trip.

Yellin' Rebel: Your second trip where?

Marshall: When I said I was going to go back and (work), I did later on in the evening. That was late, like after 3 in the morning.

Marshall went on to say what happened when the three left the party shop.

Marshall: After Joe and Nonja and I left, we came here. I came here to help Liza (Gripentrog) with the dance in case she needed it and Joe and Nonja went off to a party.

Yellin' Rebel: You stayed to help Liza at the dance. Joe and Nonja left. Was Joe wearing a hat? Did he ever end up getting a hat from anywhere?

Marshall: Yes, he ended up getting a hat.

Yellin' Rebel: From where? Marshall: From me. It was my personal hat from my personal dorm room. When Joe, Nonja and I left, we went to my room. I went there to get my costume. . .

Yellin' Rebel: But you just said that you left with Joe and Nonja and you came back here.

Marshall: I'm sorry. I meant here to the campus.

Yellin' Rebel: So you didn't come back here. You went to the dorms. You left with Joe and Nonja, you went to your dorm room.

Marshall: Yes.

Marshall went on to say that he later returned to work at approximately 3:30 a.m. with "every intention of spending the night because there was that much work to do."

He said, however, that at about 4 or 4:30 a.m., he called a friend for her to drive him from the Discount Party Shop across the street to the dorms.

"I did not want to walk from the party center to the dorms," he said.

Marshall said he went to her dorm room and slept on the floor.

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