

Dancing for wolves

by Kelcey A. West

I find it simply ironic the way a large percentage of women behave at male strip shows. With the ever growing controversy of sexual harassment and exploitation in the media, I would think that women wouldn't behave like vicious animals stalking their prey.

Recently, I had the displeasure of dancing for more than 1,000 women in a local male revue show. The reason it was a displeasure to me was because the behavior of the women dictated a double standard attitude that I feel must be observed carefully.

My first observation was that some of the women do an enormous amount of touching at these shows. The problem here is that if a woman is strip-

ping, a man could be arrested for touching a woman in her private areas, but if a woman decides to allow her imagination to flow in the same manner, she will only receive a slap on the wrist.

My second observation comes from the fact that during my routine there were four to six women jumping on the stage and literally trying to remove the costume. The discrepancy here is that if I had been a woman, and they were men, the police report would read attempted rape.

According to the law, anytime a man touches a woman in an area she is uncomfortable being touched in, a violation has occurred. Now, when I was dancing, I had a woman grab me in a place I didn't feel she needed to be grabbing. With



that in mind, if I grab her back she can blow the whistle and I will be the only one arrested even though she made the first pass.

The point I am trying to make is that sexual harassment, date rape, and sexual assault cases must really be looked into carefully, because

society today fails to believe that women are far more sexually aggressive than men.

I have attended a female strip show and danced in male strip shows and there is no comparison. Men are more vocal and sometimes vulgar in their screams of excitement. Women, on the other hand, aim

to touch any muscle that appeals to their eyes in whatever way they feel will satisfy their appetite.

I am not trying to call all women animals or pigs (the way men have been labeled), but I am trying to say that women sometimes start projects that they can't finish completely.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

There should be newspaper recycling bins located near the school newspaper racks for the newspapers that are thrown away by the readers. I do know that the newspapers left in the rack are automatically recycled. The problem is that after the newspaper has been read, it is not recycled. This leads to a ton of wasted newspapers that are not being recycled as they should be.

Galit Ventura,
student

Dear Editor:

Hey kids, I hate to beat a dead horse here, but this parking stuff is gettin' outa' hand. The "enforcers," driving newly fitted trans-warp grocery carts, do seem to take their job a bit too seriously, but look at what they have to work with.

UNLV's "R&R's" are the result of the ineptness that has become the trademark for the entire university system. The school is simply reflecting a problem that can be traced back to any number of government bodies (a big hairy supervising-type regent, "Forethought... what's forethought? Hey, any-you-guys heard of this 'forethought' thing?")

It's simple. The Tam Alumni Building should've been the Tam Faculty Parking Facility East with its twin located where the engineering building is. The engineering film school (Only two cameras, but we've got one!) on the seventh floor of humanities, I mean, I've pounded on the door several times, but no one answers, so I figure its probably empty.

Anyway, it would seem that Tom Hudak and his band of merry ticketeers could exercise a little bit of discretion when wielding their mighty pens of justice. The local municipal and justice courts routinely amend moving violations to parking infractions... kinda tells you how this blatant act of criminality ranks on the Totem Pole Scale (officially adopted 210 A.D. by the Inuit tribes of Greenland when deciding who would die first when the food ran out).

Word to the deluded (Government good. Me love government. Government protect Gordo from self): You work for us, as well as yourself, so remember to do unto others as... well, you know the story. You're more than just a cog in... well, maybe... nah!

And, by the way Tom, when the gang and you aren't busy competing with the Superfriends, could you demonstrate how a parked car runs a traffic signal?!

Howard Conrad,
senior,
communication studies

Dear Editor:

Re: Roderick Colebrook's letter to the editor of 3/5. Colebrook's letter was a classic example of government propaganda used to convince people that government is necessary and beneficial.

Government is a parasite. As such, it cannot exist apart from its host, the taxpayers.

Rulers plunder the public, take a share of the booty, and then shower the people with "bread and circuses" (student government sponsored concerts, parties, lectures, Scantrons and employment) to gain their support.

As the great French political philo-

sopher Etienne de la Boetie explained: A ruling minority can maintain its position over a majority only so long as it has its support.

Support need not be active but can be in the form of passive resignation, as is true at UNLV. A government without support cannot endure, but will soon collapse under resistance of the masses.

Governments attract those most adept at accomplishing their ends through coercive rather than voluntary means. The most proficient liars, knaves, thieves and bullies rise to the top. Student government is not different—it is a training ground for tyrants.

The ruling elites benefit most from student government. Many of them re-

ceive tuition waivers, stipends and other perquisites like plushly remodeled offices.

Those who don't believe they benefit from student government's existence should not have to subsidize those who do.

Until student government is abolished or at least made voluntary, Colebrook and his minions will continue to suck like harpies on students' wallets.

Yours for a government-free world,

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graduate student,
economics



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