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# Opinion

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## Void left by Ashe must be filled

With the passing of Arthur Ashe, the fight to find a cure for AIDS has suffered a major setback.

Since going public in April with the fact that he had AIDS, Ashe had become a leader in both the search for a therapy for the disease and the crusade to better educate the public about its causes and effects.

Even though it was not his choice to go public about his disease—he only did so when he learned a news organization was about to publish his story—he faithfully took on the responsibility of the fight once his infection became known.

Roles such as the one Ashe played in the fight against AIDS are perhaps the most vital to the chances of society overcoming the heartless disease. While doctors—and science in general—are sometimes seemingly handicapped by rules and medical regulations in their search for a cure, private individuals and groups—such as his Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS—unfettered by such restrictions, may be able to proceed more effectively.

(In the movie *Lorenzo's Oil*, it is the parents of a boy stricken with the deadly ALD who are most responsible for finding a therapy for that disease.)

Now more than ever we need leadership—not just from government and the medical community—from the private sector in combating AIDS. A contribution such as Ashe gave, cannot be overestimated.

The time to find a cure is yesterday; we can't wait until tomorrow to look.

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rebel Yell is now accepting applications for photographers for the spring semester.

Students interested in a columnist position should call or leave a message for Rob Weidenfeld at 895-3478 or in Room 302 on the third floor of the MSU.

## Observe black history all year

BY ULYSSES PALROSE

As we all know February is designated as Black History Month. Once a year for this month, Afrikans in America are afforded the opportunity to celebrate their blackness. I believe, as does my fellow columnist Ray Wills, that Black History Month should be abolished. This may offend some of you Afrikans and, quite frankly, that is my intention.

For 11 months out of the year Afrikans hibernate then all of a sudden we awaken and hurriedly try to cram as much Afrikan history as possible into the 28 days that have been "graciously" given to us. It is my contention

### Notes from the School of Afrikan Philosophy

that you cannot do justice to all the achievements and accomplishments of Afrikans in America in 28 days. Our history and impact in this country are far too profound and extensive to be confined to one month. With 365 days in the year and a thorough understanding of the trials and tribulations that Afrikans in America have gone through why do we limit, or rather, why do we allow the expression of our blackness to be limited to one month?

Like an old tuxedo that's taken out only for special occasions, when this month is over all the pride and self-esteem that is nurtured will be tucked away until we get the OK to bring it out again. Everyday is worth of celebrating Afrikan history. It is a continuous vigil to pay homage not only to the ancestors but to those among us presently striving to better the condition of Afrikans in America. So in keeping with my norm I encourage you Afrikans in America to celebrate your blackness.

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### Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor submitted to *The Rebel Yell* should be 250 words or less in length.

*The Rebel Yell* strives to publish all student submissions. However, we reserve the right to edit letters as necessary.

Please send letters to:

The Rebel Yell-STS  
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Or stop by MSU Room 302.



To what "promises" does Jay Sapovits, *The Rebel Yell* sports columnist, refer? I never made any promises when running for Homecoming queen, other than to represent our school to the best of my ability.

Sadly, the position brings with it no responsibilities, as the event and the position unfortunately seem to be perpetuated on college campuses simply out of tradition. Should this change, and should the "office" of Homecoming queen command responsibilities outside the hegemonic forum of tradition and celebration, I would be glad to adopt them and faithfully execute them, for I am certainly capable.

But until that time, I guess all that we are left with is the standing fact that when unified, even heterogeneous groups, i.e. "the independents," can accomplish even the most unforeseeable, improbable tasks. The 1992 Homecoming queen election will forever stand as an inspiring beacon for those who possess the courage to dream, but lack the confidence to try.

Unorganized of the world unite.

*Marcy J. Bruno  
1992 Homecoming queen*

I am writing in support of both Joel Kostman's view that the university wastes money on ill-appropriated funds and expensive donuts and the more recent article concerning the university needing to tighten its belt and stop looking for handouts.

An article published Dec. 20, in the *Las Vegas Sun* illustrated the operating budget and features the university's administrators and their salaries. It is shocking that eight men that make up the main administrative body of UNLV have earnings in excess of \$100,000.

According to the article they are: Chancellor Mark Dawson, President Robert Maxson, Senior Vice President John Unrue, Vice President John Irsfeld, Vice President for Development Lyle Rivera, Vice President for Finance and Administration Harry Neel, Vice President for Student Services Robert Ackerman and Associate Vice President for Research David McNelis.

Their income comes from the University of Nevada System including base salary and benefits such as retirement, car allowance and any other personal remuneration.

This is excessive!!! In addition, the operating budget reflects that

72 percent of expenditures were for faculty salaries while only 6.7 percent went for student services and scholarships.

Now, the administration and Board of Regents would like you to believe that we won't get a new library and that classes will be further cut due to state budgetary restraints; all the while, laying the ground work for further tuition increases.

It seems the administration and faculty should donate part of their inflated salaries to benefit the university. After all, the students paid their part with the tuition increase and the health fee.

Take a lesson from Calvin Coolidge, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

*Calvin H. Winchell  
senior  
criminal justice*

## Student Spotlight

Would you be willing to accept an organ transplant from a genetically altered pig?



Lauri Ross  
senior  
psychology

Yes I would if needed. I feel any organ from any species saves lives. In working for a donor network, I realize the importance of organ and tissue donation. It gives the "gift of life."



Paul Hartman  
senior  
film studies

No way! It's really a question of how one views this issue morally, ethically, and religiously. For one thing, it isn't natural for a human to carry organs from animals.



Joe Doey  
junior  
engineering

If I needed it to stay alive, I would because you don't know whose organ is being donated to you when you have a transplant anyway, and your first concern is not to die.



Terri Smith  
freshman  
hotel administration

Absolutely not! Personally I do not eat pork and I wouldn't accept any body parts from an animal that I wouldn't digest into my body.



Tom Gross  
senior  
communication studies

Yes I would if I needed it to stay alive.