

Free market theorist Hoppe turns 44

by James Yohe

UNLV is home to a professor whose academic and classroom accomplishments deserve notice. Not only is this scholar a great academician and instructor, but he is also a dedicated mentor to a core of students devoted to the ideas of classical liberalism and free market economics. His integrity and devotion to his work are an inspiration to his students and cause a deep admiration for his writings on economics, ethics, and political theory.

Today, this outstanding scholar, Hans-Hermann Hoppe, turns 44.

Dr. Hoppe attended the Universitat des Saarlandes, Goethe-Universitat, and the University of Michigan, for studies in philosophy, sociology, history and economics. He has a Ph.D. (philosophy) and a post-doctoral degree (sociology and economics), both from the Goethe-Universität.

Dr. Hoppe has written numerous books and articles in both English and German. His academic accomplishments include books on economics, especially comparisons between socialism and capitalism and an innovative work on ethics.

"The Economics and Ethics of Private Property", Dr. Hoppe's newest book, is a brilliant defense of capitalism (Something which has become out of vogue in the leftist environment of academia). In this book Dr. Hoppe has developed an objective set of

ethics based on self ownership. This ground breaking set of ethics is a perfect defense for the free market against the onslaught of governmental aggressions against our natural rights. I highly recommend this book to our new presidents Hillary and Bill Clinton.

Dr. Hoppe's academic



accomplishments are matched by his skills as an educator. Dr. Hoppe's class evaluations are consistently at the top of the Business and economics college. His lectures are always entertaining and thought provoking. He often undertakes controversial topics with a confidence and honesty that brings his students to think about these topics in ways they've never thought of before. As a member of the Austrian school of economics, Dr. Hoppe presents economic theory in a verbal manner, without the mathematical formulas and statistics, used by most economists. This enables his students to better understand economics, without confusing and unconvincing mathematics.

Dr. Hoppe's service to his students and the university also bring merit to his resume. As an advisor to UNLV's Political

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Economy Club, Dr. Hoppe has presented two lectures. His lecture on the "Economics of Cession and Decentralization" was presented for the first time at one of these lectures sponsored by the club. Later Dr. Hoppe published an article in "Chronicles" magazine based on the lecture. In a panel discussion on an economic agenda for Nevada, Dr. Hoppe served as a panelist along with Dr. Frank Beckwith of philosophy, Vin Suprynovitz of the Review Journal and State Senator Ann O'Connell. Students in the Political Economy regularly spend three to four hours a week with Dr. Hoppe discussing politics and economics at their weekly discussion group.

It is reencouraging to know that UNLV, a university more known for its exploits and controversies in sports, has a professor with the accomplishments and dedication to higher education that are personified by Dr. Hoppe. If the deeds of faculty members like Dr. Hoppe and others were acknowledged and known to the public, maybe UNLV's reputation as "Tumbleweed Tech" and an NBA minor league team might be replaced by a reputation as a university where students gain an education from a competent, even prominent, faculty dedicated to higher education. I believe the pieces are in place for this sort of a change to occur, we only need the administration to act upon them.

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Priorities lacking in UNLV's growth

by David Z. Kanaan



As students, we've been thrown into the complex bureaucracy of UNLV student services. Whether it takes the form of Financial Services, the Registrar, or the cashier, it's equally frustrating, confusing and inconsistent.

Of course, all government offices have an excessive amount of paperwork and policy. It's easy to sit back and accept this daily frustration, but when we see new buildings, more students, and an increased curriculum with little or no student services to accommodate the growth, we see a university that has its priorities in the wrong places.

Let's face it, the buildings which house most of these facilities are antiquated and far too small for their purposes. I highly doubt that Frasier Hall was designed for even five thousand or so students. The lines that protrude out into the 100 degree heat prove that.

An overriding problem which creates a web of unnecessary procedures throughout all student services is a lack of a central computer system, or network. At one point last year, I had three different addresses listed at three separate departments. Recently, I hand-carried a document from the registrar to the engineering building whereupon they sent the document back to the registrar via inter-departmental mail.

