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## INDEPENDENCE!

For the first time in UNLV history, The Yellin' Rebel has become independent of Student Government

by Karen Splawn

After more than 25 years of being under partial control by Student Government, *The Yellin' Rebel's* staff was given financial independence by the Senate April 11.

In a 14-3 vote, the Senate gave The Yell's staff the OK to utilize their budget without Student Government approval.

The statement of independence for the newspaper, also known as Senate Bill Number 7, was written by Sen. Bud Benneman (business and economics), with assistance from Editor in Chief Bonar Tucker and the new *Yellin' Rebel* Board.

Some funding from students will continue, but neither the Student Government Senate nor the Executive Board will have any legal say in how *The Yellin' Rebel* budget is handled. Starting next year, The Yell will receive 8.75 percent of the total student undergraduate fees.

Eventually, the newspaper's funding will be decreased down to zero.

"It's very hard for a student newspaper to be financially independent," Benneman said. "It requires funding from a source."

The University of Nevada, Reno's newspaper, the *Sagebrush*, also directly receives student fees.



Polovina, Benneman and Bunin observe the April 11 senate meeting. photo by Gary Puckett

A new nine-member publications board, known as the *Yellin' Rebel* Board, is to be put into effect immediately, according to the resolution.

It will consist of one undergraduate student majoring in communications studies, one business and economics undergraduate, a Student Government

senator, two outside news professionals, one representative from University News and Publications, one communications studies faculty member, one Yell staff member and one former Yell editor in chief.

Student Government's business manager will advise the Yell staff on how to handle the budget,

Benneman said.

The new funding system will be reviewed in 1993, according to the resolution.

Tucker said she really couldn't believe the long-term goal of independence had been achieved.

"We started working on this last October, and now it's reality," Tucker said. "I think it's going to

be a real benefit to students. Now they'll know they're getting the whole story without a reporter having to worry about a pay cut if the truth were told."

Independence comes at a time when many *Yellin' Rebel* staff members, including Tucker, said Student Government was trying to censor the newspaper through delayed paychecks and pay cuts.

Several hard-hitting articles and editorials on Student Government, including Student Body President Joe Bunin, have run during this school year, and were heavily criticized by senators.

The president, however, said he was fully in favor of the Yell's independence.

"This bill should be ratified quickly, because it's the proper thing to do," Bunin said. "If you're gonna truly separate the paper, you have to let them go for two years. If they fall flat on their face, tough."

Past *Yellin' Rebel* editors have toyed with idea of independence, but they were usually hamstrung by budgetary problems or poor planning.

Yell staff members were elated by the senate's vote. After the bill was passed, there was applause from the gallery.

"This is an historic event for see INDEPENDENCE page 2

## Although parking is free, some students 'pay'

by Kimberly Smith

A parking problem exists at UNLV and no easy solutions appear to be in sight, especially with various lots being converted to "staff only" and with the influx of new students attending UNLV.

Parking would not be a problem if students learned and practiced the parking rules, according to Carolyn Leggins, UNLV parking enforcement supervisor.

"Students need to realize that

free parking is a privilege, not an absolute right, especially on a campus as big as ours," said Leggins, who has been with the Department of Public Safety for five years.

With the semester almost coming to an end, Leggins observed that students really need to inquire about the rules and regulations on parking.

"We don't make the rules, we just enforce the rules that have been mandated by the Board of Regents," Leggins said. "Unfortunately, it's our job to cite students if they are parked illegally."

Leggins said that students come in the Department of Public Safety infuriated about tickets.

"But what people fail to realize is that parking is free to all persons associated with the university who register their vehicles," Leggins said.

Copies of the rules and regulations are available at the Department of Public Safety, and the staff is available for information concerning parking from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"Inquiring about the rules will save students from receiving tickets, and you can acquire some long-term knowledge about parking procedures," Leggins said.

## UNLV students take a spin at the big wheel

by Richard Munson

After a three-hour screening process, four UNLV students were chosen to represent the school on "America's most watched game show," *Wheel of Fortune*. UNLV will send a total of nine students but only four will appear during College Week. The other five will appear as regular contestants on either the night or daytime shows.

The four will compete against students from University of Kentucky, Ohio State and New York universities. Each student will play for themselves and the three students with the most money will compete on the final day for prizes that will be given to the university.

Tracy Barkhuff, Gregg Schultz, Brian Cecil and Vince Izzolo will be the four UNLV representatives. Only three of the four team members will participate during College Week. Each team member will be chosen at random before the taping of each show and the other will return to the show as a regular contestant.

Joel Jaralillo was chosen as an alternate in case something should happen to one of the four. If Jaralillo does not appear as an

alternate during College Week, he will have one year to appear as a regular contestant.

Contestant coordinator Scott Page and producer Nancy Jones were on hand with two other *Wheel of Fortune* employees to handpick contestants. Coming to Las Vegas did bring an oddity to the *Wheel* selection process.

"Las Vegas is the only city we've ever been to where a contestant tried to steal and sell the test," Page said.

There were no problems at the UNLV tryouts, however.

The four students will be flown to Los Angeles by Merv Griffin Enterprises and will spend three

days in Los Angeles. All four agreed that the most difficult part of the process was not the testing but the waiting while the four *Wheel* representatives made their selections.

"It's a draining feeling," said Barkhuff, whose name was last to be read. "You're afraid of not hearing your name called out."

"It's too stressful—you have hold your breath," Jaralillo said about the waiting game.

The five shows will be taped Sunday, April 21. The shows will air the week the week of May 20.

"UNLV will prevail," Barkhuff added.



Students try out for *Wheel of Fortune*. photo by Richard Munson

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