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What's with parking, anyway?

UNLV's parking problems pale in comparison to other schools'

by Michael R. Carrigan

The excessive amount of complaints over the so-called lack of parking on this campus is getting ridiculous.

No, it is ridiculous.

I am a native to Las Vegas and a junior at the university. Never have I had a problem with parking to attend my classes or any other activities at this campus.

Although I have not attended other universities, I am acquainted with many undergraduates who have

transferred to UNLV. A common tale to their days at other schools is being really lucky and finding a parking

space somewhere on a sidestreet within (hopefully) a seven-mile radius. This is due to the fact that the uni-

versity simply does not provide parking for students.

The mentality of the drivers here is to drive in

circles for several hours un-

til they find a parking space

that is the next closest to the

handicap space, or some-

times the handicap space it-

self. This practice, I feel,

has one root in the use of

valet parking at casinos. I

realize that not everyone

goes to casinos and gambles

every free moment, but the

feeling is spread like a little

disease.

As reported earlier this

semester by the *The Yellin'*

Rebel, there are 10,500

parking spaces on this cam-

pus. An estimated 18,000

permits will be given before

the end of the semester. This

calculates to approximately

two cars for every one park-

ing space.

Now, entertain the idea

that not every person com-

ing to this campus is park-

ing a car everyday, all day,

all night. People take classes

at varying times. Some only

take mornings, some only

evenings, some Monday-

Wednesday-Friday, some

Tuesday-Thursday, and some

so sporadic and customized

that they would be hard to

describe in any archetype.

Yes, some people don't even

have cars.

One more idea to review

is paying money, often lots

of money, to simply get a

permit to park as other uni-

versities. These universi-

ties practice this as a policy;

UNLV students walk less

than a half mile to class don't

even pay any money directly

for our permits.

I will concede, there can

be work done to continue the

expansion of the overall

parking area for people who

work or learn here, but the

incessant complaining I

think should stop. It is hard

enough to get something

done without someone

screaming in your ear.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hollywood is full of gay actors

Dear Editor:

In response to one of your teasers about Tom Selleck being gay, what people don't know or fail to believe is that some of the most famous people in the "Hollywood Spotlight" are actually gay, bi-sexual or have gay experiences. But, because these people are so highly focused, many actors hide behind closets (known as dating other female actresses) away from bad publicity.

Most papers are out on the hunt to out these actors, basically because news like

this sells the papers. But, also gay organizations have been known to out actors to make folks aware that people they admire and wish to be just like, are gay.

News this big in some cases can shatter an actor's career, in other cases it may not matter. (Example: If people found Ernest P. Wornell was gay, it probably wouldn't hurt his career, but if Mel Gibson was gay, it would definitely affect his career).

Many actors have "Hollywood Weddings" in order to escape any homosexual accusation by press or other rumors. Holly-

wood feels this is important too, because most of the time it's the actors who fill seats in the movies but if the actor is branded, it hurts them as well as the actor.

But, I feel that this truly should not matter and just let actors be what they want to be as long as they're happy and continue to entertain us as they would before we knew they were gay.

Glenn Gillett,
sophomore,
hotel management

Writer should check his facts before casting stones

Dear Editor:

In regards to Robert Williams article on how the Moyer Student Union construction stinks, at least two things need to be brought to his attention.

First, as a former editor of *The Yellin' Rebel* and as a communications major (journalism), I must say that Mr. Williams broke one of the Journalist Cardinal Sins by not knowing both sides of the story before writing his commentary.

Mr. Williams, before you write an article or an opinion piece, always investigate it and learn what is happening on both

sides of the fence before you take sides or criticize. Otherwise, all you are doing is assuming, and we all know what happens when we assume—you make an ass out of you and me.

If you would have checked with somebody, you would have found out the reason for the lateness of construction on the MSU was not because of bad planning, but because of the amount of asbestos found in the building when construction was started. Asbestos abatement (the removal of) was supposed to have been done in one week, but it took six. This was not the fault of bad planning, but an unforeseen problem that was taken care of for the safety of all on campus who utilize the MSU daily.

I checked around and found that you didn't ask anybody the burning question of why construction is taking so long, you just assumed it was because of bad planning.

Secondly, the MSU is not trying to make everybody's life miserable on purpose. I know this for a fact because I work

for them and have seen the staff here work hard to make sure that the students are taken care of during this time of displacement.

The MSU staff along with the help of ARA, Residential Life and a myriad of other departments on campus have done everything humanly possible to provide the students with the basic necessities they need to make school life a little easier.

What the MSU doesn't need is someone who is ill-informed telling students about bad planning. What the MSU does need is a little understanding and a little patience from everyone on campus.

The lateness of construction is not due to incompetent planning. If Mr. Williams had done his homework, he would have known that.

Next time, Mr. Williams, do it right by getting both sides.

Richard Crow
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Boulder Dan and Dipstik Duck by Ray Collins



Some people say the Democrats have no chance in '92

Some people say the war with Iraq is not over

Some people say violence on the UNLV campus is on the rise

Agree? Disagree? What do you think?

Whatever is on your mind, we want to know about it! Write to:

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