

# Letters to the Editor



## Remember the Vietnam Vets

Veteran asks for long-awaited welcome

Dear Editor,

and car radio antennas; no people hugged me and thanked me for the job I had done; no newspaper reporters or television cameras reported my arrival—just bitter memories of those first few hours in my homeland after living through 12 months of Vietnam.

I do not mean to belittle the job that our servicemen and women did during Operation Desert Storm. They acted superbly and should rightfully hold their heads high. What I am

The commercial airliner slowly circled Travis Air Force Base with its cargo of uniformed GI's returning home from the war. As the plane gently touched down on American soil, a deafening roar erupted from the mouths of the passengers—they knew they had finally made it home from a terrible conflict. I boarded a bus for the trip to the San Francisco Airport and quietly thanked God that I had made it back to my loved ones for the second time.

As I entered the airport for the last leg of my flight home, I was met by a long-haired female in her early twenties, adorned in a flower child type dress. She calmly approached me and, in a quiet voice, asked if I had just returned

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asking the American public to do, and more specifically the citizens of Las Vegas, is remember that there are many others of us who had a much different type of homecoming. We also did our jobs superbly. We sacrificed and missed our loved ones under much more trying conditions and under a greater threat of loss of life.

During this time of great joy and happiness at the return of our troops from the Gulf, take a few minutes to hug or shake the hand of a Vietnam Veteran and say to them, "Welcome home!"

John S. McClenahan  
Captain,  
U. S. Army (Retired)

## Casting stones doesn't solve anything

Senator suggests getting involved with campus government

Dear Editor,

I'm not one for petty rebuttals, however I have finally found the need to stand up and voice my opinion. For most students, the only view of Student Government they receive is that of *The Yellin' Rebel*. In numerous articles it is obvious that what is written is "propaganda." The one article that broke my patience was by William Holt on March 21. As a member of the newly founded "Do-Nothing Club," I would appreciate the time to let Holt and the other skeptical students know exactly what I do, for no stipends or fee waivers.

I am a member of the Student Services Committee and the Campus Safety Committee. I work with my constituents closely and aid them with their needs. I make myself accessible

and open for suggestions and concerns.

I don't just look pretty and feel important. I know I'm important—ask my fellow constituents. I was elected to the position I hold

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and serve voluntarily. I have voted to fund events such as Handicap Awareness Day, student programming events such as Springfest, and our school-wide Career Day.

Everyone needs to take a step back and evaluate themselves before casting stones at Student Government. I am a proud member of the senate and anyone with

a "beef" can feel free to let me know—my box is in the CSUN office.

I will offer one suggestion; if students have a complaint or don't like the way the government is running, step out and get involved. Why not come to the senate meetings? They are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. on the second floor of the MSU. By just sitting back and complaining Mr. Holt, you look even worse.

We, your elected student senators, are people and students, just like the other 17,979 individuals attending this university. I'm just asking for the respect I work hard for. William Holt, your opinion is your opinion and you may have that. However, don't slander me to my constituents—I don't deserve it!

Tracy Barkhuff  
sophomore  
senator of education

## Announcement depicts the antiquity

Dear Editor,

In today's paper on page 13, "Jewish Community Lecture Series," there is a reference to the "liberation of Jerusalem in 1967."

The outcome of the '67 war between Israel and several Arab States, may have been to the

great satisfaction of one of the sides, considered in purely tribal terms. However, in purely human terms, it has made things quite bad for the people who were transferred along with the land from the losing to the winning side. It would be hard to remain impartial and yet refer to the events as a "liberation" in absolute terms.

I think that the Romans brutally oppressed some of their minorities, however, the extent to which the present bears relationship to antiquity is subject to open controversy. Burning emotions do not lead to fairness.

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## Music critic critiqued

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the recent "review" of Walt Blanton's piece, "Sonant Voyage," that William Holt (who also considers himself to be a composer) bashed unmercifully.

Having had this "critic" in my beginning composition class, I can say that while he may fancy himself to be a composer in Walt Blanton's league, the reality is that

this "critic" was unable to complete a single composition and lacked even the most basic skills involved in composing music.

I am offended by his posturing and outraged that this "critic" has the power to turn people off to new music that he obviously does not understand.

Ken Metz  
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dept. of music



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