

## Lay off the Pres.

by Stephanie Pace

O.K. I have pretty much had it. Joe Bunin is as capable a president of the Student Body as anybody. He recently took the LSAT and has helped me with several personal problems. Perhaps you think it wrong that he is human and needs a little understanding. Personally, I could not have made it through this semester without him.

I am a business major and I consider myself a good judge of character, and I've never liked anyone so much in my life.

I will leave this school having known I met someone who really cares about me. So, despite our differences, and whatever anybody in this school has to say about him, I can tell you right now—you are losing a classy guy if you lose Joe Bunin. I don't see anybody else trying for his position, and I have seen him work very hard at what he is doing.

When? As a receptionist in Student Government/Student Services.

He has character, charm, and is very open minded. If you

need someone with those qualities, he is sitting in the office, doing his job. If you don't, then maybe he's wasting his time. I, for one, will never forget him and no, this is not a question of romantic nature.

The guy is one in a million. So take that and stick it on your six credit report card.

I came to this school with a 1.77 from Japan and I worked my way up, but I could not have done without my friends at Delta Sigma Pi and tutors. I personally would have preferred to skip this semester, but we all burn out. Now I have a 2.26.

Now, if you don't think highly of him, for your own personal reasons, that's fine, but I will always consider Joe a real class act. Please, don't underestimate one of the best leaders this school has ever had, and try to reconcile your differences.

You can take this to the president and tell him Stephanie sent you. Later.

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## Censorship as usual

Former Yellin' Rebel Editor-in-Chief recalls previous dealings with Student Government

by Karen Splawn

For the past several weeks, I've observed the problems between the staff of this newspaper and Student Government.

At first the conflict seemed (to a grizzled veteran like myself) like the normal tension. Some members of Student Government didn't feel (in the words of the cutest Beatle, Paul McCartney) too gingly-joe about articles involving them. Certainly, The Yell' didn't escape criticism.

Such behavior, of course, is normal. When something you care about looks unfavorable, you fight back. They may be shocked to read this, but I can empathize with how Student Government feels.

However, the methods in which Student Government is fighting back—in the form of stalled or nonexistent paychecks and denied use of a motor cart to deliver the newspaper—are nothing more than censorship.

(I will confess that I had reservations about writing this, because of my status as senate meeting reporter. But I feel I can remain silent no longer.)

Why, all of a sudden, is the pay of certain staff members being cut? What reason can members of the Publications Board give for now telling the editor in chief she cannot even create new positions without getting their approval?

Funny, but the board never cared about such a ludicrous idea before.

Granted, if The Yell' is partially funded with student fees that come through Student Government, they should be accountable by following eligibility guidelines and keeping their house in order.

In the past, The Yell' has come to blows with Student Gov-

veil is filmy enough as it is.

I think our readers can figure it all out. By intimidating the staff through pay cuts and inane regulations, there is the hope that the editorial staff will quit doing investigative stories on Student Government. The attitude is, "If The Yellin' Rebel can't be our public relations firm, we'll just silence them."

Student Government can shut us up, but have they even contemplated how ridiculous—even tyrannical—their attempts might look in the eyes of the student body and the community? They could very well embarrass themselves and the university.

I find that ironic, considering Student Government members often mention how important it is that they keep a "professional" attitude.

What will be the final outcome? I really don't know. I do know though, that I am very proud of the editorial staff's fight for the Yell's integrity. I'm also proud of their stand in the face of censorship and general administrative apathy.

Student Government could learn a lesson in civility and humility from them.

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ernment over controversial stories. And what were attempts to censor us then are attempts to censor us now. They're also just as wrong.

In the several years I have worked for the Yell, I have never been so shocked, disgusted or angered by these heavy-handed and pathetic attempts to weaken it.

I guess some Student Government members think these efforts are camouflaged enough to where outsiders won't suspect anything; sorry to burst their bubble, but the

## Windex and razor blades—a must for UNLV students

by Tricia Ciaravino

I recently received two tickets for improper placement of my parking permit.

