

Greenspun School of Communication ignores rising stars

BY CYNTHIA SALINAS

Scholarships in the Hank Greenspun School of Communication Studies were announced last week. I didn't get one.

I feel the Greenspun School is sending out the wrong message by stressing academics and nothing else.

I chose to get involved rather than solely focus on my academics because I feel that is what will make me a better person. I wrote for *The Rebel Yell*, I worked for UNLV-TV and University News, and I participated on the UNLV Debate and Forensics Team.

With debate, I achieved my greatest accomplishment. I was awarded second in the country at the American Forensics Association tournament in communication analysis.

Not only were my speaking skills put to use, but so were my writing and researching skills and my ability to analyze a rhetorical artifact.

It appears as though what I have given

back to the university wasn't enough. I apologize for not being Superwoman. It may not be impossible to do all that I have done and get a 4.0, but a nervous breakdown was not on my agenda for my college career.

My GPA is above a 3.0—the main criteria for receiving a scholarship according to the scholarship committee—in addition to the aforementioned accomplishments. A 3.0 with outside activities should be equivalent to a 3.5 without.

Sure it's great if you have a 4.0, now show someone what you can do with it.

I chose not to keep my nose in the books. I chose to utilize the skills I have attained while I'm still in school so I can be even more prepared for the "real world" and at the same time give something back to the university.

I am grateful for all that I have learned and all that I have been able to achieve because of the Greenspun School, especially because I'll know what to do with it when I go into the real world.

The Greenspun School is subscribing to an elitist attitude when it itself is only in its infancy as a reputable college.

Also where does the Greenspun in the Greenspun School of Communications Studies come from? Hank Greenspun, a newspaper magnate. Las Vegas' equivalent to Randolph Hearst. It seems ironic that those who contribute to *The Yell* on occasion for portfolio filler are the ones who reap the rewards.

If it wasn't for people like Ched Whitney, Dan Duffy, Stephanie Penner and Debra Bass, those "occasional writers" wouldn't have a paper to write for. Are the core group of students who really care about the newspaper recognized for their efforts? I don't think so.

Penner is especially noteworthy. She was president of PRSSA, chief copy editor for *The Rebel Yell* and works in the band office. She was left out in the cold when the scholarships were passed out for the '92-93 year.

With this kind of thanks, there is no

incentive to get involved, no less to work at *The Rebel Yell* and to try and make it a better newspaper.

The Rebel Yell gives students the opportunity to work in a journalism laboratory environment and learn from their mistakes instead of the School of Hard Knocks in the real world. For the students who work and learn at *The Rebel Yell* to be continually snuffed by the Greenspun scholarship committee is a travesty.

My advice to communication studies majors is, don't get involved because you only go to college to become a better person, not to gain skills that you can use in the real world. At least that's what the communication scholarship committee would have you believe. So if you become a bag person, at least you know you're a better person for having gone to school.

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Good bye, good riddance, UNLV

A few words of disconcert specifically to President Robert Maxson, J.R. Rider, Rollie Massimino, Board of Regents, administration, local channels of news and the written media.

In 1991, as a sophomore transfer student from the midwest attending UNLV, the home of the Runnin' Rebels was going to be a first of many great experiences of my young blossoming life. Now two years later and only months away from graduation, I realize that coming to this university has most definitely been my biggest mistake.

To Maxson: Put your tail between your legs and get out while there is still a small glimmer of hope for the innocent '92-'93 freshmen at their graduation in 1996. Keep your female biased opinions to yourself and act more like the highly paid, appointed official and public representative of UNLV that you should be and

less like the male chauvinistic, sexual harasser, general embarrassment that people feel you are.

Rollie Massimino: In the beginning you said that no one would play for you if their grades did not reflect a certain average. Some educational coach you are. Try practicing what you preach.

J.R. Rider: In a few years you will be making millions for your talent, as well you should. However, you are not stupid, don't try to blame others for your mistakes. I find it hard to believe that someone forced you not to say anything about your forged and failing grades. You are your own person; stand up for yourself; be a man, not a disgrace.

As for the Board of Regents and administrators: You are as much to blame as anyone. It is your job to keep an eye on this university and to oversee its activities. You should have seen this problem and took evasive action to correct it before it blew into a national embarrassment.

Which brings me to the news

media and its publicity of it all. The media has, within weeks, managed to bring UNLV, once Nevada's reigning star in education, to an all-time low. It must be obvious by now that I am embarrassed and ashamed to be a student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Did you, the media, honestly not know the only people hurt by exploiting these scandals are the students themselves who will graduate with degrees from, now, a nationally broadcasted joke of a school (thanks to Billy Crystal on Oscar night.) This is why I am transferring back to the midwest to graduate from a reputable university and to be proud to be an alumna of that university.

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Student Spotlight

Is college a waste of money considering that a growing number of graduates are taking jobs that don't require a degree?



Anthony Aversano
graduate student
communication studies

No college is not a waste of time. I think the college experience provides more than just knowledge about any particular academia. College, to me, helps a person grow as an individual. College creates experiences that help us improve our communication skills with others, and most importantly, college helps us find out more about ourselves and what our true path in life is.



Lara Zielinski
freshman
communication studies

I don't think it is a waste of time, because you are acquiring a lot of knowledge. Perhaps when you graduate you won't find a job right away that relates to your degree, but with enough persistence you will. It may seem to take a long time and a lot of money, but learning can never be a waste.



Shanteel Jones
senior
communication studies

Going to college isn't just a means to an end. It's about learning about yourself as well as others. So regardless of whether or not you use the actual degree, you will take the experiences and use them the rest of your life.



Raquel Martinez
sophomore
physical therapy

It depends on the reason for attending college. If people go to college for more than just a diploma, then definitely not.



Michael Guido
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physical education

No, you need a college degree to survive in the real world. One way or the other, college will benefit you.