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Disqualified candidates reinstated

by Bonar Tucker

Election candidates are breathing a sigh of relief upon hearing the Judicial Council's decision to reinstate them after the Elections Board had voted to disqualify them two weeks ago.

Chris Robertson, Christian Hardigree and Leo Poggione were disqualified from running for the offices of president, vice president and senate president after the Elections Board had judged they had campaigned illegally.

However, after the trio filed a

complaint with the Judicial Council and after many hours of deliberation, the decision for reversal was made.

A photograph printed in *The Yellin' Rebel* on Feb. 28 was the subject that caused the controversy. Chris Robertson had submitted the photo to the newspaper indicating he had been involved with helping at the engineering sponsored bridge building contest which was pictured.

When the photo was printed, however, engineering students claimed Robertson, Hardigree and

Poggione had nothing to do with the event and were only in the picture for campaign purposes.

"The question before us is not 'Can the photograph be considered campaigning or not?' the statement by the Judicial Council read. 'The question is 'whether the candidates had the notice set in advance to know what was and what was not campaign material.'"

The Judicial Council has determined the candidates did not have that notice.

Due to five of the J.C. justices

having involvement with the election themselves, the Council was narrowed to two members. Kara Kelley and Mike Quick made the final decision.

"The UNLV elections process is a no-win situation for both the candidates and the board," Kelley said. "The Elections Board is making decisions without certain guidelines for them to go by. They are trying to do the best they can under those circumstances while the candidates are trying to conduct an honest campaign without

the same guidelines."

The statement said the photograph did not warrant disqualification. It also said if there had been specific guidelines for candidates to follow, the judgment of the Elections Board would, in this case, stand.

"My experience is this is a continuing problem at UNLV," Kelley said. "This is almost the same complaint as last year and probably as the years before that. The rules, or lack of them, are not providing guidance."

Spring is here?

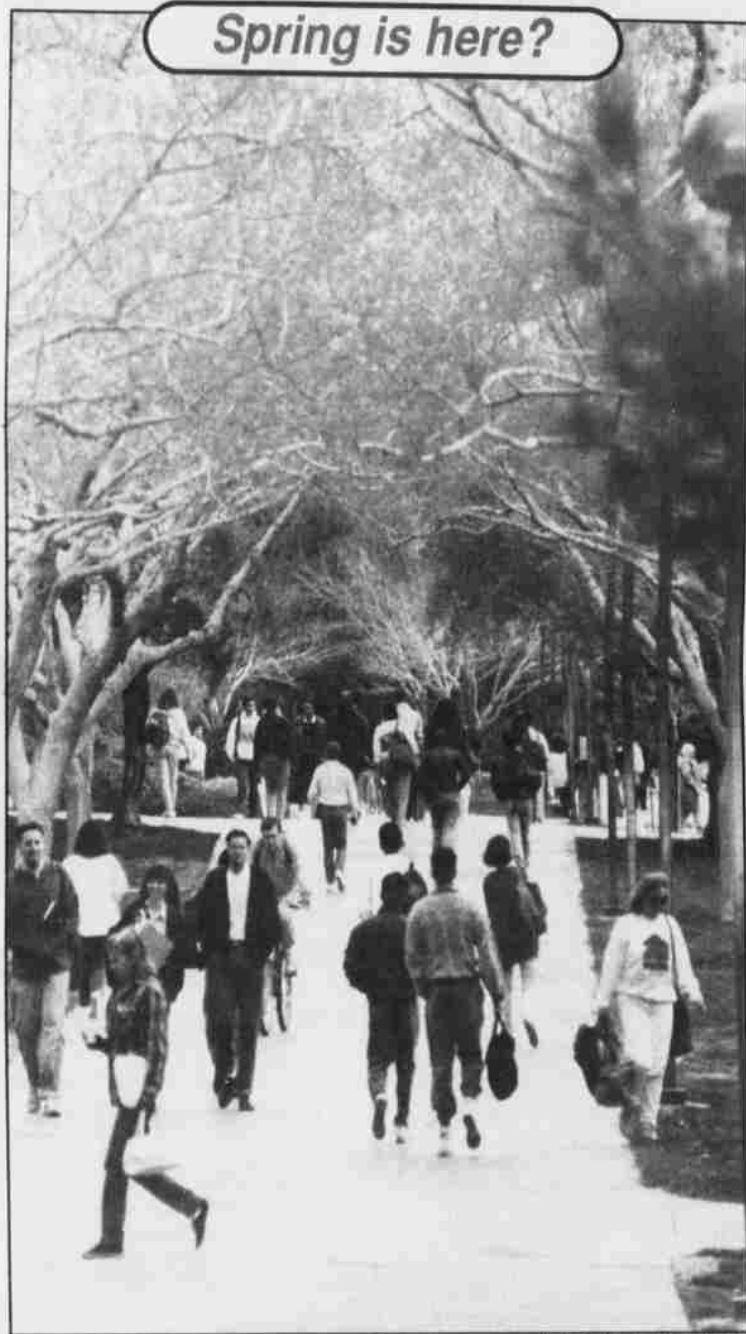


photo by Dustin Birmingham

UNLV greets the coming of Spring with cold, rainy weather.