The registrar mailed the document back to the Engineering department where I picked it up only to return it back to the registrar. All this to declare my major.

It seems ridiculous that after the university spends millions of dollars on the new Center for Computer Sciences, which includes a Cray supercomputer, this nonsense has to take place. A central system or network would mean not having to go to three

places to change your address. It would also provide the same information, be it class schedule or other information, to all departments.

Imagine getting your class schedule at the Financial Aid Center, or changing your school address at your resident services center.

Another concern is the vast understaffing that plagues all of our services. It is very easy for a top official to save money by cutting from the bottom, i.e. firing, or not hiring basic service people (the ones we yell at).

Unfortunately, most of our businesses and services operate on the "point-the-finger-downward philosophy," hence the rise of eastern industrial powers Japan and Korea among others.

If the university was strapped for cash I wouldn't be writing this, but when I see new multi-million dollar buildings popping up here and there, I can't help wondering why there aren't more people to help us.

I'm still waiting for financial aid to process my check, but they hope to get it done by the middle of October at best. The process only takes around half an hour. But there are so many to do, and so few to do it, that delays like this become a reality.

Why not hire more people, or at least hire temporary employees for the heavy work periods? This would be especially beneficial for the cashier's office.

I am one of the many students who would rather have my school-oriented hodgepodge handled smoothly every year, compared to watching another unattended student function at the new amphitheater while worrying when I'll ever be able to pay tuition.

This university has so much potential, I hate to see it handled only superficially in the form of new, fancy buildings. Sure, the spruce goose was a beautiful airplane on the outside, but it hardly got off the ground based on what was inside.

Let me use an old cliché preferred by many sports coaches, "You are only as strong as your weakest link."

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Letters to the Editor...

URGE FOR CATHOLIC REFORM

William Clinton could not have been elected without the Catholic vote. Clinton's position on abortion was in direct opposition to the teachings of the Catholic faith taught to him at Georgetown University. The church instructs her faithful that abortion is murder. This precept has been taught for 20 centuries. The American Catholic population knew the church's instruction about abortion, as proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, but chose to ignore papal declarations because of economic considerations, especially employment.

The conscience of most Catholics were not troubled by casting a vote for pro-abortion politicians such as Clinton and Perot. The conscience of too many Catholics has become corrupt because of the commission of repeated mortal sins never sorrowfully confessed to a priest. Catholics did not realize, therefore, that they became accomplices to abortion when they voted for pro-abortion candidates last November.

Consequently, millions of Catholics with free will and sufficient knowledge committed a mortal sin last election day. It is sad to relate that the

American Catholic bishops failed to provide specific moral direction about voting for pro-abortion politicians. Their inaction was truly the 'silence of the shepherds'. This sin of omission was also mortally grievous!

We Catholics have forgotten that God is perfect love and perfect justice. If he did not chastise us for the horrible sin of abortion, God would contradict his nature. He can never do this. We will be punished. Only

GOD'S WORD SPOKEN AT UNLV

To the Editor,

I wish to go through your newspaper to the common people of the earth. I am speaking through one of them I call my messenger.

If the masses aren't told of this it's because the *Review Journal* is calling me a liar. Ignorance of my message is no excuse, I've asked every government and religion to call me before them to testify to the truth of what I'm saying.

I am the spirit of God and Jesus will return to judge everyone born or created in less than nine months.

Those without sin never said a prayer or spoke to anyone about God. If judgement was

today less than one-fifth would pass the test, history has repeated itself for the last time.

Every religion and evangelist is false, they all added to the Bible. The division between the rich and the poor is \$100,000 in total assets, on the money or one penny over goes to hell.

Heaven or hell are each a state of mind, no one will be taken from the suffering. When you renounce all your religious beliefs as false and worship God by faith alone (believe God does exist, nothing else) you will be re-born.

Every child ever baptized was denied freedom of religion, they were baptized into someone else's beliefs by three imperfect marks (666) placed on the head by a hand.

I am the only word of God on earth, mankind is to love and help each. My goal is world peace as soon as possible, the end justifies the means.

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