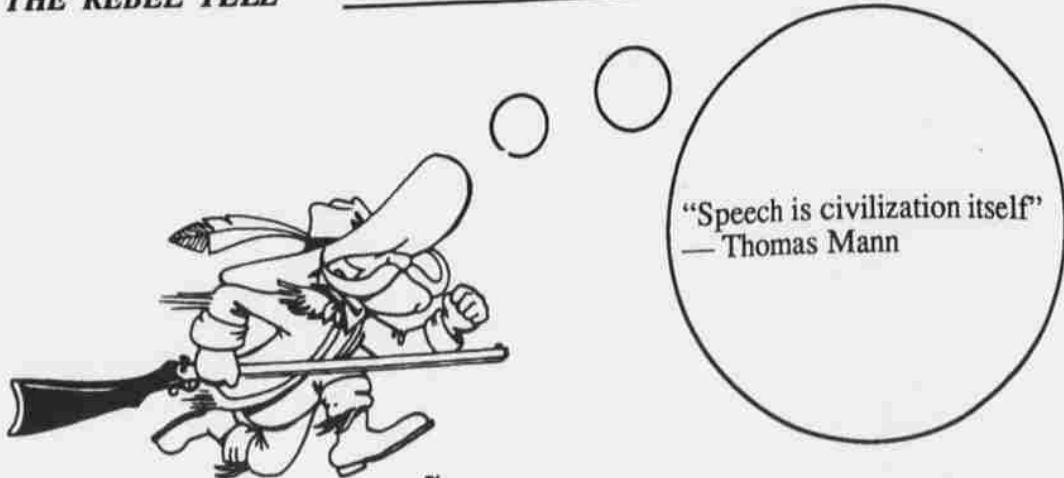


# PERSPECTIVE

REBEL YELL



## Professors dating students, all game including virgins

*The Rebel Yell* has undergone a change. Tony Llanos announced he would step down as editor-in-chief of the UNLV student newspaper and is expected to resign Tuesday at *The Rebel Yell* Advisory Board meeting. Former managing editor, Nick Haley, has assumed the reigns and is acting on an interim basis.

A summer of controversy came to an abrupt halt Monday afternoon when Llanos informed the paper's editorial staff that he was breaking clean. Rumors, innuendos, and shadowy accusations spoiled what was supposed to be a new beginning.

The paper suffered, and as a result, so did the students of this university.

Though one man did not make or break this paper, a change was in order for the betterment of all.

Llanos, like all of us at the paper, is a student first and foremost. It is not a crime that he was not able to live up to expectations.

And as tough as the decision to leave may have been, it was one that needed to be made.

It is not the policy of this paper to dwell on negative instances nor past mistakes. But as always, *The Rebel Yell's* primary mission is to serve the students of this university.

We will continue to strive towards this reachable and realistic goal.

*The above is the opinion of The Rebel Yell editorial staff. The editorial staff is composed of Nick Haley, Paul Gutierrez, Jay Sapovits, Gregory Quinn, and Jonathan Weber.*

Should a professor of a university date a student of that same university?

Or what about if the professor teaches that student directly?

It's an issue that has been debated on campuses since the first sprig of ivy crept up brick walls and the first student walked into a classroom.

Is it an ethical question?

Certainly.

Is it a moral issue?

Yes, again.

Should there be legislation at a university drawn to outlaw such practices?

Currently at UNLV there is no official legislation that prohibits students from snuggling with professors.

Nor should such a code ever be written.

According to UNLV sociology Professor Barbara Brents, while relationships between faculty and students bring up an ethical question, they shouldn't be legislated against.

"It's full of potential dangers but it shouldn't be legislated against," Brents said.

She also believes that any legislation prohibiting these relations may drive male faculty away from female students. It's an issue of

"Why take a chance?"

"It becomes a difficult line to draw when you're just hanging out (with a student) and when you're romantic.

"Any intelligent person could use common sense and see that it's not advisable."

fessors?

Surely he wouldn't turn down a 20-year-old coed simply because she's deflowered, would he?

Kerrigan's arrogance exudes when he proclaims, as a university professor, not "half an authority figure," he can handle the "preciousness" of such a situation.

Here's how a personal ad written by Kerrigan could read: **Wanted: virgin coed who needs comfort from authority figure, not half an authority figure, but a full authority figure. I understand your situation is very precious and I believe my authority can help with that. Remember only virgins because, as an authority, I, not a lesser man, have the authority to help all coed virgins.**

Whether the woman is a virgin or not shouldn't matter. Professors, male or female, should have the right to date any adult they choose (supposing they also chose them to date).

It's an issue of accessibility. Professors and students spend a lot of time together. It makes sense that occasionally they would date. Just as it makes sense bosses date secretaries and doctors date nurses.

University professors should absolutely, without restriction, be allowed to date college students if they so choose.

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From the Sap

Jay Sapovits

In a recent interview with *Harper's* magazine, William W. Kerrigan offered views in defense of

student/teacher relationships extending into the wee hours of the evening, more particularly in the bedroom. Kerrigan, an English professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, said, "there is a kind of student I've come across in my career who was working through something that only a professor could help her with."

He continued: "I'm talking about a female student, who for one reason or another had prolonged her virginity. There have been times when this virginity has been presented to me as something that I, not quite another man, half an authority figure can handle—a thing whose preciousness I realize."

Kerrigan could certainly be more descriptive and less arrogant.

Does he believe only the virgin students are fair game for pro-

## UNLV Student Spotlight

### "Should UNLV allow alcohol on campus?"



Anthony King  
Engineering  
Freshman

I think it's a good idea to have alcohol on campus. Like the reggae party on the first week of school, I believe. You know everybody got together, and had beers. I thought that was a pretty slick idea.



Jennifer Sims  
Secondary Education  
Junior

No, UNLV should not allow alcohol on campus because UNLV is an educational-oriented institution, and I think that alcohol would detract from that.



Russell Bucket  
Engineering  
Freshman

This is an educational institution, besides it's not a bar or anything. You know people come here to learn. You don't come here to get drunk and get crazy.



Neils Sorensen  
Civil Engineering  
Sophomore

I don't think they should allow drinking on campus because people drinking in class on campus could be a little disruptive to people trying to learn.



Melissa Johanning  
Criminal Justice  
Freshman

No, I don't think they should allow alcohol on campus just because there are kids on campus that are not old enough to drink. It ranges from age 18 up, and I don't think it should be allowed on campus for kids under the age of 18.