Verdict reached in Yellin' Rebel case

by Bonar Tucker

The Judicial Council at UNLV voted Saturday to give back authority to *The Yellin' Rebel* to manage their own business.

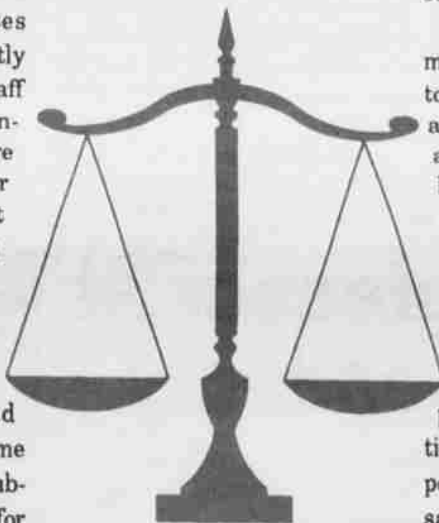
The newspaper, which receives approximately one third of their operating expenses through student fees, recently had pay cuts imposed upon staff members by Student Government. Members of the staff were also not allowed payment for hours worked because Student Government Publications Board officials said "they hadn't been approved."

Members of *The Yellin' Rebel* staff had called the actions censorship. They had claimed that the pay cuts came only after articles had been published in the paper calling for President Joe Bunin's resignation due to his failure to provide proof that he had completed the necessary credits last semester to hold office.

"We had gone through every other channel to get the problem rectified and nothing was getting accomplished," said Eileen Brady, Community Events editor. "The complaint was filed

with the Judicial Council after we had gone all the way from the Pub Board to President Maxson without action being taken. We knew there must be justice out there somewhere."

Staff members had gone to Vice President of Student Services



Dr. Robert Ackerman in February to discuss what could be done about the students who had not been paid for their work since last November. Ackerman had suggested the possibility of the university taking over the administration of the paper for the remainder of the school year in order to eliminate some of the problems with pay.

However, the following week

Ackerman said, "The university simply cannot do that."

Erik Stieringer, a former staff member of *The Yellin' Rebel*, said he had gone to the governor's office where he was told it is illegal to refuse payment for hours worked or to cut pay without warning.

"They (Student Government) didn't want certain articles to run about their questionable actions, so they were making it as difficult as possible for us," he said.

With the Judicial Council's 7-0 vote, victory came to *The Yellin' Rebel* staff.

"We looked at the testimony presented and the operating policy, and our interpretation found the Publications Board does not have the power they thought they had," said Gina Meyers, Judicial Council Justice. "Based on statements in the operating policy, we concluded that the newspaper has financial autonomy."

For *The Yellin' Rebel* staff, the decision came none too soon.

"The staff has become unburdened with the threat of control by people who shouldn't have it," Brady said.

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UNLV has the intangibles

Campus should be aware of solicitors

by Erik Stieringer

University Police reported numerous complaints from UNLV community members regarding an extremely aggressive approach made by magazine solicitors on campus March 3-8.

Detective Lonnie Barrett said that it is not a new problem. He said that solicitors on campus must obtain approval to solicit from President Robert Maxson's office and usually solicitors are student organizations or vendors located at certain areas, such as the Moyer Student Union.

He added that UNLV Police cannot ensure the UNLV community that any magazines ordered will be received.

Barrett recommended that anyone approached by solicitors contact University Police to report that activity. If a magazine purchase has already been made, he suggested that company headquarters (which should appear on the company receipt) be contacted to determine if the company actually exists.

"Sometimes (students) may find that they simply cannot contact the company. In this event, we strongly recommend that they cancel their check," he said. "Unfortunately some of these magazines have defrauded members of the UNLV community in the past and have committed other crimes while on the UNLV campus. Therefore, the UNLV Police Department

prefers to make contact with those people (solicitors) and advise them regarding soliciting on campus."

Barrett said that most often these solicitors do not get the required permission and leave the campus. He added that UNLV community members may be able to spot fraudulent solicitors by looking for an extremely aggressive approach from solicitors, a handling fee for processing, lack of telephone number on the sales receipt, or a telephone number that does not return to the company listed on the receipt.

If a UNLV community member has any problems with solicitors on campus, contact University Police at 739-3668.

The Yellin' Rebel sports section offers continual coverage of UNLV's Runnin' Rebels.

