

These are student leaders?

Getting drunk at campus events, throwing beer on football players, tossing projectiles onto the playing field, are these actions UNLV tolerates from a representative of student government?

Two senators, Brad Jackson and Jami Nalder were involved in the aforementioned incident who used defenses like "There was only an ounce or two (of beer in the cup)" and "I come from a different culture (Michigan)" and offered no remorse for their actions.

And the senators only pittance was having their CSUN football tickets revoked? Talk about a slap on the wrist with a feather duster.

Nalder, who was involved in the Disney World scandal last year, is a repeat offender who has time and time again displayed an attitude unbecoming of a student leader. If she were to face a judge, the book would have been thrown at her.

When Mike Bunin, Office of Student Information director, called the whole incident a "disgrace," he pretty much summed up the senators' actions.

This university has an image problem as it is; do we need student leaders such as these dragging the UNLV name through the mud (or pouring beer on it)?

Bring back 'Dead' Day

No, it's not the national holiday for Dead-heads across America. Typically the last Friday before finals, 'Dead' Day, for those of you who have been deprived of the courtesy, has traditionally been a last ditch effort to schedule much needed teacher conferences without worrying about conflicting with your class schedule or your professor's class schedule.

Professors stayed in their offices and students visited to seek enlightenment. It seemed to benefit both the professors and the students. Students who didn't wish to meet could spend their extra time in the library or at home conducting their studies. Professors could use the time away from class to polish up their finals and tally up their grade sheets or whatever they found necessary.

Besides, most teachers do not wait until the last day of classes to finish instruction. The last week is generally devoted to review and the last day is at times cancelled, so why bother.

Supposedly, we are in the midst of Dead Week meaning we have no tests or quizzes, but what we really need is some free time, without classes.

As the adage goes, if we haven't learned it by now, chances are we won't. A Dead Day would at least give us the time to gain a focus and get our notes together before the weekend.

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Letters to the Editor

Senators show no remorse for actions

I usually read *The Rebel Yell*, scratch my head, and throw it away. But the article concerning the two senate members who threw objects onto the playing field at the UNLV-UNR football game really burned me up. The source of my irritation was the attitude of the two senators accused of throwing the objects.

I attended the UNLV-UNR football game. I heard the announcer request that fans refrain from throwing objects onto the playing field. Nowhere in that announcement was there mention of weight, dimension, or volume of objects. The two senators try to legitimize their behavior by saying, "I threw a cup with maybe one or two ounces of beer in it" and "I wadded up a wax paper cup and threw it onto the field." They show no remorse or any desire to take responsibility for their actions. It both frightens and angers me, that people this immature represent the student body and the university.

The fact that these people threw some objects onto the playing field is a minor issue. What is disturbing is that they are people who have been given visible, responsible positions in student government. These two people are irresponsible and a poor example of and for the UNLV student body.

I think Sen. Brad Jackson's comment "I understand you have to sit on your hands here" (UNLV football games) is appropriate. It not only keeps your hands warm, but close to his brain!

Richard Wassmuth
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Readers disagree with Jon E.

I would like to respond to the ludicrous letter from Jon E. who, from his letter, appears to have served in the military. If gay men are given the same rights as women in the military, then they would probably be assigned to female squadrons. Then wouldn't every man profess to be gay?

Unfortunately, there is a great deal of sexual contact between members of the armed services (both homosexual and heterosexual) whether or not they are single or married, gay or not. If he doesn't think so he wasn't in the U.S. armed forces.

If Jon E. has a problem associating with gay people, he hopefully is not speaking for the rest of the adult population who realizes that a person's sexual preferences do not affect their ability to perform a job.

What are you afraid of Jon?

Margaret T.

This is a letter in response to Jon E.'s letter which was published in the Dec. 1 issue of *The Rebel Yell* which discussed gays in the military.

First, I will quote a sentence from his letter: "While every American has the right to express their opinion, does anyone have the right to voice their opinion on a matter about which they know nothing or something they have never experienced?"

Apparently they do because Jon obviously knew nothing about homosexuality. He grouped gay men together with women, which is akin to grouping military personnel with polar bears.

Also, where's the problem with a gay and a non-gay man sharing a tent? What makes the non-gay man think he is so at-

tractive the gay man will jump him or that the gay man will have such low moral standards as to even want to approach a straight man? Ever heard of bleeding a turnip?

Does anyone "have the right" to discharge a highly-decorated soldier who fought for his country just as much as, if not more than, a non-gay soldier just because he's gay? Actually if you think about it, gays are probably just as qualified to fight for their country as non-gays because they fight ignorance, hatred and bigotry every day of their lives. The arguments being used to keep gays out of the military are the same ones that were used against women and African Americans in the past. We are all fighting the same battle. Everyone is (or should be) on everyone's side.

Ignorance = Fear. Knowledge = Power. Action = Life. Silence = Death.

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P.S. Kudos to the staff of *The Rebel Yell* for your coverage of this year's World AIDS Day and to all who participated. You are what makes this country great; you care to make a difference, but if I may point out an error. Your "Week's Events" article on page four stated this was the first observance of World AIDS Day. Speaking as the co-chair of the Las Vegas World Aids Coalition 1991, I can tell you this year was the Sixth World AIDS Day. This year was better than last year and with the continuing help of members of the community next year will be better still.

Editor's note: True. We believe this was the first time UNLV observed World AIDS Day, however.

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