Improper placement, in this case, constituted taping instead of sticking the permit to my rear window. (I drive a leased car and am not allowed to place any stickers on the vehicle). I don't see the difference, but the parking department insists there is one. Tape would allow me to remove the sticker without scraping it, and my back window, to shreds. Then, perhaps someone else could use my sticker to park in the spot I would have taken.

After receiving the first ticket, I went to the Public Safety Department to find a solution to my problem. Instead, I found the two rudest women I have ever met. They did not listen to the problem and

they certainly didn't help. What they did do was argue with me, refuse to get their superior, and insist I could buy Windex and a razor blade or park off campus.

After having the rules and regulations booklet thrown up in my face—several times—I took the time to read it. Nowhere in the booklet does it state that the permit cannot be taped to the window. It does state, however, that the charge for improper placement is \$3. I was charged \$5.

I pay a lot of money to attend this school. In fact, my money helped to build those parking lots, print those stickers and pay those salaries. As a result, I expect to be treated with respect.

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## Point of view

by Dustin Berminham

"How do you feel about the controversy surrounding the student body president.?"



**Mickey McConnell**  
Freshman  
Business

"If he can't maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. and/or he doesn't have at least 6 credits, then he should not be in office."



**Krista Saari**  
Junior  
Communications

"It needs to be decided if this is a question of privacy. If a person is a public figure, then they should be checked up on. Joe Bunin's actions would lead one to believe that he probably doesn't have enough credits or a high enough G.P.A."



**Fish Walker**  
Junior  
Business Management

"He's not a good president. He makes it look like the whole Student Government is corrupt. I may not be a political science major but I know enough to see that he doesn't do his job."

## Paper wasted in computer labs does not compute

by Rick Nielsen

Just because I may be one of the oldest neophytes here at UNLV, it does not mean I have not yet learned all of the wonderful benefits available to the average "student." It did not take me long to discover what a fantastic opportunity the various computer labs on campus represent for all of us unfortunate enough not to be able to afford our own. I would like to take time out to commend all those responsible for the computer labs, especially the benefactors who made the funding available. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that we are all very lucky to have their use available in all of the different departments.

As I spend more and more time in the labs, it has come to my

attention that there is a staggering amount of paper that is being wasted as a consequence of everyday use. On some days this waste can be extensive.

I have done some very minor preliminary investigation on this matter, and have uncovered some startling information. These may or may not be the cold hard facts, so I welcome rebuttal.

The general consensus in the library is that the excess paper is thrown out, rather than recycled as it is in the Engineering and Geoscience departments. I would like to simply suggest that we acquire the services of a local recycler (Arms Recycling Inc. for example) who could set a large dumpster on campus for all of the departments to fill with this abun-

dance of computer waste paper. It should be left to each individual department to save and empty its own waste paper. The recycler

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would remove and return the bin.

The actual monetary gain would be approximately one hundred dollars a ton, depending on

the amounts generated and the skill of the negotiator. There could possibly be a miniscule amount of debate over the distribution of the earnings from this concerted effort, but that's why we have the student government, right?

The main issue here is the shameful waste of paper and educational funds, which ordinarily are stretched beyond their limits. Given the numerous computer labs and the heavy usage they all incur, it would not take long to amass enough paper to make a campus-wide success of a recycling program. There does not seem to be much concern for our natural resources here, and that is bad since we are an institution of higher learning and should be well aware of the consequences.

What is needed are more right-minded people who realize we are no longer living in a throw-away world. If all we need to implement a program like this is someone to do more research, and to organize and coordinate, I humbly volunteer. Please remember, this is just one point of view and is only intended as a helpful but serious suggestion. I am by no means an authority on the situation, but I feel it is worth the time and effort to state publicly. As for the money, perhaps it could be used to start up more conservation projects such as another desert garden, or to fix a few leaky sprinklers. All this unnecessary waste just does not compute.

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