

# These boosters must be kidding

by Stephanie Holland

Guess what girls and boys! They have done it again. The Runnin' Rebel boosters have managed to get on the front page of UNLV's student newspaper. What would we do without those fun-loving boosters? Gosh, we could be sitting in decent seats at the basketball games. This is an image hard to imagine—students in the front rows. It'll probably never happen.

The boosters call themselves the Committee to Save Tarkanian and Citizens for Academic Freedom at UNLV. Whoa baby! I must have been blinded by the cellular phones and the "Keep Tark, Fire Maxson" T-shirts, because I don't recall the boosters caring about our "academic freedom" until the whole Tarkanian ordeal began.

The photo on the front page of Thursday's *The Rebel Yell* shows about a dozen boosters rallying outside the Tam Alumni Building in protest of the regents. They are carrying signs stating the ever popular and overused "Keep Tark" and "Regents work for Taxpayers!"

Aside from the boosters, I haven't heard from too many of the thousands of other taxpay-

ers on this topic. I think these people resemble a jilted lover yearning for the return of their long lost love. "Come back Tark, come back!" they cry as they blame the regents for the end of their love affair.

If UNLV were only a mediocre basketball team, would the boosters care about Tarkanian's resignation or our "academic freedom?" We still have football, soccer, baseball, softball, women's basketball, swimming, golf and track teams if they want to support another sport. How about the students at this school who couldn't slam dunk to save their life, or whose idea of winning is graduating from this university with a degree worth more than the paper it is printed on.

It is great that UNLV has people in this community who care about the university as much as they obviously do, but come on people. The school's primary purpose is to educate the students. The basketball team is here to provide talented students a place to further their skills and put them in a position to be seen by the nation, while they get a degree. Even though the boosters may disagree, we are not here to entertain the rich and restless.



# We need boosters who really care

by Tricia Ciaravino

Runnin' Rebel boosters swarmed to the Board of Regents meeting Tuesday. They protested outside the Tam Alumni Building. They screamed and threatened the regents. When they saw students, they claimed this little show was for their benefit.

They wanted the regents to have an independent investigation into President Robert Maxson's administration's involvement with the Jerry Tarkanian resignation.

"It's for the students," they told me. "It's not fair to the students."

They act as if their actions

are on behalf of the students, as if this whole fight between Maxson and Tarkanian, along with the Gucci-row schmoozer's temper tantrums which have made it worse, is fair to the students. This university's reputation is now tainted. That bad reputation will follow us wherever we go. That is what is not fair.

Students cared so much about the independent investigation question that the only ones who showed up were a class that had to attend and a few student government members.

An increase in tuition is not fair to the students. Unreasonable academic policies

which certain faculty members are trying to put into effect are unfair to the students. Not getting the health fee—which students voted for—on the regents' agenda is not fair.

These are the issues we care about. But I don't see the boosters taking on the administration, the regents and the Faculty Senate over these things.

If the residents of this community want to do something for us, why don't they do something that counts?

Tark is leaving. There is no investigation. The fight is over.

Now do something constructive or stay off our campus. We don't need your kind of help.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing this rebuttal to a letter written by Tom Hudak in rebuttal to the "Letter to the Editor" written by Glenn Bidari.

I have read both articles and think both have something to offer, but each one goes off the deep end.

Hudak's comparison between letting a parking meter run out and running a red light is preposterous. I'm sorry, but allowing a parking meter to run out does not endanger public safety, unlike running a red light.

Also, I think Hudak missed Bidari's point in that he was not calling for the termination of the entire parking enforcement patrol. He was just asking for more civil treatment by parking enforcement officers. If some-

one's meter has run out by only a few seconds, what is the point of giving that person a ticket? If certain parking enforcement officers are on some kind of warped power trip and enjoy seeing people suffer, there are probably several Neo-Nazi groups actively recruiting that might better suit their needs.

Bidari's comparison of parking enforcement to fast-food workers was also uncalled for, because parking enforcement does indeed provide a valuable service to UNLV. I hope Mr. Bidari realizes if it wasn't for parking enforcement, there would be even more pandemonium in our campus parking lots.

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Dear Editor,

I was disgusted to hear of the treatment of your guest speaker, James Brady because of his views on gun control. Much of the rest of the world does not find the antics of some of your student body very appealing.

Hopefully, UNLV can keep these kinds of students on campus in touch with rational American people long enough to learn how democracy works. If people with the mentality of the Brady protestors were to gain control of the U.S. government, democracy would be rapidly shot in the head.

That your campus cannot control such people makes the rest of us worry about even speaking out.

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