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Students denied opportunity at NCAA tourney

by Gary Puckett

Readers of *The Yellin' Rebel* sports coverage of this season's basketball tournament may have been disappointed by the lack of photographs in the section. The newspaper was not given a photo pass for the tournament.

The NCAA this year limited media coverage to three passes per school. The director of Sports Information, Joe Hawk, decided one of the passes would be given to a professional photographer instead of a student photographer. The direct result of this decision was that *The Yellin' Rebel* received no photos to run with its coverage of the event.

However, the lack of basketball photographs for *Yellin' Rebel* coverage caused many to feel that

students were denied an important opportunity.

"I think it's bogus," said CSUN Senator Mike Bunin. "It's obvious they didn't even check. If they couldn't get a student to go, then fine. But I don't believe they couldn't get a student."

Bunin added that this may have been the opportunity of a lifetime for a student and to deny that opportunity was not right. He stressed that the purpose of a college newspaper was to be a "learning lab" and this decision was a denial of the learning process.

"It's the student's school, it's students on the team, most of the fans are students, it's the students doing everything," Bunin said. "Why not a student photographer?"

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were being made when educational decisions should have been made," said KUNV Manager Rob Rosenthal.

When contacted regarding his decision, Hawk said, "NCAA policy

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is that you can send three for the tournament. I chose to send our Sports Information photographer."

According to *The Yellin' Rebel* Sports Editor Ched Whitney, the newspaper was promised photos

by Hawk prior to the tournament. In addition, Assistant Sports Editor Rich Munson said that Greg Cava (the photographer chosen by Hawk) promised him, at the tournament, that photos would be forwarded to *The Yellin' Rebel*. None arrived.

During the week immediately following the tournament both Whitney and Munson repeatedly attempted to contact Cava regarding photographs. Both left messages. No calls were returned.

"Part of this is your fault," Hawk said when contacted regarding the absent photographs. "Ched (Whitney) never mentioned to me once that Greg hadn't returned calls."

However, Associate Professor of Journalism Dr. Barbara Cloud did not agree with this reasoning.

"It seems to me that the people in Sports Information should be interested in seeing that basketball is covered, and covered well in *The Yellin' Rebel*," Cloud said, "especially when they deny access to the event by a *Yellin' Rebel* photographer."

Interim Athletic Director Dennis Finfrock was somewhat sympathetic regarding a student not being permitted to go.

"I have shared feelings about that," Finfrock said. However, he did support the original decision made by Hawk.

"Joe (Hawk) felt that Greg should cover it and I supported Joe," Finfrock said. "Greg Cava has been with us for years as our athletic photographer."

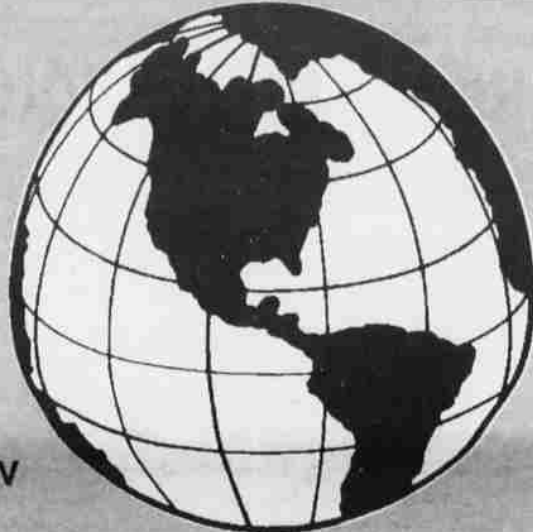
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Earth Day comes to UNLV

• Sunday, April 21

• 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Sponsored by EPA and UNLV



Solar car on campus anticipates the arrival of Earth Day.

Computer security is a severe problem at UNLV

by Tricia Ciaravino

Recently a student who worked at the controller's office was able to access and print out the transcripts of CSUN Executive Board members. This happened as a result of a severe security problem existing at UNLV.

Students working at the controller's office are given access codes to enter student files in order to post fines and do other legitimate work. However, once in the system it is easy to gain access to other classified data, such as students' GPAs and the number of credits they are taking, by typing in a certain code.

Another problem exists with the systems software. If an accessed person stops typing for a certain period of time, the computer screen goes blank. However, the system does not shut down. If they walk away, anyone—authorized or not—can push a key and reactivate the screen.

Student Government lobbyists discussed the problem with legislature in an attempt to secure funding to solve the

problem. Bud Benneman, president pro tempore of the Executive Board, whose grades were accessed, spoke to Assembly Member Larry Spittler of District 41 in an effort to get better security. Spittler went through the budget and contacted Donald Zitter, executive director of computing services, but a solution was not found. Zitter said he realized that there is a problem, but there are no plans to change the system in the near future.

"It's a dual-edge sword," Zitter said. "It makes access easier, which helps students. But on the other hand it requires much greater care in using the system so that privacy isn't violated."

Another problem is trying to find a balance between security and use. The system must be easy to operate yet secure enough to avoid problems such as these.

"We are continually looking at ways to improve the process—both vending and using," Zitter said.

Both Zitter and Spittler stressed that proper training could alleviate many problems.

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Thursday night's senate meeting gets results

by Karen Splawn

A bill that would allow only the business manager to access the grades of Student Government members was given the green light by the senate April 11.

Also known as Senate Bill Number 5, it passed 16-0, with one senator abstaining. It was approved along with three other bills during the meeting.

Senate Bill Number 5 had been on the agenda for approval at last week's meeting, but was tabled after it was discovered

the bill mandated how the grades of Judicial Council members should be handled. Because the senate cannot tell the council what to do in such matters, the bill was not constitutional.

Business and economics Sen. Bud Benneman, who drafted the bill, said all mentions of either the council or council members were omitted from the bill.

From now on, only the business manager (the position held by Sue Hobbs) may access the grades of Executive Board members, board chairs or directors, or senators.

Senate Bill Number 5 came to life after Student Body President Joe Bunin, during a controversy over his academic eligibility, said his grades were illegally accessed.

Another bill that would make it harder for directorships or programs to be discontinued was also passed by the senate 17-0. Senate Bill Number 6, also known as the Patriot Bill, will now be official procedure, said Benneman, who wrote the bill.

Cancellation of a Student Government program or committee will now require approval from the Executive Board, a drafted

proposal explaining why it should be phased out, and a two-thirds vote from the senate.

John Epperson, a 21-year-old pre-professional biology major, was sworn in as a mathematics and science senator. He replaces Kyle Kannenberg, who resigned in March. Epperson was voted in 14-0, with three abstentions.

In other business, the senate approved 15-0 \$4,500 to be spent on 25,000 Scantron sheets. The sheets are free to students, courtesy of Student Services.