

Metro searches for student's killer

A student is dead, his body discovered in the Nevada/California desert. Apparently he had been beaten and left there. The police are investigating.

The Yellin' Rebel offers condolences to the family and friends of the young victim. He was 26 years old, and a junior studying hotel administration.

The police are doing everything they can to find his killers and bring them to justice. The Yellin' Rebel applauds Metro's efforts and hopes that all such instances, thankfully as rare as they are, are treated with the concern due the university community. When any of our fellow UNLV students meets with tragedy, it affects all of us.

In other business:

Recent stories and editorials have once again blasted certain

members of Student Government into a frothy swirl of protest. The issue of Joe Bunin's eligibility is, apparently, a "hot button" with many students.

The Yellin' Rebel's controversial issue, with a news story and four editorials devoted to the issue of Joe Bunin's eligibility (and credibility) has led to numerous bits of feedback from students campus-wide.

The Yellin' Rebel has received letters both praising and damning the actions taken by the paper. Oddly enough, the idea of running an editorial on the front page came under attack as much as the actual issue of the debate.

Hasn't anyone read the Las Vegas Sun these last 30 years? Hank Greenspan made it a daily practice to run "Where I Stand" along the left hand column of the front page. As much as The Yellin' Rebel would like to claim original-

ity for running an editorial on the front page, it is impossible. There's a long tradition already in place.

A misunderstanding:

Nowhere was it the intention of The Yellin' Rebel to find fault with the Judicial Council, its members, its actions, or the fact that the council granted a 21-day extension on Bunin's case. They did what they are required, even mandated, to do under the CSUN constitution.

The Judicial Council ensures all of our rights, and has done nothing but perform its duty under the constitution. The council is blameless in this affair and any statements which were interpreted to the contrary are regretted.

Furthermore, The Yellin' Rebel respects every individual's right to due process, a fair trial, and all the applicable rights guar-

anteed under the law. We all share those rights, and Joe Bunin certainly does.

But no one has the right to purposefully defy rules and then wrap themselves in the law to further their cause. What The Yellin' Rebel finds intolerable is not Joe Bunin's request for an extension, or the fact the council granted the extension.

It is the fact that he needed the extension, and that he now hides behind the very set of guidelines and procedures he has failed to comply with, that is unacceptable.

Students who hold positions in Student Government are supposed to verify their status. For every student (besides Bunin), this is done by someone else. He may have a right to prepare a "case," and a right to legal advisement, but Bunin does not have a right to

willfully disregard the mandate of the constitution that orders him to verify his status.

None of us have that right. He must be accountable, as we all are.

Making an issue of Bunin's "rights" is nothing more than a smokescreen thrown up by Bunin backers to cover the glaring, obvious fact that Bunin needed a lawyer instead of a report card.

The issue is made moot the moment he reveals himself as eligible to serve.

*The above is the opinion of
The Yellin' Rebel.*

The Yellin' Rebel invites students to respond to this, or any other, issue. All letters are printed as written, with only the necessary editing needed to make the work error-free.

A threat to society as we know it

by Lisa Sutherland

The environment has been neglected since the Industrial Revolution, when it became possible for an individual to produce significantly more than he could consume. Urbanization came with industrialization which means that people moved into the city and became removed, but dependent on the factories and corporate farms for their clothes and food, and pollution became concentrated into distinct areas.

At that point we lost all sense of reality and responsibility for the Earth and our resources. The dollar has become the bottom line. Headstrong corporations have profited from the Earth with no regard for her well-being. And the general public who is not educated in the ways of conservation suffer from pollution, drought, acid rain, and other various hazards.

The disregard and lack of knowledge for the Earth and her maintenance has festered and mutated into a problem that threatens our society as a whole and our well-being as individuals.

We have gone way past the point where we can just stop using plastic and oil and boycott aluminum. These have become industries that our economy and citizens depend on.

We must demand change from our government, our corporations and ourselves.

If we as consumers will demand environmental changes in companies, they will put money into research and likely come up

with products that are even better, stronger, faster and safer for the environment than the product we started out with: biodegradable disposable diapers, no-exhaust cars, genetically-engineered fast-growing, highly prolific trees for lumber.

Should the government take

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some responsibility for improving the American environment? Only if it has any accountability to its citizens. The crisis our environment is feeling will affect our children and their children.

We can demand subsidies for recycling and environmental research companies. The govern-

ment can give tax breaks to corporations that utilize only recycled goods. We can require garbage separation on the municipal level. The government can regulate military exhaust emissions and metropolitan smog levels.

Don't re-elect your legislator if they do nothing more than pass tax legislation and give themselves raises. Make them work for you and the planet.

The landfills and nuclear waste dumps cannot be completely eradicated by our efforts in the next ten years, but more landfills and more waste dumps can be limited if people want to help the environment. That means kicking our legislators in the butt and educating yourself to how you can save your Earth.

