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'SAY, KID... ANY CHANCE OF GETTIN' A PLAIN OL' SLICE OF APPLE PIE AROUND HERE?'

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

What do you say to a man with purple hair?

Well, if you are a rather narrow, bigoted person, you might say (to your friend not the man), "Jesus, look at that!" or "It looked better from behind." Would you expect to hear those kinds of comments on a college campus? I certainly wouldn't have until Sept. 1, when I, the aforementioned purple-haired man, overheard those remarks made about me.

These commentators obviously dislike the way I look, but does that give them the right or the privilege to insult me? I do not go around campus making comments about men who wear their hair short and uncolored, and I expect the same courteous silence to be returned.

In my youth, I was led to believe that a college campus welcomed, and possible even promoted the free expression of individuality. As a general rule, that is true here at UNLV, but the weeds of hatred and intolerance sprout even in the desert.

The only way to eliminate weeds is to pull out the whole plant, roots and all, and that is why I wrote this letter. I think the vast majority of UNLV students come to school with open, intelligent minds that are free of the intolerance mentioned above. It is time, now and every time one of you sees an act of intolerance, to do a little weed-pulling: confront the idea and expose it as the ignorant folly that

it is. Our intellectual garden will look much more pleasant as a result.

David Bennett-Stuber

Dear Editor:

Thank you and your staff (especially Donna Bates) for the article in Thursday's *Rebel Yell* describing, so clearly, the final date, this semester, to drop a class. It was clearly visible and well-written.

Such helpful information may prevent a great deal of pain for students who otherwise may not have been informed about or have understood the new drop policy. As the chairperson of the Academic Standards Committee, I expect that your front page, color-captioned article will greatly curtail the number of petitions that we may have to process through our committee.

Again, thank you for such responsible campus journalism.

Dr. Shirley E. Cox, chair,
Academic Standards Comm.

Dear Editor:

Randy Miller's article, "Health fee spurns controversy," stated that Student Body President Joel Kostman said, "If a majority of the student body wrote letters or signed a petition against the [health] fee, student government would hold a new election or take the issue to the Board of

Regents."

I work full-time and have a health plan through my employer. Yet, as a part-time student, I'm now "obligated" to pay a health fee for services that I have determined to me. Had I been given the "proper" opportunity to vote, I would have voted "NO." The article stated that 1,494 voted in the first election and 1,860 in the second. A less than 10 percent student turnout is hardly representative of the student body. Inadequate notification methods and inconspicuous voting areas were most likely responsible for the poor turnout.

Irrespective of how or why the fee passed, the important issue now is getting this mandatory fee repealed. Although I feel that the services will be beneficial to many students, I also feel that all costs associated with providing the services should be borne solely by those who are "voluntarily" willing to pay for them. No student should be obligated to pay for other students' health care.

If you feel as I do and want to sign, and possibly circulate, a petition against the fee, call 873-6389 (message). Leave your name, number and when you can be reached. Let's just "Do It!"

Josi Audi,
business management

Dear Readers:

Thanks for your submissions. We will publish all letters or articles that our space will allow, provided that they provide pertinent, relevant information

with the proper notarization.

We have received three well-intentioned, well-written letters to the editor which we are unable to print for various reasons. And, in an effort to insure that all future letter are suitable for publication, I'll explain our easy-to-follow guidelines.

First of all, please limit your letters to 250 words. If you feel that you can not in good conscience "do justice" to your topic in 250 words or less, contact our office and we can arrange to publish your comments as an article.

Secondly, we are not in the practice of printing anonymous comments or complaints. If you have a particular grievance or concern, chances are someone else shares your view. There's no need to hide in obscurity.

All submissions are confidential. **Very Important: make certain that you enclose your name, major, class standing, or occupation with your letter or article.**

Include your telephone number, if you prefer that your name not be printed. At our discretion we will either exclude your name or decline to run the letter. Your name will not be printed unless you concede to it, but we feel letters submitted without names lack credibility and will not be published, unless special circumstances are present.

You may send correspondence to The Rebel Yell-STS, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89154; or hand deliver letters to our offices in Room 302 of the Moyer Student Union (third floor).

To contact our office via telephone dial 739-3478 or 739-3479.

Thanks again for your submissions. We hope to receive and print more of your comments in the future.

Thanks.

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opinion page editor,
The Rebel Yell