



OPINION

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The Yellin' Rebel

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Illustration by Jason Birmingham

Graduation has worst odds in Vegas

by Shannon Ceresola

It already takes an average student five years to graduate with a bachelor's degree from a university.

Every year colleges increase their academic core requirements to gently set back their students into

that never ending battle of core bulge.

For a student attending UNLV to graduate it takes an astronomical 124 credits and deans of most departments want the university to increase the load for each major.

Enough is enough. Universities are already sucking every hard earned penny from their students by nickel and diming them to death. You have to buy scantrons

to take tests even though we have already paid for the class. Some classes even have special fees for computer use or other lab time.

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trying to drag out a student's time and adding requirements to squeeze every dollar it can get. You have better odds on the 21 tables than you do to graduate in four years in Las Vegas.

Teachers that graduated in a four-year program have not proven to be any less qualified than a teacher who has had been doomed to a five-year program. It just drags out the student teaching requirement, in which

you have to pay the university to let you donate your work time.

In a lot of the colleges your core requirements overlap into department requirements and are even repetitious to your high school classes. History is history and it isn't ever going to change from one call number to the next.

Why keep adding more wasteful repeats to overload students who would like to, before they turn 30, get into the real work force? We would like to keep some of our hard earned dough rather than pay for those new pay raises or cutbacks for the maintenance and contingency funds.

An MSU word from Theresa Chiang

Yes, it looks like the Moyer Student Union will finally get to re-open its doors, so I will again be using my title without feeling a tinge of guilt.

For the past three years, the student union staff lived and breathed this remodeling. We thought we had covered all possibilities to ensure that the building would be finished on time. Who were we kidding? De-

spite our best judgement, we ended up with an asbestos abatement project three times the original scope. At that point a three month remodeling job turned into the five month project from you-know-where.

Why even bother with remodeling? The Moyer Student Union celebrated its 23rd birthday this year. Since its inception, the building has not added one

square inch of space to its original structure which was designed to accommodate a campus of 5,000. We were bulging at the seams. Actually, splitting the seams was more like it. The student union, as the living room for the campus, had to catch up.

The old student union, as you may recall, did not have enough seating space

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Health fee should be no issue

by Dana Olliges

The extra health fee issue that requires students of UNLV to pay an extra \$20 at registration for health services has yet to come into play.

This issue that was a question on last month's ballot was worded incorrectly and therefore taken out of the ballot. It still has not been voted on.

If this vote is passed it will mean that all students will have to pay an extra \$20 when they register for their classes for all health services. This \$20 that is received from each student will go to improving the health care facility, which would mean better care for the students. But many students have not even used the facility. Would they use it if they paid the extra \$20? We think they will.

If the health clinic is expanded, there would not only be better facilities for

the patients, but more medication and qualified doctors to serve them. Students may take a different stand once they learn about the im-

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Most college students do not have extra spending money outside of the classes and books that they pay for and any bills that they have when they live on their own. If students know that this \$20 is for serving them and not just for improvement of a building that they have never used, we think that many will take advantage of the great opportunity and use the health care clinic more for numerous services.

The health care clinic does not only specialize in caring for cuts and broken bones, colds and fevers, but

also has many different counseling services for students. These services range from children of alcoholic parents, to students who need help coping with their parents' divorce. They have marriage counselors and counselors for students who are or have been in abusive relationships.

The people at the health clinic really do care about the students at UNLV and do not look at the vote as something that will only benefit them, but how much it can benefit the students.

This bill, if passed, will bring helpful changes to the campus. If the students are aware of these changes that will help them if they need any special care or assistance, I believe that the vote will be passed and should be passed.

People need to know more about this health care facility and how it is just around the corner to serve them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I wish to denounce your newspaper's deplorable display of extremist viewpoints in your November 5 issue. The three references to Guy Fawkes Day were needless and senseless and have no place in a newspaper that is supposed to at least try to reflect the viewpoint of the majority of UNLV students.

Guy Fawkes Day for the majority of readers who have no idea what it is, is an unofficial holiday in Great Britain, supported by the Labour Party and known

terrorist organizations such as the Irish Republican Army. It commemorates the anniversary of an attempt by Guy Fawkes to blow up the Parliament Building in London in the seventeenth century. This has also been called the Gunpowder Treason and the Gunpowder Plot. Since Fawkes' execution, he has been used as a symbol for anarchy. Masks of his image are worn on the day.

Guy Fawkes, by even the most liberal definition, was a violent terrorist. Though actions leading to the American Revolution

have been compared to the Gunpowder Plot, blowing up a government building is much more extreme than throwing tea into Boston Harbor.

Your inclusion of this type of advertising was irresponsible, your failure to explain what you advertised even more so. If you must run something as filler, try something positive, like times and dates of sporting events.

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Boulder Dan & Dipstick Duck by Ray Collins

