



# OPINION

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## What street did you say to turn on?

### Things may change after Tarkanian leaves

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Budget cuts vs. pay raises

Dear Editor:

When Governor Bob Miller announced that cost-of-living raises for state employees had to be postponed to offset a budget shortfall, I understood his move was probably necessary. I didn't mind having my raise postponed indefinitely, so long as I knew it was for the larger good and that my co-workers were sharing the burden equally.

But the university Board of Regents' recent action granting the 4 percent raise to professional employees with money saved through the budget cuts was short-sighted and politically ignorant. Not only does this decision give the impression that the university system considers itself privileged and beyond financial accountability, but that the university has become a

money machine which robs students and taxpayers to enrich a small group of administrators. The economic conditions under which professional contracts were signed were far different than economic conditions now. Contractual obligations notwithstanding, it's just as reprehensible for professional staff to accept this raise now as it is for the Board of Regents to grant it. It will be difficult for campus presidents to explain how they'll compromise university services to increase salaries for their administrators.

Which roofs will be left leaking in the rain? Which elevators will left unrepaired? Which buildings will disabled students be given access to? Every student who's seen his fees rise 40 percent in five years, and every Nevada taxpayer who's watched the university's top professional salaries increase an average of 41 percent in the same period, should be angry. The Board of Regents' decision will cause damage far beyond what they seem to have expected.

The answer is not to sue the governor to reinstate pay raises for everyone, because tax revenues still have not improved. The right action is for the Board of Regents to rescind its decision and make professionals wait for their pay raise along with all state employees, as Governor Miller intended.

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really am not. I want to demonstrate, as the article did, that any well intended act, such as changing sexist language, can be taken too far.

Sexism is wrong. Equal rights and treatment of women is a just cause. Still, if a cause is taken to extremes, it may lose credibility in the eyes of those it is attempting to change.

I understand that changes often come slow in the women's rights movement, but it seems that speed and nearly eccentric attempts will kill a cause faster than lethargy and apathy.

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by Michael R. Carrigan

Now that our beloved head basketball coach is leaving UNLV, several interesting questions arise.

Is Jerry Tarkanian Way to be renamed, and if so, what should it be called? This small but well used street lies west of the Physical Plant and leads south into the Thomas & Mack Center from Harmon Avenue.

Can it be left alone in silent tribute to the man who took our team to NCAA victory? Should someone else be chosen to be honored with this privileged post?

Names for the road should not be bland replacements like "Thomas & Mack West Access Road From the North." Also, this

name should probably be excluded for being just too long. The road should continue in the tradition of being named after a person.

This long standing practice started when this

Or possibly Jim Strong Street, staying with the athletic feel for the road.

What of the T & M? It surely cannot continue to be called the Shark Tank without the shark. The un-

Southern flag, as symbols of the university's new independence. He stopped being used during the peace and civil rights movements of the early 1970s and is all but forgotten with the present student body.

The new T & M nickname should have strength and violence as connotative as possible, just as a shark does. Names like "The Crummet Coliseum" or "The Soft, Fluffy, Baby Bunny Bed" should not be used at all costs. Actually, "Bob's Building" sounds really good in my opinion.

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**"What of the Thomas & Mack? It surely cannot continue to be called the Shark Tank without the shark."**

road was called Jerry Tarkanian Way only a few years ago. Famous people are good for naming things after, but which person is what needs deciding. Personally, I feel it should be called Bob Boulevard, a simple but memorable token of our university's president.

fortunate end of the the shark may lie with Beauregard the Wolf.

Beauregard, a past mascot, was used when UNLV first broke away from UNR as a separate university. Beauregard could be seen in his confederate clothing and waving the

## Dr. Dupré remembered by medical student

Dear Editor:

I, too, share your sorrow in mourning the loss of Dr. Keith Dupre.

As a student in his first class at UNLV, I can still remember the youthful idealism he began his career with. He could not help but pass this excitement toward learning to his students.

As a person, one could not help but quickly soften up to his warm smile and demure Southern demeanor. As an educator, he spread his contagious commitment to academic excellence without words.

With only a few months left toward receiving my medical degree, I recognize the role he played in my

overall education. He taught me to always keep the scientific candle of curiosity burning, which I can apply toward solving my patient's problems in the future. Although a sad breeze blew his candle out a little early, he played an integral part in lighting those in the minds of his students.

We will miss the scientist, the educator, but above all, the friend. Thanks, Dr. Dupre.

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## Extremities cause issue to lose credibility

Dear Editor:

I hope there is room for another issue among all those important articles concerning parking problems, the remodeling of MSU and the amount of gays in Hollywood.

Other issues on campus may affect just as many people as any of these other problems. The issue that I am concerned with is sexism, and more specifically, the problem with sexist language.

Recently, I read a not-to-serious article about an effort to get such obviously sexist terms like manhole cover changed to terms like personhole cover.

Well, I suppose this

makes sense, so, heck, let's not stop at manhole-covers. Let's destroy all those evil man words. Instead of manipulating someone, we should instead personipulate them. No longer will we use manuals, but personals. And don't worry about stepping in manure, it will be personure.

Why stop there? New clothes can be displayed on personequins instead of mannequins. We will no longer work for managers, but personagers. And remember, at Christmas time, don't sing, "Away in the Manger," sing, "Away in the Personger."

I apologize if I sound like I am poking fun at the issue of sexism, because I

## Boulder Dan and Dipstik Duck

by Ray Collins

