

Courtesy 101 needed

Students fed up with unsympathetic registration department

by Bonar Tucker

Back in elementary school, there were all those annoying little name tags that were earned for various stages of behavior.

For instance, the name "teacher's pet" was generally given to the student who completed all of his or her homework and usually got very good grades while the rest of us were too busy playing baseball or street tag.

"Tattletale" went to the pupil who was the first to give in and tell the teacher, after hearing her threats of the whole class staying in at recess, that yes, Johnny was the one to hide the teacher's eraser.

But, in my opinion, the worst name to be called in those days was "know-it-all."

Whereas the name of teacher's pet could change students after any given test, and the person holding the title of tattletale usually only reigned until the next kid spilled the beans, a know-it-

all once was pretty much a know-it-all forever.

Although probably not by choice, the know-it-alls were loners. Once their reputation became known, no one wanted much to do with them. Why pick one to be on your team when he or she would never work as a team member? It was his way or none. Why try to

seem logical that the top bananas would be, at the very least, willing to listen to the students who help to build that reputation.

Such is not always the case.

"I received my bill in the mail about a month ago," said Tracy, a friend from hotel administration. "I was billed for three classes that I

never even signed up for." Tracy went to the registrar's office to clear the debt from her name.

"I was treated quite rudely. I was also told that they couldn't possibly have made the mistake. If I didn't pay this summer bill, they said, I would not be admitted for fall classes."

Another student, who asked that I refer to him as Mike, told me he had indeed signed up for two summer courses. However, he as-

sured me he had cancelled them through the TOUCH system when his hours at work were changed and he realized he would not be able to attend at the scheduled times.

"I was billed and I have no recourse," Mike said. "After all, no bills were mailed out before summer sessions and the telephone does not give proof that I cancelled the classes. It's my word against theirs," he said, "and they won't even listen."

Registrar Jeff Halverson assures students that the new computer system called TOUCH cannot make a mistake.

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Perhaps not on its own, it can't.

But all that is needed to enter into another student's schedule is a touch-tone phone, the student's month and year of birth, and that student's social security number. How difficult could it be for a mishap to occur?

And just how difficult will it be for the registrar's office to avoid the "know it-

all" title when their "we cannot make a mistake" attitude seems to be emerging?

A reputation spreads quickly. For an institution like UNLV which was deemed as "a rising star in higher education," perhaps

those making the rules should have the courtesy to listen to those playing the game. Students learn rapidly that there are other institutions who will.

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Illustration by Robert Sundin III

Yes folks, it's true—the geoscience building will re-open

New roof should speed up interior remodeling

by Thomas Moore

Students can safely attend classes this semester and professors can profess with confidence this fall now that the Lily Fong Geoscience building's new roof is impregnable.

The roof did not allow one drop of water to pass into the building during the recent summer storms.

Our desert campus can now rest easy, secure in the knowledge that absolutely no

annoying moisture will intrude on any otherwise perfectly dry lectures.

This confidence-inspiring new roof was completed on April 30 and cost approximately \$78,000. It is, according to operations manager Bib Kountz, "working fantastically."

Under the protection of the new roof, remodeling has been frantically proceeding throughout the summer.

If any insecurity does arise, it would be from oth-

erwise intelligent students and staff trying to figure out when their classrooms and offices will be ready.

Here's the schedule, according to Kountz: the second floor of the geoscience building "will be done on Monday" (the first day of class), and the offices "by the end of the week."

Part of the geoscience staff will move in to the finished second floor and the rest will use a trailer.

Once the new computer building is finished, the Computer Services staff will move into that and remodeling will begin on the first

Eric Raecke, the assistant director of facilities management, said the computer services building should be done on the last week of October.

That means that computer services will have its own building, and the remodeling of the first floor will take just a few months to complete—just like the second floor did over the summer. So geoscience will soon have a whole newly roofed and remodeled building.

Not so fast. Remember where you are. Has anything ever moved that smoothly in the labyrinth of academia?

Actually, after computer services moves out, the first floor will take until the fall of 1992 before it is finished.

The chairman of the geoscience department, Dr. David L. Weide, seemed to take it all in stride. "Geologists are used to living in tents," he said.

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by Tricia Goldberg

10. Jerry Tarkanian keeps calling and hanging up
9. Frederick's stopped carrying teddies in his size
8. Mrs. Maxson bounced another damn check
7. Jerry Tarkanian keeps putting tacks on Bob's chair
6. Car not getting the mileage it should
5. Vice Presidents remind him of the cast of "Green Acres"
4. Secretly hates Marjorie Barrick but has to be nice so she'll give us money
3. Jerry Tarkanian keeps having pizzas delivered to Bob's office
2. Having to act fatherly with buxom 18-year-old students
1. Never enough time to pursue tie-dyeing hobby

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