

## Legislative Committee investigating UNLV is a joke

Purportedly, the Legislative Committee hearing testimony about the UNLV administration's dealings with its basketball program—namely the events surrounding the resignation of former head basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian—is seeking the truth.

But its actions, or at the least, the actions of its chair, Assemblyman Jim McGaughey, could lead one to believe otherwise. McGaughey seems to be attempting to aid Tarkanian in his quest for revenge against UNLV President Robert Maxson.

As Maxson gave his opening statement he was interrupted on more than one occasion. Tarkanian was not interrupted when he gave his opening statement Oct. 5. In fact, committee members went out of their way to be courteous to the former coach. No such respect was afforded Maxson.

It seems McGaughey has set his own agenda.

To top it all off, when McGaughey showed Maxson a copy of Don Yaeger's book *Shark Attack*, which outlines an alleged conspiracy by the administration and members of the Las Vegas media to discredit Tarkanian, Maxson opened the front cover to reveal a personal inscription to McGaughey: from "your good friend, Don Yaeger."

This is a time when impartiality is of the utmost importance. This committee is seeking to determine right and wrong in a matter of great importance to many.

It is a joke for this committee to be headed by another Tark supporter.

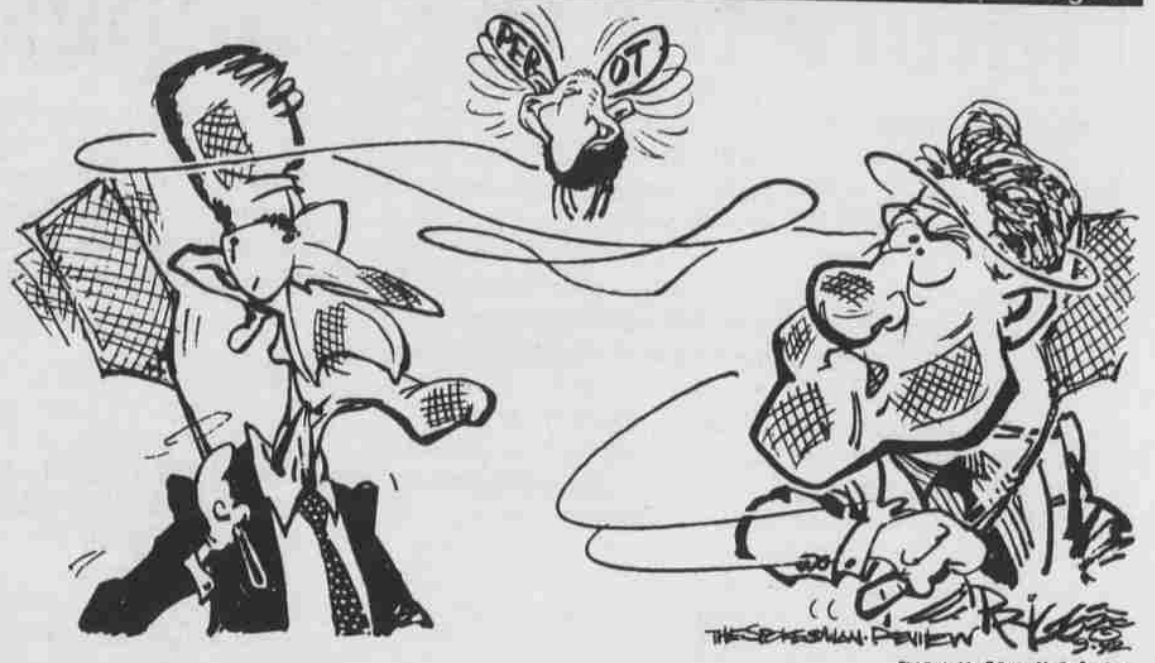
## Homecoming festivities chaotic

At this year's Homecoming game against Nevada-Reno, the halftime Homecoming festivities were anything but exciting. The entire week's festivities were supposed to culminate with the announcement of the Homecoming Queen and King, but instead candidates were shuffled onto the field as an intermission between tunes from the marching band and their names were muffled over the public address system.

All candidates should have been at mid-field when their names were announced so they would be in full view of the entire stadium, not standing between the tubas and drums, out of view. Although the band is an important part of Homecoming, it should not overshadow the event. Perhaps if one of the songs had been cut, the floats could have been properly announced instead of racing by like the closing credits of "The Price is Right." The various groups spent a lot of time preparing their floats for exhibit, but their efforts and craftsmanship were left unappreciated.

