

Controversy brings mail

The controversy surrounding Joe Bunin's eligibility to serve continues to generate an influx of mail. In an effort to print all the letters received with as little delay as possible, *The Yellin' Rebel* will be devoting as much space as needed to make sure that all those who choose to voice an opinion are given a chance to do so.

Although this issue may seem to some, like a small matter, it clearly reflects upon our integrity as a university. *The Yellin' Rebel* once again extends an open invitation to all members of the university community to use these pages as your own—any issue, any subject, any opinion.

Impeachment called for

Dear Editor,

It often amazes me how things can go so wrong. Now, maybe I'm just being overly naive, but it seems to me that if something doesn't work, it should be fixed. So why is Joe Bunin still student body president?

After being accused of involvement in the alleged theft from The Discount Party Shop across from the university and his apparent failure to meet the academic requirements necessary to hold office, he is still there.

I'm not trying to be a rabble-rouser, but it seems that the Student Government has taken enough of a public-relations beating already from Bunin's conduct, not to mention the conduct of Vice President B.J. Engel and her tendency to use inappropriate language during senate meetings.

The U.S. Government took a similar beating during the Nixon administration. What did they do? They were prepared to impeach the hell out of Nixon. He resigned, but the goal was achieved—he was out of office. His guilt or innocence wasn't the question. He had besmirched the trust and integrity of his office and was

not fit to serve. We seem to have the same type of situation here with Bunin.

Is Bunin aware of his reputation among the student body? He is looked upon as a thug. The student body sees him as a crook who is only concerned about his interests. His comments to Christian Hardigree regarding his ability to win whatever little tangle he gets involved in and his strong-arm gangster tactics are totally inappropriate. It appears she is merely trying to help maintain the integrity of the Student Government. Perhaps CSUN officers should be as concerned about the student body's perception of Student Government as Hardigree.

I realize that Bunin's term is nearly up, but it seems that an impeachment trial for misconduct in office would be just what the doctor ordered—both for Bunin to clean up his act and to restore a little credibility to Student Government.

My father told me that college would be a learning experience, but I had no idea this is what he meant.

David J. Ziegler
freshman, business

Rebuilding bridges

Editor's note: the following letter is in response to an article which ran March 5.

Dear Editor,

Last week a picture ran in *The Yellin' Rebel* of a bridge-building contest that took place the previous week. The bridge competition was significant for engineering and the students involved. The picture was donated to *The Yellin'* as support for an article. Through miscommunication, the story was never written and only the picture ran.

The bridge-building competi-

tion began a week of events for engineering students—including engineering designs and stress levels on paper airplanes, raw eggs and stick bridges.

The engineering college deserves recognition for the wonderful work they do as a college and with the community. If for any reason we have belittled this work, or the work of the students involved, we apologize. We simply wanted to recognize engineering students for the community service they provide.

Chris Robertson
Christian Hardigree
Leo Poggione

Good books easy to find

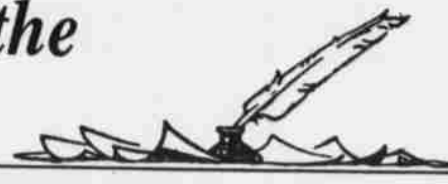
Dear Editor,

In response to "Textbooks trashed," I was one of the students who sorted through the dumpster. These books were not water-damaged and I found many current editions for myself!

How many other students could have used these books?

S. MacMillan

Letters to the Editor



Fess up

Dear Editor,

I am a student at the university and I have been closely following the stories concerning the student government.

I am amazed that this Joe Bunin even made it into office and it is even more surprising to me that he is allowed to stay there.

I am told Bunin also gets to have front row seats at the basketball games while the rest of us have to prove we are full time students to even get a ticket. Just who could be the person allowing

this?

The big question to me is why doesn't someone in the administration stop him. It is their university. Don't they care what happens to their reputation?

Bunin, and all of the government board and directors, should be forced to fess up their report cards. After all, it is my money they are spending and I think they are cheating me.

Joyce Horton,
sophomore, liberal arts

Whining Rebel

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the many articles published in the Feb. 26 edition of *The Yellin' Rebel*. The stories printed were quite disturbing. Disturbing, not because they attacked the student body president, but the level of professionalism that was used.

If these allegations are true, then the removal of the executive officer is justified. The quote, "We hate you, you're from the newspaper" would be better off in the National Enquirer. This misquote doesn't represent all of Student Government's identity. Is this the reporting of a "real" newspaper trying to gain independence?

The independence of the paper is quite an interesting story in itself. *The Yellin' Rebel* wrote six articles about this one issue. I don't see this as a case of reporting the news, but a case of "whipping a dead horse"! Not very professional.

Of the 18 students who signed the petition to have the president's grades checked, the majority (14) were staff members from *The Yellin' Rebel*. This was never stated. These facts can only lead to one point: *The Yellin' Rebel* (read that Bonar Tucker) wants Joe Bunin to be removed from office. Maybe in hopes of having a better chance of gaining independence.

I was very upset that these stories took top priority over the reporting of the death of a fellow student. This was really stomach-turning. Two questions must be decided: 1) Joe Bunin's innocence or guilt, and 2) the independence of the "Whining Rebel." The former question will be answered in time. The latter question (I ask of the rest of the student body), should this "professional" newspaper be given independence? My answer is "No!"

Jorge Gonzalez
junior, political science

Vendetta

Dear Editor,

In the recent front page attack on Student Body President Joe Bunin, it was mentioned that 18 students had signed a petition asking Bunin to step down. The writer neglected to mention that at least two-thirds of the signatures were by the staff of *The Yellin' Rebel*, perhaps more, but we shall never know for certain since some of the signatures are illegible.

Furthermore, the petitioners failed to print their names, addresses, and social security numbers, thus rendering the entire petition invalid. In fact, it would be fair to say that the petition was largely trumped up by the newspaper staff, in order to add to their cause—or vendetta—if you will.

I also find it strange that the newspaper editors have decided to put anti-Bunin political cartoons on the front page, rather than in the editorial section, where they rightly belong. Surely there were other pieces more newsworthy than a mere political cartoon, such as the story on the student's death.

It is unquestionably important that the Student Body President fulfill his obligations, and if he fails to do so, that appropriate action be taken. But the campus newspaper also has an obligation; namely

to provide fair, accurate and timely information. *The Yellin' Rebel* staff cannot adequately carry out this duty, when it is enamored with the exhilarating challenge of a cockfight.

James Steffen
English

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Open letter

Dear Joe,

I have lived in Las Vegas for over three years. I have attended UNLV as a transfer student for two semesters (and can easily prove it). Yet, I had no idea who you were until a few weeks ago. I am not involved in Student politics, nor do I intend to get involved now, but I do have a few questions I would like answered:

1. Why are some people so intimidated by you and your threats? How did you get an extension when you are in a situation that should be easily resolved? What are you? The Godfather of UNLV?
2. What is your justification for turning your position at UNLV into a joke and making the students of UNLV the butts of your joke?
3. Why don't you just show your report card and spare us all of the melodrama? Simply

stated... put up or shut up.

Having heard of your threats and boasts, I must confess: I'm not impressed. I don't work in this town (nor do I want to) and I have a full and happy life beyond your pitiful influence, so your threats echo as hollowly as any other adolescent B.S. echoes. The big mystery to me is why anyone at all would listen to your ego-centric hot air.

Please, Mr. Student Body President, answer these questions and explain to me why you are so confident that you have the ability to hold your office without meeting the minimum criteria to be a student?

I am a UNLV student... who the hell are you?

Nicole Whittaker
junior, English.

WRITE US!!!



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