



What about Bob and Jaina?

This week the University of Nevada Board of Regents will attempt to shed some light onto the circumstances surrounding the secret camera which was placed in the ceiling of the North Gym to capture on video a basketball conditioning class. Regents have requested President Bob Maxson, assistant legal counsel Brad Booke, Dave Hollenbeck, University Police chief, and Dennis Finrock, former Interim athletic director, be in attendance to answer their inquiries.

But two major pieces of the puzzle may be missing.

What about Robert Ackerman?

What about Jaina Preston?

Ackerman, vice president of Student Services, said in an early interview with *The Yellin' Rebel*, that Booke, who is now taking all the heat as the man who ordered the tapings, did not in fact order Hollenbeck to place the camera. Ackerman said instead that Booke "requested" surveillance of the class to Hollenbeck. Hollenbeck, being in charge of Public Safety which is a division of Student Services, needed Ackerman's approval before the clandestine act could be performed.

Ackerman has admitted that he knew the video camera was to be used secretly and that he did, in fact, give his approval.

Former and current student athletes and coaches from the basketball program submitted a letter to Lori Temple, the Faculty Senate chair, asking why Ackerman had not been heard from.

"Isn't it his job to protect student rights?" the letter asked.

Just why is a man in charge of the entire Student Services allowed to authorize an act such as this and not yet be called to answer when the talking time has come?

It is also amusing at best that compliance coordinator Jaina Preston has not been asked to speak either. Preston said she learned about the video taping after the fact.

"I knew we were concerned about the issue," Preston said. "But the actual decision to videotape . . . I heard about on the news . . ."

Yet, Hollenbeck's story is in direct contrast to Preston's.

Hollenbeck said, "It was discussed exactly how we would go about it among the four of us (Booke, Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett, Hollenbeck and Preston)."

If Ackerman and Preston knew of the tapings before they began, the regents need to have them present for questioning in order to get the complete picture of what took place at this university. With the integrity of UNLV at stake, all contributing parties need to come forth to clear the smoke from the smoldering fire of misinformation.

"I'm not so sure he won't be asked to be there," said Regent Shelley Berkley, concerning Ackerman. "As of today (Friday), I'm not so sure the list is complete."

According to Berkley, Carolyn Sparks, the Board of Regents chair, asked the regents to submit a list to her by Monday with the names of individuals they would like to request to be at the closed personnel session scheduled for Wednesday. At that time, Ackerman and Preston had not yet been asked to be there.

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Guest opinion piece

Health Center physician supports student fee

by Stephen Andracki, M.D.

I am the only physician at the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center, and I've been contracted only for two days a week during the school year, and only one day per week during the recesses. The remaining time at the health center is staffed by two full-time nurse practitioners.

The reasons for this are obvious, financial on both sides. UNLV has contracted physician services through University Medical Center since July 1990, and there have been no funds to provide increased hours. I am not in a position to donate time because of malpractice costs and other commitments. The administration is unable to provide increased funding.

The only source for service expansion would be an additional fee paid by the students. Although an election has already been held, it has been determined improper due to incorrect wording on the ballot. The only chance to increase services is with the upcoming election for the student service fee.

Although I have only

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seen a small percentage of enrolled students, I know for a fact that I have saved these students thousands of dollars if they had to seek services off campus. I am quite aware of the financial status of most students, and I also worked full time during part of my college education. \$100 spent on medical services can be quite a burden for many students without health insurance. The ability to handle most situations and avoid specialists referrals is definitely in the students' favor. Many students are amazed when I tell them that I can handle their problem for free that they may spend hundreds of dollars a year for.

Besides routine illnesses and preventative

care, I follow students with depression, diabetes, thyroid and other endocrine diseases and even perform minor surgery. If I cannot do it, I know someone who can, and can usually make special arrangements for the students.

The laboratory charges are at cost, and the most of the prescriptions are \$5. There is no charge for a visit, but it is not unusual to have to wait one to two weeks to be seen for a scheduled appointment. Walk-in requests can only be handled around scheduled appointments, and sometimes require a two hour or longer wait. Hopefully, services will dramatically improve with a full time physician and an expanded area.

An opposing view

Students will end up paying

by Georgia West Babb

Today it's a student health fee, tomorrow it's a parking fee. Down the line even a pay increase for professors will come out of the students pocket. Don't think it can't happen. It can and is already happening at campuses around the country. In fact, professors' salaries and student fees were an issue last year at the University of New Mexico. As with the Student Health Center, the added money would have gone for a worthwhile purpose.

There is no question that the people at the Student Health Center are caring people who want to bet-

ter serve the student population with a wider range of services. But, as anyone who has ever built a house knows, costs escalate rapidly once constructions begins. If that happens, students will have to pay again next year.

And while I, too, have experienced a long wait at the Student Health Center, I don't believe students should have to cough up money every time improvements at the University are needed. Students should not be pitted against every organization that needs money.

Low tuition costs draw many out-of-state-students now. But what will happen if tuition is loaded down with

fees for health, parking and other items? Instead of generating revenue, UNLV may begin to lose income sources.

If there is no pressure on the governor or the legislature to provide needed funds, then we will never get them. Requests and petitions for money should be aimed at the institutions that can better supply it rather than targeting our meager wallets.

It is more important to recognize that the university is experiencing some birth pangs right now and that we need to go through the labor process before burdening each individual student with yet another fee.