The entire half-time production was too rushed and generally anti-climactic. If the same effort spent campaigning was used in planning and organizing the event, the outcome would have been worth watching.

The above is the opinion of The Rebel Yell. All other articles on the opinion pages reflect the opinions of the artist or author mentioned.



## Letters to the Editor

### Regent candidate supports student panel decision

Since there is obviously a high level of interest in both the process used to make recommendations to the student body for university regent candidates and the qualifications of the candidates considered, I feel it is appropriate for me to comment on both. In particular, where my opponent [Nancy Price] was prominently mentioned without regard to my qualifications or background.

I found the panel to be evenly balanced and representative of the student population. It could have been larger but the time involved in the question/answer format would have presented a problem to some candidates. I thought the questions asked showed a great deal of understanding of the importance of strong leadership and communication skills required of good board members. It was obvious to me that the panelists had the long-term concerns of the student body in mind. They should be thanked rather than criticized.

I am concerned that the letter by Kirk D. Hendrick (Esq.) left the impression that my opponent somehow had more commitment to UNLV than I. Let me set this record straight. After spending 10 years of meritorious service in the Air Force, I decided to give up that career to remain in Las Vegas. I finished my B.S. in Marketing at UNLV with extensive extra course work in Finance and Education. I did my MBA in one year, serving as a research assistant in the marketing department I then became one of only four full-time marketing professors and served on the Academic Standards Committee. I left the department to pursue consulting opportunities and worked for several national and international companies while teaching in an adjunct position.

In 1988, I was elected to the State Board of Education (similar to the Board of Regents at the K-12 level). I was the Academic Dean of a private Jr. Col-

lege, given the task of taking the school through an accreditation upgrade which was approved by its Association. During Law School Advisory Committee, Nevada Council on Occupational Education Nevada Commission on Post-secondary Education, Committee to Study Alternative Graduation Requirements, etc. I started the Home schooling Advisory Committee and served as the Board's representative to the UNS Board of Regents.

In serving the business community's efforts to help education I am a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business/Education Task Force, the Las Vegas 2000 Planning Commission (Economic Development), and the Associated General Contractor's Manpower, Education, and Training Committee (which has a UNLV student chapter.)

I am a member of several national education associations and have given at least 15 years of service to the Las Vegas community with the YMCA, youth and adult sports programs, and through my church. I did not participate in Student Government while attending UNLV because I worked many hours outside the classroom to support my family. In fact, I recall Mr. Hendrick's participation. Apparently, he went on to become a lawyer (we can't win them all.)

The reason I was chosen is within the panel's discretion. I know that experience and commitment make the difference. This is serious business and I am dedicated to the excellence you want your diploma to convey. You must choose based on total commitment to your future!

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### Sprinklers wreak havoc on film series

Did you know that the student is not the most important thing at UNLV? This is true. After careful research I've discovered that the most important thing at UNLV is the grass.

This realization stuck hard on Oct. 18 when the sprinklers interrupted the outdoor movie series for the third time. The first time, a few people got wet because I had only requested that the sprinklers in the area directly in front of WRI 103 be turned off and not all surrounding areas.

The second time, after talking to Operations & Maintenance twice to clear up any confusion, we were guaranteed that the sprinklers wouldn't come on. Fifteen minutes before show time — Blam! The sprinklers at the front of Wright Hall soaked our speakers and with no faith that the sprinklers we were sitting on would stay off, I moved the movie to the MSU ballroom.

The week before Oct. 18 my advisor talked to the head of O&M five times. The sprinklers were not supposed to run at all on Sunday. Confidently I guaranteed a sprinkler-free movie to students. I arrived at 7 p.m. and the grass had already been watered but it wasn't quite wet enough to grant moving the film. At 7:30 p.m., half an hour before *Batman Returns* was scheduled to play — CaBoom! This time the sprinklers went straight for the heart and soaked the entire field. Again, we moved to the ballroom.

Now, the movie series is over and I've been thinking. The first incident I accept as an oversight on my part, the second an accident, but after three times with each one getting worse, I'd say there was malicious intent. I'd like to see heads roll at O&M and I wish I could do the rolling, but as a student I must leave that up to the administration.

I am happy to say that the folks in the MSU offices are doing their best to make sure something happens. Unfortunately, I don't think it will do much good and that the students will again deal with sprinklers in the spring. Why? Because we are students and students are the lowest on the priority list for most departments on campus.

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