

Ladies' Night promotes discrimination against men

BY PHIL MAIORANO

Over this past weekend I have made the decision to sue almost every bar in Las Vegas. This decision came about due to the sexual discrimination that occurs at these bars. There is such a thing as "ladies' night" but there is no such thing as "gentlemen's night."

There are several clubs here in town that follow the lead of the Shark Club by not charging a cover charge for the women and

allowing them to purchase drinks for \$1. The men, however, are obligated to pay \$5 cover to enter the club, and \$2 for a glass of water.

I know, the trick is to find a girl you know and have her go to the bar for you. In the words of NOW's Patricia Ireland, "One sex should not be dependant on the other sex for any reason." This is discrimination in its purest form.

Feminists claim they want equality of the sexes, but I have never seen these women pick-

ing in front of these clubs. These women are too busy marching in front of topless bars where they feel the highly paid, willing entertainers, are slaves to "The Man." In retrospect, men have been indoctrinated not to see this as discrimination because of the unwritten guilt trip women have been imposing on us in every form of media. Women have NOW. Men have no crutch-like organization to run to every time an unfair event takes place in their lives.

Some of you might think this argument is petty. Here's something for all of you to chew on. What if, instead of ladies' night, there was a "white night?" Whites would have no cover charge and all drinks for white patrons were \$1. Unless this bar was somewhere in the deep south, it wouldn't last more than one night.

"But Phil," people tell me, ladies' night brings in ladies which in turn brings in men." This is only true in a limited

venue. I have seen certain places that have drink specials for both sexes, and the number of patrons did not differ sufficiently enough to justify these sexist practices.

Do I want ladies' night terminated? No, I don't. I just wanted to bring to light the fact that men face sexual discrimination in bars at least once a week. What's next? Maybe ladies' night in hospitals where women pay \$1 for any surgery all night. Men, of course, would have to pay full price.

Letters to the Editor

Criminals deserve punishment

I am writing with regard to Anthony C. Delyea's recent letter opposing Phil Maiorano's prison article. I certainly wouldn't expect everyone to agree with Maiorano's opinion, however, Delyea's opinion and final statement of his letter, lead me to believe he has been incarcerated and/or has family or friends in jail.

First of all, Delyea claims the majority of prisoners are non-violent drug dealers. So, instead of pulling a gun and shooting someone, he sells crack to young children or other people who overdose and die. Therefore he's not a violent person.

He also said that 90 percent of marriages fail in their first year of incarceration, and their children call someone else daddy. In my opinion, if they had a wife and children at home, they couldn't have been that concerned about them at the time they committed their crimes.

The story about his friend, "the kid" who was beaten and gang-raped was a sad story; no one deserves that. However you don't go to jail for DUI unless you're a repeat offender. I feel after the first DUI charge, the repeat offense should be treated as if you were drunk and randomly shooting a firearm. It's attempted murder.

Also, his concern for these people getting out one day, and having trouble due to lack of educational and social skills is a

joke. I came from a low-income, single-parent household in a tough neighborhood, but I took advantage of the public school system, as well as grants and financial aid programs to go to and through college, along with many of my peers.

This country offers many opportunities for educational and work programs. Anyone who chooses a life of crime over any of these opportunities, does exactly that—chooses (and I have absolutely no respect for them.)

I, like Maiorano, agree prisons are too accommodating. If, like Delyea stated, overcrowding results in violence, how are these convicts going to react in the overcrowding of public housing? Why isn't there more violence in college dorms, if that is the case? I don't see how living quarters, the same as, or better than college dorm rooms are going to deter people, who aren't used to living quarters as "good" outside prison.

I agree there are a few people wrongly placed in the prison system due to overcrowding, but they are still criminals. There aren't enough social workers to worry about abused and neglected children, let alone criminals.

I'll bet "the kid" will never drive drunk again. In that case, he was cured. Stories like that should be printed. Maybe that would stop someone else from driving drunk.

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Student Spotlight

What public reaction do you expect if the police officers accused of beating Rodney King are again acquitted?



Velicia Haron
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I think the public reaction will vary depending on the various geographical areas and the social/economical dynamics that prevail in those respective areas. Any negative response that may come about coupled with the tensions on the side of law enforcement will be frightening.



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I have a feeling that this time there will be no rioting no matter what the verdict is, because Americans saw how weak and unreliable the justice system has become after the first King trial.



Patrick C. Kehoe
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I think that in this case there will be less violence due to the peace rallies that occurred recently. Also, I think the people have had enough violence and just want to see justice done.



Yoshimi Umehara
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I think the reaction will vary, but this time I hope there will be no violence, because violence never solves the problem.



A.C. White
university watchman

I cannot predict a certain type of public reaction. I only hope that we can have peace together and think like human beings.