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University administrators ignore individual rights in vigilante action

Great. This is just what UNLV needed. It got caught policing itself. Now there's even a cloud over the university's compliance efforts. Even the NCAA—an organization quite familiar with UNLV problems—must find this recent scenario hard to believe.

The videotaped conditioning class that Rebel basketball players are enrolled in (along with other students) is taught by assistant basketball coach Tim Grgurich. Grgurich has been with the university for 12 years. What kind of impasse came between coaches and administration that caused someone to order University Police to spy on a 12-year coach?

And what kind of obstruction now exists between compliance officers and the various athletic departments? Think of the animosity this episode has generated among UNLV coaches.

The administration has proven its lack of interest for the rights of these student-athletes—not to mention non-athlete students and the coaching staff involved. What a recruiting ploy: "Come to UNLV. We take away your rights so we won't have to worry about NCAA violations."

Obviously Grgurich is not going to be considered when the time comes to pick Jerry Tarkanian's successor. There's no way that UNLV higher-ups would send this message of absolute non-trust to the NCAA if he was a candidate.

Maxson has forced Tarkanian to resign at the end of this season as a result of alleged improprieties within the basketball program. Now his administration has, in essence, expanded the dark cloud that covered the basketball program to cover the entire university. Athletes and coaches are incensed. Students and teachers are outraged. The administration has been forced to apologize for itself. Where will it all end?

It's time for UNLV to get its athletic programs in order. This cannot be achieved by sneaking and spying. If we are going to comply with NCAA mandates, if we are going to run an above-board program, then it has to start at the top.

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A modest plea to the administration of UNLV

by Gary Puckett

With all the controversy regarding the athletic department, students must find it difficult to maintain pride in their school at UNLV.

In addition, students are faced each day with problems which are unique to this university and which do not ease the life of the student. This is not a complaint, but a statement of simple fact.

Tuition this fall is a good example. While the fall schedule clearly stated that students would be billed \$46 per credit hour (*The Yellin' Rebel*, Sept. 3), they were, in fact, billed \$49 per credit

hour. While K-Mart would not be permitted to operate with this type of merchandising because of its illegality, the administration at UNLV got cleanly away with it. Students put up with it because they had to.

Another problem, ubiquitous in its lack of resolution, is parking. Students understand this problem. They contend with it on a daily basis. This university is expanding much faster than facilities can be provided to accommodate the growth. Students get plenty of walking exercise, and put up with parking problems because they have to.

Health care facilities at

UNLV present another problem for students. When compared to other health centers at other universities (*The Yellin' Rebel*, Sept. 26), the facilities at UNLV are nothing short of pitiful.

Individuals who attempt to provide health care find themselves comprised as an inadequate staff housed in an inadequate facility. They are pitted in a struggle facing an overwhelming foe in the form of an ever-burgeoning student body. Students in need of health care are faced, at best, with an extremely long wait. They put up with it because they have to.

Students of foreign languages as well as students

taking English as a Second Language are faced with yet another problem. This institution of higher education does not have a language lab (*The Yellin' Rebel*, Oct. 17).

Students attempting to learn another language find their attempts at pronunciation limited to listening to tapes in the library or at home. There is no staffed lab, nor is there any equipment to speak into and hear pronunciation. Yet, many of these students had such facilities in high school. Students at UNLV now put up with these inadequacies because they have to.

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Faculty Opinion

Hidden cameras invoke memories of "Red Scare"

by Russell T. Huriburt, professor of psychology

It seems to me that President Robert Maxson should admit that the covert investigation was the result of an error of judgment, apologize to the individuals involved, assure the academic community that such tactics will not be used again, and continue to address the pressures which led to such a misguided investigation.

The cam-scram issue provides an opportunity to discuss academic freedom, and toward that end I will describe the contact-man scandal in the University of California System, a historical event which in many

ways is similar to the cam-scram situation. Both the contact-man scandal and the cam-scram involve a real or imagined threat

to the university. Both involve an outside semi-regulatory agency which for many years pressured the university administration

to eliminate undesirable elements within the university. Both involve a university administration which attempts (in ways

which it felt were quite justified) to defend the university by instituting a surveillance technique. And both result in damage to

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the university which stems more from the defense than from the original threat.

The 10 years after the conclusion of World War II were marked by nationwide attacks on members of the Communist Party. Universities were prime targets for such attacks,

and by 1950 many states had required that state university faculty members sign loyalty oaths or be fired. Such oaths were later ruled unconstitutional, but in the meantime, many individuals were purged from the nation's campuses.

The attack on the University of California system was led by the State Senate Un-American Committee, popularly called the "Tenney Committee" after its alarmist chairman. In 1949, after the Tenney Committee had become too strident even for the conservative state senate, Senator Hugh

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