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December 1992

Dear Students,

By now, most of you have read the articles that have appeared in the Rebel Yell and the Las Vegas Sun concerning the hiring of a professional lobbyist.

In these articles, I have been accused of "stealing students' money", and acting as a "rogue and a maverick".

As far as "stealing student money", let me explain the functions of a lobbyist. A lobbyist is our extended voice in Carson City. He will lobby for and against issues that are vital to us as university students. He will convey the thoughts and feelings of UNLV's students to the legislators. His approval was passed by the Executive Board and the Senate unanimously. Our feeling was that the money spent was not 'stolen', but well invested in a professional.

The next insinuation was that I was acting as a "rogue and a maverick". Had I not been a maverick or a rogue this past summer, we would have had a 22.8% increase in tuition and fees. If standing up for students and speaking your mind is being a "maverick" or a "rogue", then so be it ... that is what I am.

I will continue to fight for students as long as I am your student body president. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this or any other issues pertaining to you as a student, please feel free to stop by our offices which are located across from the food court in room 160 of the student union.

Sincerely,

Joel S. Kostman

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