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Hazards of walking on campus

by Calvin Jackson

Our lives are full of adventure. Each and every day we take risks, avoid hazards and walk the tightrope of potential destruction. At least I do. I walk across campus to class each day. So far I have identified ten eminent dangers, but continue to find more and more every time I venture across UNLV. I would like to discuss some of these.

1. *The poly-wheeled death buggies.* I'm sure you've seen them. Malicious little carts that recklessly buzz about pedestrian walkways, usually driven by sardonic student haters who would jump at the chance to run someone down, accidentally.

2. *The notorious backpack shifter.* He's the guy walking toward you that decides his left shoulder is too tired to carry his backpack and proceeds to swing it around to his right shoulder at the same instant you pass him. Usually only minor injuries result from this situation, unless the switcher happens to be a very tall person. If this is so, the physical harm escalates extremely.

3. *The slowpoke.* That wonderful person who somehow ends up in front of you and proceeds to walk slower than a lobotomized tree sloth with a broken leg. Whichever way you try to go around this person will surely be the way they drift, rendering you trapped. It never fails.

4. *The post-class barrage.* When classes are excused it creates another hazard: large accumulations of people coming from the opposite direction. There simply is no way to get past. I am unable to count the number of times I've been forced to flee onto the grass due to situations like these. There, I run into—

5. *The wet grass.* Occasionally I decide to take a short cut across the grass rather than take the walkways, but one incident proved to be rather disturbing. On the fringes of the grass it was dry, so I continued walking along. A few feet later, I noticed that the grass beneath me had become somewhat damp. A small amount of steps

later I was up to my ankles in lukewarm prairie juice.

Although not too physically harmful, this hazard can be a rather mentally damaging occurrence if you happen to slip, thereby drenching your clothes and causing you to smell like fertilizer for the remainder of the day.

6. *The kamikaze path crosser.* This person comes from the left or the right, and unless one of you speeds up, slows down, or in some way alters your path, the two of you shall invariably collide with one another. Sometimes, trying to avoid this person sends you sailing headfirst into another hazardous situation.

7. *The Beam Hall steps.* I have

yet to encounter anyone who can walk up them in a natural way. It requires immense concentration to traverse the steps without tripping, stumbling, breaking stride, stubbing your toe, hyperextending your left lumbar aponeurosis, or a number of other things.

In an attempt to avoid the Beam hall steps, I use the ramps instead.

Remember, be careful. Nasty situations like these happen anytime, anywhere. At least, after you've read this article, you'll know what to look for.

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Upcoming elections

Executive Board positions are more important than many realize

by Christopher E. Kindred

You've probably noticed the banners, posters and other campaign materials that have appeared on campus in the last few weeks. If you have noticed them, have you cared about them? All UNLV students should care because the campaign is for CSUN Executive Board Elections.

The CSUN Executive Board Election is for the positions of senate president, student body president, and student body vice president. These are positions of great authority and great responsibility. The Executive Board Officers nominate candidates for positions such as CSUN directors, The Yellin' Rebel editor in chief, and the Quicksilver editor. These nominations are then approved by the CSUN senate. The Executive Board Officers in effect run CSUN. CSUN controls more than \$750,000 in student money. Truly, the Executive Board Officers are very important to UNLV students.

With the great power and responsibilities that the Executive Board Officers have, it is surprising that so few UNLV students get involved in the elections of these officers. Voter turnout at CSUN elections has been notoriously poor in the past. Last year's Executive Board Elections had minimal voter turnout. During October's Senate Elections only a few hundred students voted. However, dur-

ing last year's Homecoming Election, over 1000 students voted. This speaks volumes about UNLV students' concern for their university experience. They don't care who runs the senate but they are extremely concerned with who is Homecoming King and Queen. Is it any wonder that UNLV has a reputation as a party school?

Next year there will doubtless be concerns over certain CSUN policies. However, if UNLV students don't care enough to vote in the elections, what right do they have to complain about CSUN's actions? The election is the students opportunity to be involved. Moreover, it is the student's duty to be involved.

The Primary Executive Board Officers Elections will be held Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7. The polls will be located at Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex, William D. Carlson Education building, Flora Dungan Humanities, James R. Dickinson Library, and the Donald C. Moyer Student Union. The polls will be open between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Any UNLV undergraduate student taking one or more credits may vote. All that is required to vote is a valid picture ID.

The Executive Board Officer candidates are the following:

PRESIDENT: Mike Barclay, Roderick Colebrook, and Christopher Robertson.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Christopher Barton, Charles "Bud" Benneman, Kevin Briggs, Christian Hardigree, and Ken Tomory.

SENATE PRESIDENT: Mike Kennedy and Lea Poggione.