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Opinion

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Welcome back or simply welcome to UNLV. This is your Opinion Page brought to you courtesy of *The Rebel Yell* staff and crew. Considering this is a new semester with some new staff members and some new students, some of you may not be familiar with the function and purpose of the Opinion page. Thus, we felt introductions were in order.

In future installments, this section of the newspaper will act as the campus voice. Editorials will be solicited and accepted from any and everyone involved with UNLV. As long as the submission has pertinent, timely, relevant information to share and the writer has a genuine

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interest in the issue. This section will be composed of: *Rebel Yell* editorials (what we think), student editorials (what you think), and editorials from the faculty and administration (what they think). If something is of interest to you, we want to know how you feel about it. Or if you would rather stimulate interest in a topic, write our office and ask us how we feel about it.

At times we may take a stance on an issue, which is directly or indirectly opposed to your views. We may even discuss a topic without prior exposure to all of the available information, an unlikely scenario but these things do happen. We may get so excited about telling stu-

dents how we feel about President Robert Maxson's mom wearing combat boots that we overlook the fact that she was in the military at the time (this was just an example, but you can surely imagine the ramifications). In any case, if such an unfortunate misrepresentation should occur, do not hesitate to correct us or write your position on the issue. Maybe, your mom wears combat boots too and you did not appreciate our unfavorable portrayal.

We have said it before and we will continue to say it. This is your Opinion page. We will do what we can, but without your input, suggestions and writing ability, we can not serve our purpose which is to reflect your views on current issues. No one

person can speak for us all. There is a diversity among us, and that diversity must not be undermined or ignored by proposing that a few students are capable of recognizing everyone's point of view. If we are not catering to issues that relate to you and your friends, TELL US. We are not prodigies of Carnac the Great. We do not read minds and we do not want to resort to installing surveillance devices in strategic spots around the school in an attempt to find out what students are talking about.

Always remember and never forget: opinions are never wrong. Even though you suspect that someone is a total moron for thinking the university should invest \$2 million in research to investigate ru-

mors that alien life forms resembling Elvis from the planet Gracia are impregnating women in Texas, don't assume they won't be taken seriously. Let your voice be heard.

Comments, questions, complaints or letters to the editor may be sent to: The Rebel Yell - STS, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas NV 89154, or delivered to *The Yell* offices in Room 302 of the Moyer Student Union. Letters to the editor should be limited to 250 words and we will print as many as space allows. The Rebel Yell reserves the right to edit submissions as necessary.

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Student Security secures the students' things which ought to be secure

by M. Ray Carrigan

The Student Security Program, part of the Department of Public Safety, is the extra eyes and ears for the campus police officers.

The activity most directly useful to students is night patrols. From 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night of the week, student patrols walk the campus securing buildings and watching for any suspicious activities. When something unusual

is seen, the patrol calls officers to investigate.

Escort services are also available for students, faculty and staff in areas not covered by the shuttle service or when the shuttles are not running.

Security for events on campus or the Thomas & Mack and Silver Bowl is handled by the Student Security Program, if requested.

Student security officers can be identified by their present uniforms of light blue t-shirts with

black lettering for regular personnel and red t-shirts with black lettering for supervisors. Yellow wind-breakers are worn as well, if weather conditions require.

But these uniforms are scheduled to change to grey t-shirts with red lettering for all student security officers.

If needed, the Department of Public Safety can be reached on campus for an emergency by dialing 911 or in a non-emergency by dialing 739-3668.

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